

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
September 21, 2015
Minutes

Present: James Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Patricia Sciarretta, and Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas

Absent: Ken Cooper, Mike Cretella, Maurina Hanna, Anne Lally, Sue Paluga, Eric Ungaro, and Linda Warino

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

Guests: Bill Alcorn, Vindicator, Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Madison Goske, Rescue Mission, Cathy Grinzinski, Help Hotline, Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, Brandy Ogle, Rescue Mission, Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling, and Joe Sylvester, Turning Point

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

14 – 2016: Motion: Bishop Jenkins – to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.

Officer Reports

Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, announced that they received a grant from the federal Drug-Free Communities Support Program totaling \$625,000, to be used over a period of 5 years for prevention and coalition building efforts in Boardman.

A. Treasurer Report

Bill Gambrel reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for August 2015 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$6,721,907.80

15 – 2016: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.

Approve blanket list of bills.

16 – 2015: Motion: Rocco DiGennaro – to approve the blanket list of bills. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.

Committee Reports

A. Ways and Means Committee (August 17, 2015)

- Mark Dunlap, Director of Finance, discussed the board reserve analysis.

17 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas – to accept the board reserve analysis including a variance in the amount of \$573,075.25. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.

B. Program and Policy Committee (September 14, 2015)

- Compass Family and Community Services requested the Board consider allocating \$25,000 in matching funds for their Sojourner House and Day Break programs. These dollars will allow Compass to leverage federal grants. For Daybreak program, \$19,000 in match will generate \$76,000 and for Sojourner House the \$6,000 will generate an additional \$24,000.

18 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to allocate \$25,000 to Compass Family and Community Services to be utilized as match dollars for federal grants. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

- Mahoning County has been accepted to the CSH Housing Institute, a training and technical assistance workshop designed to assist new or experienced development teams with building winning project proposals that expand capacity for supportive housing in Ohio.

19 – 2016: Motion: Ruth Mastriana – to pass a resolution supporting participation of the Mahoning County Team in institute. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.

- The SFY2016 allocation from OhioMHAS to Mahoning County is \$87,255. The Board staff recommended that the funds be allocated as follows: YUMADAOP, \$25,000.00 to provide parent education, mentoring/peer support, life skills, and social/recreational activities and Meridian Community Care (TASC), \$62,255.00 to provide non-clinical in-home parent/child coaching, non-clinical parent support groups, employment services/job training/education, transportation, life skills, DYS facility in-reach, as well as continuing any clinical services necessary that are not covered by Medicaid.

20 – 2016: Motion: Pat Sciaretta – to approve the allocation of \$25,000 to YUMADAOP and \$62,255 to Meridian Community Care. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.

- The Committee discussed the proposed resolution "Position on Use of Marijuana". The wording was reviewed and accepted by the Mahoning County Prosecutor.

21 – 2016: Motion: Bishop C. M. Jenkins – to approve the resolution "Position on use of Marijuana":

The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board believes that the use of marijuana is not benign – which is consistent with major medical organizations – as studies clearly outline the physical harm of marijuana, including increasing risk of psychotic disease by five times, and that adolescents are especially vulnerable to its many known adverse effects.

The Board encourages people to examine the ramifications of marijuana use on society. The Board also believes that marijuana for medicinal purposes should be subject to the same research, consideration, and study as any other potential medicine, under the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.

C. Community Relations and Marketing Committee

No Report

Executive Director Report

Duane Piccirilli discussed the following:

- The 5 year 0.50 mil levy will be on the November ballot
- He has been asked to participate as part of the team put together by JJC in the 2015 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program: Fostering Success for Youth at Risk works with people to keep children in school and out of the system.
- Mahoning County has been awarded the CABHI grant which helps people maintain housing, and will also assist in hiring an alcohol/drug peer worker. The grant is for \$469,202.00 for two years.
- The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board have a team selected to attend the Supportive Housing Institute at a cost of \$500.00.
- Pooled funding may be coming to Mahoning County. It helps keep youth from "falling between the cracks".
- The board sponsored two day training on the Housing First Model regarding the concept that a homeless individual or household's first and primary need is to obtain stable housing.
- The Board sponsored Behavioral Intervention Training Services (BITS) for our contract agencies and the community.
- There will be a peer recognition luncheon on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- There will be a special recognition for the Board and our agencies that work with the Justice System on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Mahoning County Commissioner's meeting.
- Board staff forwarded Community Capital Project worksheets to all providers for Fiscal Years 2017-2022. These requests must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services through the Board. OhioMHAS may grant up to 50% of the eligible project costs, not to exceed \$500,000. Providers must obtain matching from other sources. Flying HIGH Inc., Turning Point Counseling and Meridian Community Care returned proposals. The Board has prioritized the projects as follows:

Meridian Community Care's project would provide renovations to Permanent Supporting House and AOD Residential Facilities. These facilities serve approximately 159 individuals. The estimated cost of the renovations is \$386,000 and Meridian is requesting \$193,355.50 from OhioMHAS.

Flying HIGH, Inc.'s project would be new construction of a Recovery Residence with a capacity of 8 persons. The estimated cost of the new construction is \$217,000 and Flying HIGH is requesting \$108,500 from OhioMHAS.

Turning Point Counseling's project would be for renovations to Mental Health, AOD and Crisis program space. The estimated cost of the renovations is \$513,000 and Turning Point is requesting \$256,550 from OhioMHAS.

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Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Chief Gavalier discussed with the Board and Agency Directors an incident with an individual in his community and asked for guidance for his officers on how to partner with mental health treatment professionals to assist in such cases.

Board Member Remarks

None

Provider Remarks

Joe Caruso

- Discussed the 40 bed facility and the upcoming ground breaking ceremony.
- Thanked Board for BITS training.

Joe Sylvester, Turning Point

- Talked about \$850,000 grant over 3 years to provide SBIRT for Mercy Health.
- Plans to transition 6 CSU beds to detox.

Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling

- Participated in parent-child interaction training.
- University of Akron providing training for staff regarding family therapy.
- School based mental health screening/services in full swing.
- Thanked Board for continued support for Camp Challenge.

Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP

- Explained that Kent State University's School of Nursing will be partnering with agency to set up a health clinic as part of their teaching institution.
- Reported OhioMHAS will be changing funding method for Women's programs in SFY2017. This will affect YUMADAOP women's prevention grant.
- Receiving calls from the Charter Schools regarding prevention programs.

Cathy Grizinski, Help Hotline


- Thanked Board for support.
- Explained to Board that agency received 3 certifications to continue services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes reported by:


Sue Paluga
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:


Aimee Schweers
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer