

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
October 28, 2019
Minutes

Present: Jim Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, William Morvay, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari

Absent: Carl Alexander, Anne Cobbin, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, and Linda Warino

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

Guests: Angela DiVito (Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County), Brett Green (Hope Counseling & Addiction Services) Jeff Magada (Flying HIGH, Inc.), Joe Shorokey (Alta), Tammy Weaver (Coleman Professional Services), Darla Gallagher (Meridian HealthCare), Joseph Caruso (Compass Family and Community Services), Darryl Alexander (YUMADAOP)

09 – 2020: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurer Report

- Robert Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for September 2019 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$8,003,478.74. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

10 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the September 2019 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for September 2019

11 – 2020: Motion: Scott Fowler – to approve the blanket list of bills for September 2019. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.

Committee Reports

Program & Policy Committee (October 21, 2019)

- Sue Paluga reviewed the information from the meeting:
 - Mahoning County Domestic Court/Mahoning County TASC – Judge Smith, Magistrate Don Hefner, Louis Arroyo of Domestic Court and Alki Santamas of TASC joined the committee to discuss the proposed project for TASC to provide assessment and case management services for the court. Committee members recommend the Board approve the pilot program.
 - Jody Klase of Valley Counseling reported on the funds that were allocated to Valley Counseling to provide case management services for Medicare

- clients. Medicare does not cover case management. This funding has allowed them to better serve their clients' needs, i.e. housing, utilities, etc.
- Ken Bielecki of Jewish Family Services reported to the committee that the funds provided to them for Senior Outreach services has allowed Shay Kahani-Erez, MSW to provide home visits for those 65+ as well as therapeutic groups such as grief, happiness, games (socialization), etc. Out of town family members can reach out to her for wellness checks on elderly relatives. These funds have allowed them to provide these services to Mahoning County residents regardless of faith. Jewish Family Services is currently a Medicare provider with 4 LISW's on staff, they are working on becoming a Medicaid provider as well. They accept referrals of persons of all faiths.

12- 2020: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the pilot program with Mahoning County Domestic Court and Mahoning County TASC. Seconded: Scott Fowler...motion carried.

Attorney Tom Vasvari, swore in re-appointed member, by conducting the Oath of Office for Anna Howells.

Executive Director Report

- See attached report
- OhioMHAS is conducting their first Crisis Academy meeting today. Toni Notaro and Bill Carbonell are attending with the Mahoning County team.
- The Senior Program we developed with Area Agency on Aging for those under 65, but frail, is receiving a statewide award for Direction Home of NEO (New name for Area Agency on Aging 11).

Attorney Tom Vasvari, swore in re-appointed members, by conducting the Oath of Office for Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler and Anne Cobbin.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Mark Dunlap reviewed new allocations and grants that have been received after our budget approval in July. They are as follows:

Additions to accept:

Community Investment	\$61,787
Community Investment – Additional	\$14,489
Total	\$76,276
Community Transition Program	\$105,000
Drug Reimbursement Program	\$31,972

Allocated to our contracts:

Community Investment

Compass – Indigent Services	\$42,708
Help Network of NEO – MCHOP	\$20,000
Meridian HealthCare – SUD Treatment	\$13,568
Total	\$76,276

Community Transition Program:

CCRA – Prison Re-entry	\$61,719.28
Meridian Health Care – SUD re-entry	\$7,213.45

NKRC – SUD treatment re-entry	\$7,213.46
Compass – MH Treatment re-entry	\$7,213.46
*Unallocated	\$21,640.35
Total	\$105,000.00

*Unallocated amount will be utilized for Recovery Supports.

Drug Reimbursement Program:

Mahoning County Sheriff's Dept. \$31,972

**13– 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the additions and allocations as presented.
Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried.**

- Appointment of Health Officers
 - Michelle Werth, LPCC-S, Mercy Health, St. Elizabeth Youngstown
 - Kristyn Macala, LPC, Compass Family and Community Services

**14– 2020: Motion: Bill Morvary – to approve the appointment of Health Officers.
Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.**

Board Remarks

- Discussion of the requirements for pink slipping a mental health client from a treatment facility. Responsibilities of the facility and law enforcement need to be better delineated.
- 2nd annual HELMS Foundation fund raiser to be held on Saturday, November 2nd at the B&O Station.
- Question and discussion regarding the status of the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic regional detox. Staff reported that they are receiving occasional bed count updates from NKRC, generally 13 to 14 beds are occupied. It was decided that NKRC Staff would be invited to the November Ways and Means Committee meeting to provide an update.

Provider Remarks

- Brett Green with Hope Counseling & Addiction Services, thanked the Board for the work they do in the community.
- Angela with Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, announced the next Opioid & Other Drug Hub meeting will be November 19th at 3 p.m. at the Boardman Administration Building. All Board members are welcome to attend.
- Darryl, YUMADAOP stated they are currently in Kirkmere Elementary school and have a meeting with the Youngstown City Schools CEO scheduled. YUMADAOP is still active in many of the charter schools.
- Jeff with Flying HIGH announced last week they graduated 17 people (7 welders, 5 CDCA's and 5 STNA's) from their program. In conjunction with OhioMHAS they were also able to train 25 Peer Recovery Supporters last week.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta, announced they are installing their new electronic health records and last week had their auditors in. For the Alta HeadStart program, they have in the past years received a grant from the Swanson foundation to fund fresh fruit and vegetables for the children. Working with Swanson they are developing a sponsorship program to diversify the funding for the program.
- Tammy Weaver, Coleman Professional Services, announced they will be opening the 18 bed facility on the ground floor of the Belmont Avenue facility as

a Class 2 Residential facility. Target date is January 2020 to open. They will be accepting clients with RSS or other funding.

- Darla, Meridian HealthCare, distributed information on their withdrawal management program. She also announced that Mercy Health Youngstown will be holding an open house at their new Centering Pregnancy location at 550 West Chalmers on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Jeff Magada also reported that they had received their Fiscal Year audit. The audit had no findings or recommendations. He thanked the Board for their support.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Ruth Mastriana
Secretary

Brenda Heidinger, OCPS
Associate Director