

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
November 22, 2021
Minutes

Present: Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Linda Warino, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

Absent: Jim Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Rachel Chmielewski, Victor Daprile, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Bill Morvay, Atty. Thomas Vasvari,

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

Guests Ben Davis, Angela DiVito, Darla Gallagher, Jionna Gillans, Lewis Macklin, Todd Marian, Joe Shorokey, and Marcia Walker

Anne Cobbin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler swears in J. Brent Kelley.

19 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.

Anne Cobbin presented CIT participation certificates to Pastor Lewis Macklin and Pastor Marcia Walker

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurers Report

- In the absence of Thomas Vasvari, Treasurer, Mark Dunlap, reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2021 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for October 2021.
*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY22.

20 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the October 2021 Treasurers Report and October 2021 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.

Committee Report

- Ways and Means Committee- November 15, 2021
 - Scott Fowler reviewed the new funding as follows
 - Recovery Ohio Grant - \$44,387.20 for a SUD Case Manager at Meridian Healthcare. This grant will be available until August 31, 2022. This case manager will work with the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force to provide an alternative for those who have not been charged to provide a pathway to recovery rather than being jailed.

- SFY 22 Regional Crisis Funding - \$100,000.00 was awarded to the Board to continue to provide funding to Compass Family and Community Services for crisis services for the Heartland Regional at Compass's crisis unit.
- Multi-System Adult - \$45,763.00 was awarded to the Board to leverage existing resources and partnerships to develop a coordinated response that is supportive of individuals who often present within multiple systems. These individuals must have four or more psychiatric hospitalizations in a year or three or more psychiatric hospitalizations in a month and in need of services from at least one additional system, which include criminal justice involvement, developmental disabilities, aging (over 65), homeless, or veterans. Funding to be allocated as needed to clients that qualify for services. Michelle and Duane will work to identify these clients with our providers and the state.
- Additional Community Investment Funding – The Board received an allocation of \$61,738.00 and a separate allocation of \$22,727.00 for a total of \$84,465.00. This funding will be allocated to Compass Family and Community services to support their housing programs.
- Local Capital Campaign – The Board allocated \$400,000.00 in this year's budget to utilize the sunset of our expired levy.

21 – 2022: Motion: Ways and Means Committee– to recommend the Board approves an allocation of funding as listed. ...motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- See attached report.

Old Business

- Diversity update – Valerie Burney reported on the Women of Worth Conference. Which was held at the lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake and included, Dress to Succeed, and local professionals. The women participated in many workshops, and empowerment activities.

New Business

- None

Board Member Remarks

- Scott Fowler stated with November being gratitude month – he expressed his gratitude for local agencies and their staff for all they do for the community.
- Anne Cobbin wishes everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Agency Remarks:

- Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, The Pep survey is currently being conducted and the data will be compiled at the end of the year. It is the first to be completed since Covid-19. She stated that many are watching the house bill proposed to allow recreational marijuana. The K-12 Initiative PAX Good Behavior Game has a community/support component. Struthers Schools have requested to train bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, etc. there is enough funding and hopefully other districts will take advantage of this. Working with the ASAP coalition in Trumbull County to place Nalox boxes in more hotels.

- Todd Marian, Help Network, Help Network is experiencing staffing issues. With Social Security Offices being closed it has, created challenges to get clients signed up, and can take 6 to 8 months to get a client approved.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare – Thanked the Board for the support of the Boardman building.
- Jionna Gillans, Mercy Health, Mercy is providing support groups for those who lost a loved one due to Covid-19. The support group focuses on grief and coping. They are about an hour long and currently are helping 20 people.
- Ben Davis, Vertava Health, introduced himself to the Board. Vertava Health offers drug and alcohol addiction treatment and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta –Reported that Alta submitted its proposal for the Ohio Rise program. They are expecting a response by January 22, 2022. Camp Challenge is underway but currently having zoning issues with neighbors in the area.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky
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