

MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES (MHRS) BOARD
Serving Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
 1500 Coal Run Road – Zanesville, OH, 43701

GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
(August 13, 2026)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:

On July 31, 2026, board members, contract organization directors, service area news media, county boards of commissioners, and state legislators were notified that the Governing Board of Directors would meet on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the MHRS Board Office — with the schedule of activities to include: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Committee Meetings; and 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER: Board Vice President Sean Brady called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

- *Sean Brady, Board Vice President (Muskingum County)*
- *Dr. Dan Scheerer (Muskingum County)*
- *Wendy Starlin (Perry County)*
- *Christopher Stanton (Morgan County)*
- *Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)*
- *Zoey Stenson (Perry County)*
- *Abby Corder (Muskingum County)*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *William Johnson (Coshocton County)*
 - *Joined the meeting during the July 2026, Full Board Reconciliation Reporting session.*
- *Bonnie Taylor (Muskingum County)*
- *Cambridge Police Chief Dave Peoples (Guernsey County)*

Board Members Excused:

- *Sue Hoover (Muskingum County)*
- *Leondra Davis, Board President (Coshocton County)*
- *Reid Carpenter (Noble County)*

There being nine board members present; a quorum was constituted for conducting official business.

Staff Members Present:

- *Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director / Director of Finance & Administration*
- *Sarah Reed, Director of Compliance & Quality Improvement*
- *Jamie McGrew, Director of Community Outreach & Programming*
- *Roger Birch, Director of Youth & Family Services*
- *Terri France, Administrative and Operations Coordinator*

Staff Members Excused:

- *Misty Cromwell, Executive Director*
- *Cassie Springer, Director of Community Engagement and Crisis Services*

IV. OATH OF OFFICE:

Terri France administered the Oath of Office to the following board appointees:

- *Dr. Dan Scheerer, Muskingum County, Appointing Authority: DBH Appointee*
- *Christopher Stanton, Morgan County, Appointing Authority: County Commissioners*

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

VI. AGENDA: Vice President Sean Brady noted one addition to the emailed August 13, 2026, agenda under the Finance/Audit Committee Report: *7f. Maintenance Repairs - Morgan Prep Center*

Building, DENNIS HITCHCOCK MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2026, BOARD MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VII. MEETING MINUTES: SEAN BRADY MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2026, BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, ABSTAIN; WENDY STARLIN, ABSTAIN; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving eight positive votes and two abstentions.

VIII. OXFORD HOUSE PRESENTATION – BRITTANY ALLEN: *UNABLE TO BE PRESENT*

IX. FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. July 2026 Financial Reports:

Board members reviewed the MHRS Board's financial reports for July 2026 that included: 1) Balance Sheet for July 31, 2026; 2) Dashboard Report; 3) Reconciliation Report; 4) Monthly Report of Network Funding Reserves; and 5) a 'Year-to-Date' Status Report for the MHRS Board's CY 2026 Operating Budget.

► **July 2026 Reconciliation Report:**

Following report of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE JULY 2026 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving ten positive votes.

2. SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM SAMARITAN CENTER, GUERNSEY COUNTY:

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM SAMARITAN CENTER, GUERNSEY COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving eleven positive votes.

3. SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM PROJECT READY, MUSKINGUM, PERRY AND MORGAN COUNTIES:

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT

COMMITTEE TO TABLE THIS REQUEST PENDING THE RESULTS OF ONE OHIO GRANT AND SUBMISSION OF A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS HITCHCOCK.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving eleven positive votes.

4. **SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM JUVENILE COURT COSHOCTON:**

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM JUVENILE COURT COSHOCTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving eleven positive votes.

5. **'THEN AND NOW':**

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE 'THEN AND NOW' CERTIFICATES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDER: COLUMBUS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PO #26-122539 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,800.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving eleven positive votes.

6. **MAINTENANCE REPAIRS – MORGAN PREP CENTER BUILDING**

(OWNED BY THE MHRS BOARD AND OCCUPIED BY MORGAN BHC AND ALLWELL'S MORGAN COUNSELING CENTER):

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF \$32,156.00 TO SUPPORT NEEDED MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE MORGAN PREP CENTER BUILDING IN MORGAN COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; CHRIS STANTON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN

SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving eleven positive votes.

X. PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Danielle Scott and Mohnay Hutchison presenting on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS:

► *Recovery Housing in Ohio*

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

► *County Fair Information*

NEXT MEETING: The Governing Board will next meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the MHRS Board Office, 1500 Coal Run Road, Zanesville. Prior to the regular board meeting, the Finance/Audit Committee and Program Committee will meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- *Beyond the Record – Criminal Justice Learning Series*
- *Appalachian Stories of Resilience & Recovery*
- *2026 DCY Kids Summit*
- *TVN – Youth Crisis – Bethesda Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, August 26, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
- *“Leadership and Management Ethics in Mental Health Services” Presented by: Dr. Michael Gillette Training – October 5, 2026*
- *As severe thunderstorms moved through Perry and Southern Muskingum Counties this week, please stay safe. Remain mindful not only of the physical impacts but also of the effects severe weather can have on mental health. Stay connected, support one another, and prioritize both safety and well-being.*

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

SIGNATURES

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Terri France, Administrative & Operations Coordinator

Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director/
Director of Finance & Administration

Sean Brady, Board Vice President