

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
Serving Coshocton, Guemsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
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Regular Board Meeting
Highlights
October 10, 2024

FinancialMatters

Under the guidance of Finance Committee Chair Dr. Dan Scheerer, board members addressed the following fiscal issues.

- **Reconciliation Report:** Board members reviewed and approved the September 2024 Reconciliation Report that showed deposits, checks written for MHRS Board operations, payments to in-network contract service providers and out-of-network community partners, and journal entries.
- **Other Financial Reports:** Board members also reviewed the following September 2024 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet through September 30, 2024; 2) Monthly Report of Funding Reserves; 3) Year-to-Date Status Report for the MHRS Board's Operating Budget; 4) Contract Services Expenses; and 5) a Dashboard Report that provides a high-level overview of key fiscal indicators.
- **September Payments for Services:** Below is a breakdown of payments for mental health and addiction recovery services for clients and families or for system improvements:

<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>In-Network Providers</i>	<i>Out-of-Network Partners</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>September 9, 2024</i>	<i>\$355,897.81</i>	<i>\$21,818.39</i>	<i>\$377,716.20</i>
<i>September 12, 2024</i>		<i>\$1,988.00</i>	<i>\$1,988.00</i>
<i>September 23, 2024</i>	<i>\$196,703.25</i>	<i>\$244,976.65</i>	<i>\$441,679.90</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$552,601.06</i>	<i>\$268,783.04</i>	<i>\$821,384.10</i>

APPROVALS — SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS

- **Allwell Behavioral Health Services — Medication-Assisted Treatment:** Allocated up to \$60,000.00 to provide reimbursement in FY 2025 (retroactive to July 1, 2024) for the medication-assisted services provided by Dr. Daniel Bloch at Allwell's Noble Counseling Center.
- **Allwell Behavioral Health Services — Project Ready:** Allocated up to \$65,000.00 for the support of Project Ready — to jump-start this program that will help to reduce repeated incarcerations of citizens returning to the community, especially among those with issues of poverty, mental illness, and substance use.
- **Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices – Autism Diagnosis & Support:** Allocated a special allocation to Coshocton BHC for autism assessments and support of Coshocton County children & families – up to a maximum of \$35,000.00 per year.
- **Muskingum Behavioral Health – Claims Billing Support:** Allocated \$49,054.00 to Muskingum Behavioral Health to support six months of expenses related to claims billing.
- **Zanesville – Muskingum County Health Department:** Allocated up to \$45,000.00 to the Zanesville - Muskingum County Health Department to support the services of a Housing & Homelessness Coordinator.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to distribute federal, state, and local funding to community mental health providers in a way that facilitates the existence of (and access to) high-quality mental health and substance use recovery services in our six counties.

Operation BRIDGE Days – Guernsey County

On September 24-25, 2024, the Ohio Department of Public Safety — in collaboration with other state, local and private entities — co-hosted Operation BRIDGE Days in Guernsey County. This initiative combined law enforcement and substance use treatment resources, who were focused on the reduction of supply and demand and simultaneously prioritizing treatment for those who qualify. Another crucial goal was to connect community members with recovery services and other local resources. Outreach statistics:

Outreach Contacts	97
Naloxone Distributions	24
People Connected to Treatment	2
Referrals to Treatment	7
Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed	21
Connected with BMV Services	20

Interdiction efforts included the seizure of drugs, traffic stops, seizure of firearms (2), arrests, and issuing citations (26).

Karl Hoop, MHRS Board Director of Community Engagement & Crisis Services, noted that community support for this event was outstanding (law enforcement, County Commissioners, Cambridge Mayor, and many partners' resource tables). It is anticipated that future BRIDGE events will be offered in the MHRS Board's service area – with plans being driven by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Recovery Ohio.

