

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
April 25, 2022
Held via Zoom
Minutes

Present: Marilyn Burns, Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

Absent: Jim Bertrando, Victor Daprile, Brent Kelley, and Bill Morvay

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Mark Dunlap, Jessica Makosky, Tracy Moracco, Michelle Werth, and Valerie Burney

Guests: Joe Shorokey, Adam Lonardo, Tammy Weaver, Stacia Erdos, Sheila Donnadio, Larry Moliterno, Joe Caruso, Vince Brancaccio, and Jeff Magada

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

35 – 2022: Motion: Ruth Mastriana– to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Treasurers Report

- Scott Fowler reviewed the Treasurer’s report and Blanket List of Bills for March 2022 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY22.

36 – 2022: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the March 2022 Treasurers Report. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

37 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the March 2022 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Committee Report

A. Program and Policy Committee- April 18, 2022

- Linda Warino reviewed the minutes from the Program and Policy Committee meeting.
 - OhioRise- This a specialized, statewide managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multisystem needs. Cadence Care Network will serve as the care management entity provider for both Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. Alta will be requesting support from the board for mobile response and intensive homebased treatment services to support this program.
 - Meridian is providing acupuncture and chiropractor services to address chronic pain for their clients. Their goal is to change the approach to treatment for clients receiving treatment. Clients now have access to these services which will provide pain relief

without the need for prescription pain medication. This integration of services will allow a long-term relationship with clients to support a long-term recovery. Meridian is not asking the Board for funding for these services but may seek out recovery support, school prevention and other targeted prevention funding from the Board in the future.

- Strategic plan 2022-2024: We will conduct clinical audits twice a year now. We previously conducted them annually. We will develop a tool to track and measure outcomes (we will look for suggestions and input from agency directors). We will monitor quality of housing stock funded by the MCMHRB. The Program Director will visit funded housing programs annually. Key informant surveys received from stakeholders will be shared with the Program & Policy Committee.
- Affirmative Action Plan for 2021: We recruited for Board positions of protected groups. Board Members consist of 9 males and 9 females: 15 white (non-Hispanic) and 3 African-American (one male and 2 females). 3 members are consumers.
- System of Care Goals for increasing diverse community resources 2022: We awarded 5 scholarships for Bachelor of Social Work, BA for African American Youngstown State University students. The MCMHRB hopes to encourage more African American students to enter the Social Work field. There is currently 1 scholarship pending. Created a mechanism for the Board's contract agencies to recruit and retain a diverse workforce that is reflective of the community. We are working with YSU to inform Social Work students when agencies have job openings. Provided training to our contract agencies to increase their cultural awareness. 100 individuals signed up for Cultural Humility training on April 27th, 2022. Community Liaison will promote Behavioral Health services within the communities of color. Developed a stronger relationship with the Hispanic community. MHRB worked with OCCHA to write a grant that the agency will use to hire a Navigator.

38 – 2022: Motion: Linda Warino, on behalf of the Program and Policy Committee – the Board accepts and approves the Strategic Plan. . .motion carried.

39 – 2022: Motion: Linda Warino, on behalf of the Program and Policy Committee – the Board accepts and approves the Affirmative Action Plan. . .motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- See attached report.

Old Business

- Diversity update – Valerie Burney reported that she is attending events around the community; Youngstown City Minority Health baby shower, Youngstown City Schools exposure college tour- Baltimore and Washington DC, Youth Camp mental health presentation, Suicide Prevention Coalition, Social Determinants health grant, workgroups, and Mental Health praise on May 6, 2022. She will have a table at the Hope Conference on May 12, 2022. She is speaking on May 19, 2022 at the YUMADOAP event at the Metroplex. She will have a table at the Youngstown City mental health day. She is attending the OACBHA opioid conference in June with Duane, Michelle, and Brenda.

- Update on DayBreak- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, announced the decision to close DayBreak was very difficult. They served children of the community for 40 years. Due to funding requirement constraints and the struggles they are having with employment issues, they cannot hire enough people for 24/7 coverage of the facility. The needs of the community have changed and Compass is looking to provide a service that better fits community. For the past 12 months DayBreak housed the same 3 youth. Two of the youth have been placed and they are working on placement for the third child.
- Update on the Club House Grant- Adam Lonardo, Broadway Recovery Center, Broadway had the opportunity to visit an operating Club House. The Club House model is organized to support people living with mental illness. Members gain access to opportunities to rejoin the worlds of friendships, family, employment, and education. Adam is eager to work on this project to assist those living with mental illness the skills they need to gain employment and connect them with the community. This is not a drop in site and will be structured with daily activities.

New Business

- Updated Table of Organization Chart
 - Michelle Werth title change to Clinical Director
- Policy Change
 - Public Records Custodian
 - Public Access to Records

40 – 2022: Motion: Tom Vasvari– to approve the updated Table of Organization and title change of Michelle Werth to Clinical Director. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.

41 – 2022: Motion: Marilyn Burns– to approve the Public Records Custodian policy change from the Compliance & Evaluation Director to the Executive Director and the Public Access to Records policy change from the Public Records Manager to the Executive Director (Public Records Custodian). Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

- None

Agency Remarks:

- Tammy Weaver, Coleman Health Services, introduced their new Chief Officer, Sheila Donnadio.
- Shelia Donnadio, Coleman Health Services, is happy to be with Coleman and is excited to work with the local agencies.
- Adam Lonardo, Broadway Recovery Center, thanked the Board for having him present his work with the Club House grant today.
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network, reported that they 988 Suicide Hotline will have a soft launch on July 16, 2022. They are expecting a 40%-60% increase in calls with it launches. They are trying their best to hire staff.
- Larry Moliterno, Meridian –Reported that Darla Gallagher has been nominated for the Athena Leadership Award.
- Jeff Magada, Flying High, The Mobile Market bus will launch on April 26, 2022. It will provide affordable options to those who have limited access to grocery stores. The bus is a 28 foot truck that has 8 refrigerators and 8 freezers. It will have fresh

produce, milk, eggs, cheese, butter and other grocery store items. Their new recovery house construction is making progress. They are hoping to provide housing to 12 males by the end of summer.

- Darryl Alexandar, YUMADAOP, reported they are working on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome awareness with two components; media awareness and prevention. YUMADAOP is currently working on their OhioMHAS certification renewal.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk