



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, September 24~ 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom video conference

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fowler at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Michael Beardmore
Eric Fowler
Larry Hall
Eric Johnston
Laura Knab
Brett Nicholas
Chas Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Larry Schwendeman
Tony Touschner

Absent

Jim Raney, Ph. D.
David White

Staff

David Browne
Shaeleigh Sprigg
Aleisha Roberson
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Jovonnah Burns
Erin Taylor
Billie Welsh
Chrissy Durham
Richard Wittberg
Rob Marion
Cora Marshall
Sherry Shamblin
Doug Pfeifer
Carla Archer

IV. Oath of Office

Laura Knab and Eric Johnston were both sworn in as members of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. David Browne shared that Eric Johnston resigned for a short time to apply for a staff position. Eric Fowler asked that the Board consider Eric Johnston continue to hold the Vice President position. All members in attendance were in agreement.

V. Public Statements

There were no public statements offered.

VI. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

- Cora Marshall
- After Director’s Report

VII. Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2020

Motion # 34.2020

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Dr. Pridgeon) to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2020 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Knab	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Technical Difficulties	

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

VIII. Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Pridgeon asked for additional information on the \$2,000 expenditure to the Oxford House on page four of the report. David Browne shared that the transfer of funds from Recovery Housing reserves are to continue paying bills for the house. Treasurer, Mike Beardmore, called attention to page eight of the report showing a \$3,000 expenditure toward the 2-1-1 information line, the expense is a onetime payment for the entire 2020-2021 year of service.

Motion # 35. 2020

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Brett Nicolas) to approve the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Knab	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Technical Difficulties	

IX. Director’s Report

David Browne introduced Aleisha Roberson as the new Program Director of the Behavioral Health Board.

The House of Hope located on County House Lane in Marietta was initially built as a residential treatment facility. Brandi’s Legacy will be using the second floor of the House of Hope to house up to ten women while providing residential treatment. This temporary merger will allow House of Hope staff to become familiar with offering housing and allow a smooth transition from providing residential treatment to reaching the goal of providing recovery housing in Washington County. The outright sell of the Fifth Street dwelling is underway. Attendees held a discussion on logistics of the collaboration between Brandi’s Legacy and the House of Hope. Once expansions have been completed the end result should provide Washington County with recovery housing and residential treatment for men and women. Mr. Browne shared that he is looking forward to filling gaps in the continuum of care!

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Mr. Browne also shared that the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) has notified County Boards that the State has a large deficit and asked all Board's to be prepared for potential State funding budget cuts.

- **Cora Marshall-** Mrs. Cora Marshall shared that it has been nearly eight years since serving Washington County as a County Commissioner. Mrs. Marshall is on the ballot running for democratic ticket for Washington County Commissioner. If elected, Mrs. Marshall plans to focus efforts on building the local economy and increase living wage jobs.

Tony Tuschner mentioned that he would like to see County Commissioners attend Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) meetings quarterly. Cora shared her willingness to attend and would also like to be more involved in the County HUB if elected.

Brett Nicholas asked how open Cora, as a County Commissioner would be in allowing County owned land to be used for Recovery Housing. Mrs. Marshall shared that she is very interested and willing to making productive use of land in the area.

Mrs. Marshall shared “thanks” to members of the Board for their efforts and the good work being done.

X. Compliance Director- In addition to her report, Shaeleigh shared that progress continues to be made on the Culture of Quality (CoQ) items. Larry Schwendeman recently reviewed the Board's insurance policies to ensure adequate coverage is being held. This review of coverage is a CoQ requirement. During the review it was suggested to increase cyber liability coverage for the GOSH billing system. David Browne plans to reach out to surrounding Boards to compare cyber liability coverage before making any increases to coverage. The coverage review report will be included with the CoQ items.

The Program Planning and Oversight Committee was asked to review and offer revisions to the created 2019-2022 strategic plan. Once the strategic plan is approved, the content will be used to create a Quality Improvement plan.

Dr. Pridgeon shared his interest in viewing the law enforcement field stories that are being captured by a videographer to promote the benefits of providing Crisis Intervention Team training. Funding for the project is provided through a NEOMED grant. Editing of the content is expected to be completed in November and will be shared on the website and social media.

The Staff reports were received and will be filed with the minutes.

XI. Agency Reports

- A. House of Hope** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- B. EVE, Incorporated** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer shared that staff continue to provide support to local schools to assist in coping skills and ways to navigate through COVID stressors. He also shared pride in the Peer Recovery Support that is being provided at Marietta Memorial Hospital and appreciation toward the Washington County Behavioral Health Board for continued funding of the service.
- D. The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Rigel/Oriana House**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. Hopewell Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. PAX**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- I. Integrated Behavioral Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – The committee did not meet.
- B. Community Relations** – The committee meeting was held on the second Tuesday of September with one Board member in attendance.
- C. AoD**- The Recovery Walk scheduled for Saturday, September 26 will start at 9 a.m. Attendees will meet at the corner of Front and Putnam Street at Muskingum Park to complete a nearly two mile walk to celebrate recovery. Resource bags, Recovery Is Beautiful shirts, and masks will be available.

XIII. Old Business- Nothing offered.

XIV. New Business- Nothing offered.

XV. Good of the Order

David Browne shared that the Washington County Crisis Response Team (WCCRT) has recently made many connections especially in the Newport and New Matamoras area helping individuals and groups cope with recent traumatic events by providing emotional first aid and resources. Mr. Browne was pleased to share that Shaeleigh stepped into the coordinating role of the WCCRT effortlessly. After attending a response, Mr. Browne shared pride in the good work WCCRT volunteers provide and efforts of Shaeleigh and Tara for making the program possible and reaching so many individuals.

Shaeleigh added that she is looking into logistics of offering another entry level NOVA (National Organization for Victim Assistance) training and an advanced training for current WCCRT members.

Eric Fowler reminded attendees that the Board is still looking to fill available Board member spots.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next Meeting:

October 22, 2020

7:00 p.m. Via Zoom video conference

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**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaughter**

Board President Signature