

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
February 24, 2020
Minutes

Present: Jim Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Patricia Sciarretta Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: Carl Alexander, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, William Morvay, and Sue Paluga

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Jessica Makosky

Guests: Angela DiVito (Coalition for Drug Free Mahoning County), Larry Moliterno (Meridian Healthcare), Saundra Panezich (Mahoning County Public Health), Jeff Magada (Flying High), and Joseph Caruso (Compass Family and Community Services)

Joe Rossi, Tony Cario and Doug Doyle from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio attended to present an award to Duane Piccirilli for outstanding AAA/Provider Partnership from Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

36 – 2020: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried Linda Warino, abstained.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurer Report

- Mark Dunlap, in the absence of Bob Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for January 2020 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amounts of \$6,919,296.10. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

37 – 2020: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the January 2020 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for January 2020

38-2020: Motion: Jim Betrando – to approve the blanket list of bills for January 2020. Seconded: Patricia Sciarretta...motion carried.

Committee Reports

Program and Policy Committee (February 10, 2020)

- Ruth Mastriana reviewed the information from the meeting:
 - Vince Brancaccio and Cathy Grizinkski, Help Network provided us with an update on the hotline and warm line. Telephones at the Community

Center did not have the ability to transfer calls from the main office to the Community Center. Warm line was moved to the main office allowing them transfer calls more effectively. A new grant has allowed them to hire two paid peer support specialists. Four volunteers remain on the Hotline who work 13-16 hours a month and have been with them from 10 to 25 years. The shift supervisor is now full time allowing him to provide more oversight during evening and weekend hours. He also is providing more follow up calls to check on callers who were suicidal and to assess quality of services

- Joe Shorokey and Vince Polucci, Alta Behavioral Health reviewed the FIRST Program. The FIRST grant from OhioMHAS (currently \$135,000/year) requires that the supported employment be done “in house” not contracted. Alta has received their certification as a supported employment site. This requirement increases the cost to provide the full continuum of services. Alta is utilizing a position currently funded with Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Early Warning System and EASE funding to meet these needs. Alta will formalize a proposal in their budget request for next year (SFY2021) of approximately \$16,000 to the MCMHRB. The Board instructed Duane to contact OHMAS to see if there is still an in house requirement.

39 – 2020: Motion: Linda Warino –Duane Piccirilli to write a letter to SAMHSA in regards to the State of Ohio FIRST grant funding to address the requirement of agency specific supported employment services. Seconded by: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- See attached report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Compass and Family Community Services requested adding a new Health Officer Margaret (Peggy) Good LPCC LSW and removal of Haley Wingrove.

40 – 2020: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the appointment of Health Officer Margaret (Peggy) Good LPCC LSW, and the removal of Haley Wingrove. Seconded by: Tom Vasvari...motion carried

Board Remarks

- None

Provider Remarks

- Jeff Magada, Flying High Inc. invited the Board to the graduation of the Flying High welders, STNA's, and CDCA's. He also stated he would like to host the MCMHR Board meeting at his facility and provide Board members with a tour.
- Joe Caruso, Compass recommends the Board support the changes needed for the FIRST program, by providing the necessary funding to Alta. He met with local barbers in regards to the trauma their clients and themselves have experienced with recent local tragedies. They recognize that local barbers act

as first responders. Compass is working on creating a trauma training for barbers and beauticians.

- Larry Moliterno, Meridian HealthCare spoke about working with state leadership on an IMD waiver for SUD treatment. The current IMD rule limits Medicaid eligible facilities to 16 beds, a waiver would allow more persons to receive SUD treatment that involves any type of residential stay (withdrawal management, residential, etc.), it would also allow these levels of care to be co-located in the same building or campus.
- Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County stated that they have had the Drug Free Communities Grant for 5 years and are applying for the grant for years 6-10. The grant has been moved from SAMHSA to the CDC, so some of the information has changed. PEP Survey will be completed digitally for the first time this year. This survey is for 7th, 9th and 11th graders to determine their use and attitudes about substance use. This data will be available for School Districts this spring and can be utilized for the K12 Prevention Initiative evaluation. The DFMC is currently planning their summer training series for 2020. Partnerships with Recovery Ohio and YSU AHEC program will enhance the series. The Mahoning County Opioid and Other Drug Hub has continued to meet, by membership request, even though the state reporting requirement has been met. The Hub has been working on strategies to continue to affect change in the SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery support systems.
- Sandra Panezich, Mahoning County Public Health thanked Brenda Heidinger and Angela DiVito for all of their help providing her with information for her work with the Prescription Drug Overdose Coalition and its work. She announced that she is working on getting Mahoning County first responders to participate in ODMAPS to allow us to have practical almost real time data on where overdoses are occurring in our communities. This can inform our Narcan policies and distribution, as well as other interventions. She reported that the fatal overdose rates have been decreasing with 113 in 2017, 94 in 2018 and 84 in 2019 with 6 cases still pending final toxicology.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Ruth Mastriana
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:

Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk