

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
February 23, 2015
Minutes

Present: James Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Ken Cooper, Mike Cretella, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Maurina Hanna, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciaretta, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, Eric Ungaro, and Linda Warino.

Absent: Edgar Manning (excused).

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Bill Carbonell, Amy Klumpp, Howard Merritt, Toni Notaro, Marla Ogan, Michele Petrello, Aimee Schweers, and Nick Srnec.

Nomiki Tsarnas called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Judge Robert Rusu, Mahoning County Probate Court, issued the oath of office to all newly appointed Board Members.

01-2015 Motion: Bill Gambrel - to appoint Nomiki Tsarnas as acting Chair. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

Officer Nominations and Elections

The following officer and executive committee positions were filled by election as follows:

02-2015 Motion: Nina Hanna – to nominate Edgar Manning as Chair of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.

03-2015 Motion: Sue Paluga – to nominate Scott Fowler as Vice Chair of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

04-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to turn chair position over to Scott Fowler, newly elected Vice Chair, in the absence of Edgar Manning, Chair. Seconded: James Bertrando...motion carried.

05-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to nominate Sue Paluga as Secretary of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.

06-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to nominate Bill Gambrel as Treasurer of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: James Bertrando...motion carried.

07-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to nominate Nina Hanna as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.

08-2015 Motion: Nina Hanna – to nominate Eric Ungaro as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.

09-2015 Motion: Nina Hanna – to nominate Linda Warino as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Appoint Executive Director

Appointment and hiring of Executive Director, Duane Piccirilli, as per contract previously provided.

10-2015 Motion: Nina Hanna – to hire Duane Piccirilli as Executive Director of Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried.

Appoint Associate Director

Appointment and hiring of Associate Director, Brenda Heidinger.

11-2015 Motion: Linda Warino – to hire Brenda Heidinger as Associate Director of Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Seconded: Nina Hanna...motion carried.

Approve By-Laws

Duane Piccirilli presented the proposed Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board By-Laws as provided to the board members for their review.

12-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to approve Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board By-Laws. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

Personnel Manual

Duane Piccirilli presented the proposed Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board personnel manual as provided to the board members for their review.

13-2015 Motion: C.M. Jenkins – to approve Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Personnel Manual. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

Table of Organization

Duane Piccirilli presented the proposed Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Table of Organization as provided to the board members for their review.

14-2015 Motion: Nina Hanna – to approve Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Table of Organization. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

15-2015 Motion: Linda Warino – to affirm all actions of the Mahoning County Mental Health Board and Mahoning County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board taken in good faith. Seconded: Nomiki Tsarnas...motion carried.

New Business

Approve appointment of Eric Hritz, Program Manager, as Health Officer for Compass Family Services Horizon House. Joe Caruso, Executive Director, Compass Family Services provided information as Eric Hritz was not in attendance. B. Carbonell informed Board Members of the duties of a Health Officer.

16-2015 Motion: Marilyn Burns – approve appointment of Eric Hritz as Health Officer for Compass Family Services Horizon House. Seconded: Mike Cretella...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

Several Board Members commented on what an honor it is to serve on the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

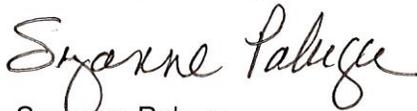
Provider Remarks

The following agency representatives remarked to the Board Members about their excitement over the consolidation of the boards and the positive things this means to the consumers of Mahoning County.

- Judge S. Christian, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court
- Joe Shoroky, Executive Director, D & E Counseling
- Joe Sylvester, Executive Director, Turning Point
- Nancy Voitus, Executive Director, Catholic Charities
- Carolyn Givens, Executive Director, Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic
- Hope Haney, Co-Chairman, NAMI of Mahoning Valley
- Joe Caruso, Executive Director, Compass Family Services
- Daryll Alexander, Executive Director, YUMADAOP
- Darla Gallagher, Senior Vice President, Meridian Community Care
- Ken Tkatch, President, Help Hotline
- Angela McClellan, Executive Director, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Suzanne Paluga
MCMHRB Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers, OCPS I
Administrative Assistant/ Prevention Trainer