

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
June 25, 2018  
Minutes

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**Present:** James Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciaretta, Eric Ungaro, and Linda Warino

**Absent:** Carl Alexander, Marilyn Burns, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, William Morvay, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap and Aimee Schweers

**Guests:** Charlie Bell, Arrow Passage Recovery, Lee DeVita, Help Network NEO, Angela DeVito, Coalition DFMC, Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, Michael O'Brien, Rescue Mission Intern, Joe Shorokey, Alta, and Tammy Weaver, Coleman

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**64 – 2018: Motion: Rocco DiGennaro – to approve the minutes of the May, 2018 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

**Officer Reports**

**A. Chair Report**

None

**B. Treasurer Report**

Eric Ungaro, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for May 2018 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$7,413,757.97

**65 – 2018: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for May 2018

**66 – 2018: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the blanket list of bills for May 2018. Seconded: Anne Cobbin...motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**

• **Executive Committee (June 18, 2018)**

- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chair, discussed establishing the Board of Directors as the Committee for the levy.

**67 – 2018: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to appoint the Board of Directors as the Committee for the levy. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

- Chair presented nomination of Bill Gambrel as Treasurer of the levy.

**68 – 2018: Motion: Linda Warino – to appoint Bill Gambrel to be Treasurer of the levy. Seconded: Anne Cobbin...motion carried. Bill Gambrel abstained.**

- Chair explained that the Mahoning County Commissioners passed a resolution to transfer ownership of the property at 420 Youngstown-Poland Road to the MHRB.

**69 – 2018: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to accept ownership of the property at 420 Youngstown-Poland Road. Seconded: Jim Bertrando...motion carried.**

- Chair and Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, explained the leases for the three properties owned by the MHRB located at 1344 Fifth Ave. Youngstown, 7690 South Ave. Youngstown, and 420 Youngstown-Poland Rd. Youngstown go into effect July 1, 2018.

**70 – 2018: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the leases for the three properties owned by the MHRB located at 1344 Fifth Ave. Youngstown, 7690 South Ave. Youngstown, and 420 Youngstown-Poland Rd. Youngstown to go into effect July 1. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

- The Committee discussed only allowing contract agencies to have Health Officers.

**71 – 2018: Motion: Linda Warino – to accept Health Officers only from contract agencies. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.**

- Chair explained to the Board the new Table of Organization; eliminating the Legal Assurance/Administrative Professional 2/Special Projects position and changing wording to part time.

**72 – 2018: Motion: Anne Lally – to accept the new Table of Organization. Seconded: Patricia Sciaretta...motion carried.**

- Chair reported to the Board that the Key Informant Survey was reviewed by the Executive Committee.

**Executive Director Report (see attached June 2018 report)**

- Reentry Program
- Suicide Prevention Grant
- Preferred Network of Care
- DOL Opioid Grant Proposal
- Stepping Up Conference in Columbus Ohio. Brenda Heidinger, Associate Director, stated that Mike O'Brien, Dave Stillwagon, and Sheriff Jerry Greene will be on the panel.
- Save the Dates
- On November 2, 2018 the Soap Gallery will be having an art show, to display art created by those with mental illness, addiction and/or autism. This show will raise money for the Ryan Giambattista Foundation. The Board will host an open house for consumers and public in the morning
- The Governor's office has requested a round table for Mahoning County to take place sometime in September or October, to discuss and highlight the Clergy Association being developed
- The Vista volunteer, Michelle Comanescu, will begin July 9, 2018. She will assist with the Opiate HUB and organize monthly meetings for peer recovery specialists.

## Director's Report June 2018

### **Reentry Program**

Ohio MHAS is providing funding for the Mental Health Prison Reentry Program. This program is in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) and the Ohio MHAS Community Linkage Program for offenders with severe mental illness (SMI). The purpose of the program is to expand treatment and recovery support services for individuals with SMI leaving prison. Our Board has requested the funding which is \$69,822.00. This is funding our Board received several years ago and then it was cut by the department. We have maintained the program with levy dollars.

### **Suicide Prevention Grant**

A grant was submitted to Ohio MHAS for \$30,000.00 for Gatekeeper Training for suicide prevention. If funded the majority of the funding would go back to agencies in our system to train their staff and provide the training. Brenda will update the Board at the meeting.

### **Preferred Network of Care**

We will be launching the marketing campaign beginning July 2018.

TV spots will be running on TV 21 and will include the following agencies:

1. Alta Care Group
2. Catholic Charities Regional Agency
3. Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County
4. Compass Family and Community Services
5. Flying High, Inc.
6. Help Network NEO
7. Mercy Health
8. Meridian Healthcare
9. Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board
10. Neil Kennedy Recovery Center
11. Youngstown Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (YUMADAOP)

### **DOL Opioid Grant Proposal**

Our Board will be collaborating with the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board and Mahoning and Trumbull Counties Workforce Development Board, as well as, Mahoning and Trumbull JFS. Trumbull County JFS will be the fiscal agent. The Grant is still in the development stages, but we are looking at providing support to our agencies to recruit and maintain skill workforce.

### **Stepping Up Conference in Columbus Ohio**

Mahoning County will be one of two counties that will be presenters at the Stepping up Conference in Columbus. The Date is October 22, 2018 which is a board meeting date. I am requesting consideration to move the October Board meeting to October 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Save the Dates:**

Opioid Summit IV: September 21, 2018  
Mount Carmel Church

Autism Interaction Training: Oct 16, 2018  
Four Mile Run Church

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- Add Brent Kantaras, Meridian HealthCare, and remove Crystal Aleshire, Meridian HealthCare as Health Officers.

**73 – 2018: Motion: Patricia Sciaretta – Add Brent Kantaras, Meridian HealthCare, and remove Crystal Aleshire, Meridian HealthCare, as Health Officers. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Duane Piccirilli explained that the August board meeting will be a training for 1 hour with Judge Rusu.

**74 – 2018: Motion: Patricia Sciaretta – to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Seconded: Jim Bertrando...motion carried.**

**Roll Call:**

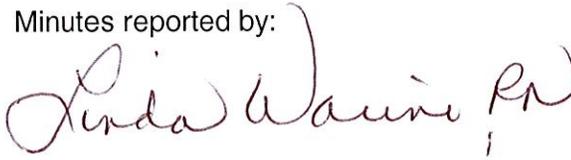
- Jim Bertrando – Yes
- Anne Cobbin – Yes
- Rocco DiGennaro – Yes
- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – Yes
- Bill Gambrel – Yes
- Chief Bob Gavalier – Yes
- Anne Lally – Yes
- Ruth Mastriana – Yes
- Sue Paluga – Yes
- Patricia Sciaretta – Yes
- Eric Ungaro – Yes
- Linda Warino – Yes

Exited executive session at 6:05 p.m.

**75 – 2018: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve a three year contract for the Executive Director, Duane Piccirilli, commencing January 1, 2019 with a 2% increase in pay. Board Chair to authorize to finalize terms and conditions of contract with assistance of the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office. Seconded: Patricia Sciaretta...motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Linda Warino, R.N.  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers, OCPS  
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer