

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
October 29, 2018
Minutes

Present: Carl Alexander, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Bill Morvay, Eric Ungaro, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari

Absent: James Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Bishop C. M. Jenkins, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciaretta, and Linda Warino

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, and Mark Dunlap

Guests: Joe Caruso, Compass Family & Community Services, Michelle Comanescu, Vista, Angela DeVito, Coalition DFMC, Larry Moliterno, Meridian HealthCare, Lee DeVita, Help Network of Northeast Ohio, Jeff Magada, Flying High, Inc., and Michelle Morell, Generations Behavioral Health

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

14 – 2019: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurer Report

Eric Ungaro, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for September 2018 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$6,018,356.98

15 – 2019: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for September 2018

16 – 2019: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the blanket list of bills for September 2018. Seconded: Anne Cobbin...motion carried.

Committee Reports

• Executive Committee (October 1, 2018)

- Scott Fowler, reviewed the October 1, 2018 minutes regarding the MCMHRB Table of Organization, the Executive Directors contract has been finalized to begin January 1, 2019 and run for 3 years, as well as Duane Piccirilli request to be allowed to run for re-election as a Hermitage City Commissioner

17 – 2019: Motion: Anna Howells – to approve Duane Piccirilli running for re-election as an Hermitage City Commissioner. Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.

- **Program and Policy Committee (October 15, 2018)**

- In the absence of Committee Chair, Patricia Sciarretta, Scott Fowler reviewed the minutes regarding the presentation on the EASE (Ensuring Action for Students in Emergency). This program is a mobile crisis response team, currently in Boardman, Austintown and St. Joe's schools.

Executive Director Report (see attached October 2018 report)

- Senator Sherrod Brown hosted a press conference here at our offices regarding the SUPPORT Act on Monday October 29, 2018.
- The Vindicator also came out in support of our levy (Issue 2)

Board Remarks

- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chair, complimented the staff on the Sherrod Brown press conference.
- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, also commented that he would be happy to answer any questions after the Board Meeting. Bill Morvay, complimented Scott on a well written letter to the editor.

Provider Remarks

Jeff Magada, Flying HIGH, Inc., stated if the Board required any assistance with the levy to please let him know.

Joe Caruso, Compass

- All residents of Compass Facilities are taken out to vote if they choose.
- The Compass contract with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities has exceeded all goals and targets by 105% to 140%.

Joe Shorokey, Alta

- Excited to open their new Howland office.
- The number of children they serve continues to increase – there has been 3 years of significant growth.

Larry Moliterno, Meridian HealthCare

- Just received a 3 year CARF accreditation.
- If Issue 1 passes will need to meet with law enforcement and others in the criminal justice field to develop a plan.

Lee DiVita, Help Network

- Annual recognition banquet honored 6 people, over 100 people attended.
- Capital grant drawings are into zoning and waiting on bids from contractors.

Angela DeVito, Coalition DFMC

- Making strides with YSU and Eastern Ohio AHEC to provide pre career knowledge of mental health, addiction and suicide prevention for those in the allied health fields.

Michelle Morrell, Generations Behavioral Health

- Announced that Generations is currently serving mental health clients 18 and older as well as having a geriatric psychiatric unit. A dual disorder unit will be opened soon.
- Generations can accept walk ins or agency referrals.

- There will be an open house on November 14, 2018

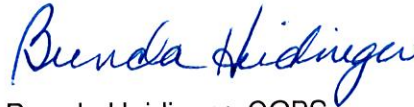
The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler
Chair

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger, OCPS
Associate Director