Annual 'Friend of Recovery' Awards

On September 25, 2024, 'Friend of Recovery' awards were presented to the following individuals or entities:

- ✓ **Commander Elizabeth Biggers, New Lexington Police Department:** For consistently demonstrating exceptional dedication and leadership in promoting crisis intervention services for those struggling with a mental illness and/or an addiction.
- ✓ **Jessica Wheeler, Muskingum Behavioral Health:** For being a beacon of hope for adults and children – and serving as a tireless advocate for those affected by mental illness and/or addiction.
- ✓ **Drew Bauserman & Co-Lab Production:** For generously initiating the "Recovery Rocks" podcast that works to dispel myths surrounding behavioral health issues.
- ✓ **Jim Fain, Chief, New Lexington Fire Department:** For his work that is deeply rooted in a commitment to the safety and well-being of New Lexington residents – and for being a beacon of hope to those struggling with mental illness and/or addiction.
- ✓ **Zanesville Community School:** For providing exceptional support to students and demonstrating a deep understanding of the importance of creating a supportive environment for troubled young people.
- ✓ **Fetchy Doodle, Director of Inspiration, Muskingum Behavioral Health:** For his outstanding compassion in connecting with those needing comfort and solace.
- ✓ **Travis Stevens, Chief Probation Officer, Guernsey County Juvenile Court:** For consistently making sure that the youths he serves receive needed mental health and addiction recovery treatment and support.
- ✓ **Tracie Edwards, Allwell Behavioral Health Services:** For helping youths and families find the services and supports they need, teaching caregivers how to advocate for their children and themselves, and helping families navigate child-serving systems.



(L to R: Drew & Courtney Bauserman, Carrie Bunting (accepting the award for Zanesville Community School), Jessica Wheeler, Elizabeth Biggers, Tracie Edwards, Travis Stevens, and Jim Fain. In front is Fetchy Doodle)

Annual Recovery Summit – 2024

The Annual Recovery Summit (for clients, family members, and behavioral health professionals) was held on September 20 in Marietta, Ohio. There were 165 people in attendance, who heard touching and inspiring recovery stories, danced, ate, played games, won great door prizes, and most importantly, celebrated recovery with each other.

Next year's Summit is tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2025, in St. Clairsville.



Groundbreaking – Youth Therapeutic Stabilization Center



Staff from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) traveled to Belmont County on October 9, where they joined local mental health leaders for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new regional Youth Therapeutic Stabilization Center in Bethesda, Ohio. In addition to our MHRS Board, other partner Boards are from Belmont-Harrison-Monroe, Washington, and Jefferson Counties.

This crisis stabilization unit and 16-bed residential treatment facility will fill a critical gap in services for young people throughout the region. The Center will be operated by The Village Network (TVN) and features eight beds for girls, eight beds for boys, and four crisis beds. The facility will serve youth and young adults aged 10-21. OhioMHAS contributed nearly \$5.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to help with construction. The project is expected to be completed in 2026.

Pictured l-r: Jonathan Baker, Chief Business Officer, OhioMHAS; Richard Graziano, President and CEO, The Village Network; Misty Cromwell, our MHRS Board's Executive Director; Lisa Ward, Executive Director of the MHRS Board in Belmont-Harrison-Monroe Counties; George Goddard, Executive Director of the Washington County MHRS Board; and Bill Holt, Executive Director of the Jefferson County MHRS Board.

Annual Mini-Grant Awards & Other Special Grant Funding

Each year the MHRS Board awards mini-grants to several community partner organizations. These Mini-Grants help to engage citizens in creative community betterment that can positively impact at-risk populations. This year's recipients are:

- **Barn Stable Equine-Assisted Learning** — \$6,000
- **Junction City Police** — \$3,000 — 988 Crisis Line Signage and Decals
- **Miles' Mission** — \$3,000 — Collaboration with Rachel's Gift, an organization specializing in pregnancy and infant loss and providing training for healthcare professionals.
- **Muskingum County Literacy Council** - \$4,494.73 – Read-Aloud Program and Books
- **Perry County Children Services** - \$14,800 – Treatment Foster Care Network
- **Sheridan High School** - \$9,200 – Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX) training and supplies for a program to give young girls skills necessary to cope with daily life struggles
- **Guernsey County Juvenile Court** - \$5,000 – Treatment Services for Youth Detained in Juvenile Center
- **Morgan High School** - \$10,000 – Development of Comprehensive Counseling Program
- **Big Brothers – Big Sisters** - \$10,000 – Man Camp and Parent Café
- **Noble County Junior Fair Board** - \$5,000 – Inclusive 'No Limits' Livestock Show

TOTAL OF MINI-GRANTS: \$70,494.73

Recovery University

(A Quarterly Lunch & Learn Series with Your MHRS Board)



(NOVEMBER 12, 2024)

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Topics:

*MHRS Board's Guardianship Program
Family & Social Supports*

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