



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, May 27~ 6:00 p.m.
Blended Meeting via Zoom and in-person
1115 Gilman Ave., Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fowler at 6:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Michael Beardmore
Eric Fowler
Laura Knab
Brett Nicholas
Chas Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Larry Schwendeman
Tony Touschner
Michael Williams, Ph. D.

Absent

Larry Hall
David White

Staff

David Browne
Shaeleigh Sprigg
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Jovonnah Mayo
Caitlin Simmons
Carla Archer
Stephanie Carpenter
Rob Marion
Sherry Shamblin
Dick Wittberg

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

New Business A. Scholarship Recipient Committee

VI. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2021

Motion #27.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

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Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

David Browne called attention to page one under general funds that show deposits of roughly \$750,000. The State has contacted the Board sharing that a portion of those funds were sent in error, along with other funds received in 2020. Mr. Browne expects a large portion of the primarily withdrawal management funds will be returned to the State upon request.

Motion #28.2021

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

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y

VIII. Director’s Report- David Browne shared that the Oriana expansion of services will be restricted to the number of beds they will be able to offer until City sewage line updates have been completed. The Oriana expansion located on Rt. 7 in Reno, will start out offering 14-16 detox/residential treatment beds for men and women. Updates to the City sewer lines are expected to be completed within 12-18 months. Once updates are complete, Oriana plan to increase bed availability to 36 at the new location.

Members of the Board held a discussion on the proposed changes to the Ohio Revised Code that would include a more defined psychiatric deterioration standard.

IX. Staff Report- Shaeleigh Sprigg added that the Culture of Quality site visit has been changed to September 21 and 22 of 2021. Members of the Board can look forward to a few more policies to review prior to the site visit. Tara Plaughter added that she and Shaeleigh attended the virtual Opioid Conference on May 11-13.

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

X. 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** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- D. **The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. **Rigel/Oriana House**- Carla Archer shared that the Compass Drug Court hearings will be in-person starting Monday, June 7; the public is invited to attend.
- 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)** – Dr. Wittberg shared that CHIA has secured additional funding to place up to 22 Peers in the surrounding area, 5-6 peers will be placed in Washington County for 2021-2022. CHIA is also working with the Behavioral Health Board staff to create an easy to use data collection system for Peers.
- I. **Integrated Behavioral Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- J. **Memorial Health System**- Jovonnah Mayo shared that Memorial Health System is looking for an additional Peer Recovery Supporter to fill the gap in hours.
- K. **Municipal Court**- As a member of the advisory Board for the Mental Health Court, President Fowler shared that they are actively screening for potential clients/defendants that would be good candidates for the program. Life and Purpose Behavioral Health provides the initial assessment in-house using the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) screening tool that creates a risk of recidivism score.

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XI. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight** – Dr. Raney shared that the committee did not meet. Members of the Board held a discussion on the need and future schedule of both the Program Planning and Oversight, and the Community Relations Committee meetings. No action was taken on the discussion.
- B. **Community Relations** – The committee did not meet.
- C. **AoD**- The committee did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 6 p.m. via Zoom to further discuss and plan the September 18 Recovery Walk.

XII. Old Business

A. Slate of Nominees- The Nominating Committee proposed Mike Beardmore for President, Dr. Raney for Vice President, and Larry Hall for Treasurer. President Fowler opened the floor to additional nominations. Mike Beardmore nominated Dr. Raney for President. After further discussion, members of the Board were in agreement to add Dr. Williams as a candidate for Treasurer. Below is the slate of nominees:

President	Vice President	Treasurer
Mike Beardmore	Dr. Raney	Larry Hall
Dr. Raney		Dr. Williams

XIII. New Business

A. Appoint Scholarship Recipient Committee- President Fowler opened the floor to volunteers that will review submitted Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship applications and decide the recipients. The following Board members volunteered for the Scholarship Recipient Committee:

- Laura Knab (Chair)
- Mike Beardmore
- Tony Tuschner

XIV. Good of the Order

President Fowler called attention to upcoming events in the area including the Appreciation Event scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 at the Elizabeth Sugden Broughton Community Building starting at 6 p.m.; all invitations were sent electronically. The Drug Overdose and Grief Awareness Walk scheduled for Saturday, August 28 will start at 9 a.m. at the Armory Lawn on Front Street in Downtown Marietta. Tara Plaughter shared that a collaboration with the County Health Department is being discussed to have Narcan training available at the walk as well. The second annual Recovery Walk will take place on Saturday, September 18 at 9 a.m. at East Muskingum Park on Front Street.

Tony Tuschner would like to offer a special “thank you” to Miriam Keith and Hilles Hughes for their contribution and service to the Board during the Appreciation Event on June 23. Miriam Keith retired from the Board and Hilles Hughes relocated in 2020; due to COVID-19 restrictions the Board, was unable gather to celebrate their service.

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Community Member, and Mental Health Service Provider, Rob Marion, MSSA, LISW-S, shared his appreciation toward the Board for their positive response to evidence-based therapies and financial support of the Prolonged Exposure (PE) training that was presented to the Board during the January of 2020 meeting. Since that training, there are now two additional Washington County therapists certified in PE.

Larry Schwendeman shared that he has witnessed the good work that Tara Plaugher is doing as a Peer Recovery Supporter and appreciates the service. Mr. Schwendeman along with other attendees including Rob Marion and Stephanie Carpenter shared their gratitude toward the Peer Recovery Support Training and the wonderful work that Peers, including Traci Schwendeman are doing in the community to help strengthen the recovery community and encourage self-worth and HOPE!

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next Meeting:

June 24, 2021

Option to attend virtually:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JtWwp8PJQM6So8RmW-W_ow

Or in-person: 1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, OH 45750

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher**

Board President Signature