

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
April 29, 2019  
Minutes

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- Present: Jim Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sue Paluga, Linda Warino, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari
- Absent: Carl Alexander, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrel, Anna Howells, Patricia Sciaretta, and Eric Ungaro
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, and Mark Dunlap
- Guests: Darla Gallagher, Meridian Healthcare, Joe Caruso, Compass Family & Community Services, Joe Shorokey, Alta, Jeff Magada, Flying HIGH, and Michelle Comanescu, VISTA

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

**44 – 2019: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **A. Chair Report**

- Retirement of Nick Srnec

##### **B. Treasurer Report**

- In the absence of Eric Ungaro, Treasurer, Mark Dunlap, reviewed the Treasurer's report for March 2019 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$6,139,393.74. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY 19.

**45 – 2019: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to approve the March 2019 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for March 2019

**46 – 2019: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the blanket list of bills for March 2019. Seconded: Jim Betrando...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **• Program and Policy (April 15,, 2019)**

- In the absence of Pat Sciaretta, Committee Chair, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler highlighted the discussion with Vince Brancaccio and Cathy Grizinski of Help Network of Northeast Ohio. He also discussed the review of personnel policies by the committee. There are no proposed changes to the manual at this time, however under Culture of Quality standards the Board is required to review the policy bi-annually..

**47 – 2019: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the MHRB Personnel Policy. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, reviewed the 2017-2018 Strategic Plan progress report as well as the 2019-2020 proposed Strategic Plan.

**48 – 2019: Motion: Bishop C.M. Jenkins – to accept 2017-2018 Strategic Plan progress report as well as the 2019-2020 proposed Strategic Plan. Seconded: Atty. Tom Vasvari...motion carried.**

- Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, reviewed two new grants: Multi-System Youth and a State Opioid Response (SOR) Recovery Housing Grant.

**49 – 2019: Motion: James Bertrando – to accept the Multi- System Youth grant in the amount of \$67,181 and the Recovery Housing Grant in the amount of \$150,000 with monitoring of the participating recovery houses by the Board staff or the Board's housing coordinator. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

**Executive Director Report (see attached April 2019 report)**

- Trauma Informed Care Update
- Regional Funding Dollars
- Week of Appreciation for First Responders
- Budget Plans for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, May is Mental Health Luncheon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Summit VI
- Updates
- Save the Date
- Denise Debartolo York has offered 7,500 square feet of office space in the Edward Debartolo building on Market Street at no charge to organization that enhance the lives of children. The only costs to our providers will be for internet and phone service.

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, discussed with the Board the updated MCMHRB Table of Organization. This table reflects the two new positions that are being proposed. These positions replace two that have been eliminated.

**50 – 2019: William Morvay: to accept the revised table of organization for MCMHRB. Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.**

**Board Remarks**

- Scott Fowler sent best wishes to Nick Srnec for future endeavors

**Provider Remarks**

Darla Gallagher, Meridian

- None

Joe Shorokey, Alta

- Joe presented the Linkages program evaluation completed by Toni Notaro. He expressed Alta's appreciation for the evaluation and stated they were very proud of the outcome

Jeff Magada, Flying HIGH

- OhioMHAS sponsored Peer Supporter training has 23 in the class
- Jeff presented at the Indiana Opiate Conference sponsored by the Indiana University College of Social Work, regarding the Flying HIGH Transition to work program
- He invited the MCMHRB to hold a meeting at the Flying HIGH Welding School Facility.

Joe Caruso, Compass

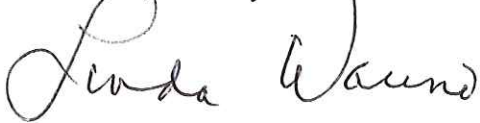
- Singer/Songwriter event next week
- Hiring an LISW for guardian who will concentrate on hoarding issues
- Will be requesting a budget increase to increase services in the Jail and CCA
- Have met with Judge Beth Smith regarding services for domestic court
- Swanson House has passed the Youngstown Zoning Commission to make 4 apartments in the building
- Meeting Thursday with Ohio OOD regarding our job program

Discussion regarding Gateway House in Austintown. There have been some community concerns with employees of the facility. Duane to follow up with Bill Whitacre, Superintendent Mahoning DD as they oversee that program.

Discussion of CTP Transitional Housing Program. Duane and Brenda to meet with Norman Carter to ensure the CTP Transitional Housing Program is being maintained separately from his Recovery Housing.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Linda Warino  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger, OCPS  
Associate Director