

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
October 24, 2016  
Minutes

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Present: James Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Bill Gambrel, Chief Robert Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: Marilyn Burns, Ken Cooper, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Ruth Mastriana, and Eric Ungaro

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

Guests Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline Crisis Center (HHCC), Joseph Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care, Hope Haney, NAMI, Brian Kennedy, Turning Point Counseling Services, Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County (DFMC), Mindy Pringle, Rescue Mission, and Joe Shorokey, Alta,

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**23 – 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

**A. Chair Report**

- Hope Haney, NAMI, spoke about all the positive changes taking place at NAMI ie. an office space, phone number, webpage, etc. She stated that the NAMI Walk this year was very successful, with approximately 300 participants and a profit of about \$10,000. She explained "Have a Heart" with Angels for Animals as a fundraiser for consumers who are unable to pay for their animal's veterinarian bills. Hope also discussed the Art Show. Consumers will be able to take art classes and participate in an art show in December. Rocco DiGennaro, Board Member, donated money to support the classes and show, as well as for the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board to frame art made by consumers for the new offices.
- Edgar Manning, President, announced that the MCMHRB meeting is changed to November 14, 2016 and a holiday gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the MVR.

**B. Treasurer Report**

- Bill Gambrel, Treasurer, reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for September 2016 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$7,621,151.92

**24 – 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the September 2016 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for September 2016

**25 – 2017: Motion: Bishop C. M. Jenkins – to approve the blanket list of bills for September 2016. Seconded: Jim Bertrando...motion carried.**

## Committee Reports

- **Program and Policy Committee (October 17, 2016)**
  - Jim Bertrando, Committee Chair, explained to the Board Members the presentation to the Committee by the Mahoning County Educational Service Center (MCESC) regarding their VRP3 Vocational Program and their request of \$15,000.00. The Board members decided to table the discussion until further details were explained, such as, is Compass Family and Community Services able to provide vocational programs to youth, and until the MCESC discusses the VRP3 program with Youngstown City Schools.

**26 – 2017: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to authorize Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, to write a letter to the Mahoning County Educational Service Center regarding the administrative fees, and require them to reach out to the Youngstown City Schools. Seconded: Anne Cobbin... motion carried.**

- Jim Bertrando gave an overview of the Cooperative Agreement Benefitting Homeless Individuals (CABHI) program
- **Community Relations and Marketing Committee**
  - No Report
- **Executive Committee**
  - No Report
- **Ways and Means Committee**
  - No Report

## Executive Director Report

- Duane reviewed the VRP3 grant awarded to the MCMHRB in the amount of \$94,946.54 for the period of 10/1/16 to 9/30/17.

**27 – 2017: Motion: Linda Warino - to accept the VRP3 grant in the amount of \$94,946.54 for the period of 10/1/16 to 9/30/17. Seconded: Patricia Sciaretta...motion carried.**

- Duane reported on ATP (Addiction Treatment Program) awarded to the MCMHRB in the amount of \$439,560.00 for SFY2017 for Common Pleas Drug Court clients.

**28 – 2017: Motion: Anne Lally - to accept the ATP in the amount of \$439,560.00 for SFY2017. Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.**

Duane discussed the following:

- MCMHRB has been included in the Ohio MHAS's ATR (Access to Recovery) grant.
- Local Employment Partnership
- Health Officers Training
- Critical Incident Stress Management Training
- Crisis Text Line
- County Classification and Compensation Study
- FY 17-18 Priority Capital Request
- Community Plan for SFY 2017

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- Holiday Gathering is Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the MVR
- Brian Kennedy, Executive Director, Turning Point Counseling Services (TPCS), explained to the Board Members that the property at 420 Youngstown-Poland Road is having sanitary sewer issues. The Mahoning County Commissioners own the building and he is working with the Mahoning County Facilities Department to get quotes for correcting this.

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Vince Brancaccio, Executive Director, Help Hotline Crisis Center (HHCC), spoke of safety issues at the Crisis Center. He recommends that the sidewalks need replaced. They are currently awaiting bids for the replacement. HHCC is requesting the \$35,367.67 currently in MCMHRB reserves be allocated in their contract for this work.

**29 – 2017: Motion: Linda Warino - to increase Help Hotline's SFY 17 allocation by \$35,367.67 to be used for capital improvements at the community center. Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.**

### **Board Member Remarks**

- Patricia Sciaretta told members that the Rescue Mission has acquired 75 acres of land behind the old South High School and will begin a capital campaign in November to raise donations for construction of a new building.

### **Provider Remarks**

- Vince Brancaccio, HHCC
  - On March 23, 2017, Noah Galloway from Dancing with the Stars will participate in an event for HHCC
- Joe Shorokey, Alta
  - Still working on Behavioral Health re-design models and how it will impact agency
  - World Series of Wine fundraiser was successful.
  - New overtime rule modeling is also being considered
- Hope Haney, NAMI
  - Currently working on infrastructure items
  - NAMI now has Directors and Officers, as well as, event liability insurance
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care
  - Comedy show fundraiser was a success
  - Capital grant money will be used to replace new windows for building on Chalmers and Veterans Center
- Brian Kennedy, TPCS
  - Currently doing detox; have detoxed 6 clients thus far; 1 left against medical advice and 1 was sent to hospital
  - Thanked Carolyn Givens, Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic, for all her help
- Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County
  - Explained that she has reached out to NEOMED regarding medical students interning at our local behavioral health agencies
- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services

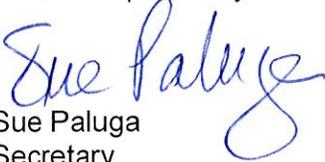
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- October 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. is groundbreaking for the site at Commons of Madison Avenue.
- Working on Behavioral Health re-design modeling
- New overtime rule will have approximately \$20,000 effect on operation

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

  
Sue Paluga  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:

  
Aimee Schweers  
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer