

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

Present: James Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Mike Cretella, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, and Eric Ungaro

Absent: Ken Cooper, Bill Gambrel (excused), Maurina Hanna (excused), and Linda Warino

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Amy Klumpp, Howard Merritt, Toni Notaro, Aimee Schweers, and Nick Srnec

Guests: Joseph Caruso, Compass Family Services, Dana Gallagher, Meridian Community Care, Hope Haney, NAMI of Mahoning Valley, and Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling

Edgar Manning called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

17-2015 Motion: Sue Paluga - to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

Edgar Manning reviewed the following information:

- Board retreat at Oh WOW! on April 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
- Future MCMHRB meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

B. Treasurer Report

Anne Lally reviewed the Balance General Leger reports:

- January 2015 Mahoning County MH Board in the amount of \$6,213,357.30
- February 2015 Mahoning County MH Board in the amount of \$5,990,696.01
- January 2015 Mahoning County ADAS Board in the amount of \$130,216.20
- February 2015 Mahoning County ADAS Board in the amount of \$98,789.27

Howard Merritt reported that until the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2015) there will be separate reports. OhioMHAS and the Mahoning County Auditor have both approved this method of reporting

18-2015 Motion: Anne Lally – to accept Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Nomiki Tsarnas...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills

19-2015 Motion: Anne Lally – to accept the blanket list of bills. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Committee Reports

A. Program and Policy Committee (March 9, 2015)

Jim Bertrando reviewed the following information:

- List of Health Officers

20-2015 Motion: Jim Bertrando – to accept list of Health Officers. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

- Performance Improvement Plan

21-2015 Motion: Jim Bertrando – to accept Performance Improvement Plan. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.

- Access to Success 2 to provide funding for a Mahoning County resident who has been in long-term institutional care. The Committee recommends the Board approve acceptance and enter into an agreement with Flying High, Inc. to administer these grant funds in the amount of \$5,708.00.

22-2015 Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve acceptance and enter into an agreement with Flying High, Inc to administer grant funds in the amount of \$5,708.00. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

- Discussed proposal presented by Mercy Health

B. Ways and Means Committee (March 16, 2015)

Nomiki Tsarnas reviewed the following information:

- .50 mil levy for renewal in the November 2015 election

23-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to allow the Executive Director to write letter to Mahoning County Commissioners to pass a resolution requesting the County Auditor certify the total tax valuation and dollar amount of revenue of the levy. Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.

- Approval of funding for levy

24-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to approve funding for levy in the amount not to exceed \$70,000. Seconded: Mike Cretella...motion carried.

- Marian Commons permanent supportive project

25-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to allow the Executive Director to work with the prosecutor's office to complete paperwork to complete transfer/sale. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

- Lease proposals by Mahoning County Commissioners and the Ohio one Corporation tabled till April board meeting
- Responses to the Management Letters contained in SFY2014 audits received from Compass Family and Community Services, D&E Counseling, Help Hotline Crisis Center and Turning Point Counseling Services

26-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to accept responses received by Compass Family and Community Services, D&E Counseling, Help Hotline Crisis Center and Turning Point Counseling Services. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

- Contract with Reali, Giampetro & Scott for the SFY2015 audit of the same provider agencies at a cost not to exceed \$50,350.00

27-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas– to approve contract with Reali, Giampetro & Scott in the amount of \$50,350.00. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.

- 10 Shelter Plus Care (SPC) vouchers in the amount of \$81,713.00

27a-2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to approve the renewal award from HUD valued at \$81,713.00 and approve a contract with Help Hotline to manage the project. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.

C. Marketing and Public Relations Committee

- Eric Ungaro agreed to be Chair
- Bishop C.M. Jenkins and Pat Sciarretta volunteered to serve on committee
- Duane Piccirilli stated a representative from each contract agency will serve on this committee

Executive Director Report

Duane Piccirilli provided the following information:

- Start working on website in April with keynote media
- CIT will be May 5th & 6th, 2015
- Cooperative Agreement to benefit homeless grant
- SPC (Shelter Plus Care) vouchers
- CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing)
- Pool/Shared funding
- Re-entry grant

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Member Remarks

None

Provider Remarks

Joe Shoroky, D&E Counseling

- Mobile Crisis Unit
- Youth Mental Health First Aid

Hope Haney, NAMI of Mahoning Valley

- Gave overview of NAMI and spoke of improvements

Darla Gallagher, Meridian Community Care

- CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing)
- CARF Certification

Joe Caruso, Turning Point Counseling Services

- Horizon House re-opened in Boardman

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Suzanne Paluga
MCMHRB Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers, OCPS I
Administrative Assistant/ Prevention Trainer