



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, August 26~ 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 Mike Beardmore at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Michael Beardmore  
Jarrett Barnhouse  
Larry Hall  
Laura Knab, J.D.  
Beverly Prigge  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Tony Touschner, J.D.  
David White  
Michael Williams, Ph. D.

**Absent**

Eric Fowler, J.D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Brett Nicholas

**Staff**

David Browne  
Tara Plaugher, zoom  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tammy Harris, zoom

**Guests**

DickWittberg, CHIA  
Linda Sistrunk, MHS  
Sarah Smith, RN, MHS  
Doug Pfeifer, L&P  
Mike Dennis, HoH  
Candice Jeffers, Oriana House  
Billie Welsh, Oriana House

**Zoom Guests**

Rob Marion, Comm member  
Cathye Williams, integrated

**IV. Public Statements**

There were no public statements offered.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

Board President Mike Beardmore stated due to the fact that some Board members may have to leave prior to new business, he was moving new business B. Strategic Planning Session at the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Board members who cannot stay the entire Board meeting.

I. **New Business-** B. Strategic Planning Session - Tentatively Scheduled October 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Motion # 51. 2020**

The Board decided to organize a strategic planning session, especially with the upcoming levy renewal planning and identifying priorities for coordinated messaging. Beverly Prigge and Michael Williams have scheduling conflicts.

**It was moved and seconded (Michael Williams, Dr. Raney)** to approve the proposed 6-hour strategic planning session on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, provided through Ethos Leadership Group. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes                      N= No                      A= Abstain

II. **Approval of Minutes – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Motion #52 .2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Tony Touschner)** to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

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

III. **Treasurer’s Report**

**Motion # 53. 2020**

Treasurer Larry Hall and David Browne explained that timing of funding, and early July deposits, reflect in the Treasurer’s report. Transitional housing shows 1500% over budget, due to the \$20,000 grant provided to EVE. David stated he would create a different category for the EVE grant so it does not reflect out of budget for transitional housing.

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Laura Knab)** to approve the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

#### **IV. Director's Report**

David Browne shared that he provided FY '21 distributions on all funds: Federal, State, Local, and Levy, which is a portion of the 040 fiscal audit.

Volunteer Boards, like ours, are currently unable to vote or count towards the quorum unless attending in person. David shared that with the current trends with COVID-19, there may be another waiver for virtual meetings, but that will not be decided for another 2 or 3 months.

David also shared that it was brought to his attention this week that Rigel Recovery Residential Center is not getting the necessary referrals to continue offering detox services. With detox services, there will always be a deficit in providing the service, but the more billable services generated from detox closes the gap for the deficit to increase sustainability. The Board is working with Rigel to generate referrals through the hospital, the courts, and a public relations campaign to educate the community on self-referral for detox and residential services.

#### **V. Staff Report-**

Tara Plaugher shared that Misty Cromwell (6-County Board) called and shared that the venue for the recovery summit (Hallowed Hills in Zanesville, OH) decided to cancel external events due to COVID-19 trends. Unfortunately, this means the Recovery Summit on September 10<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

#### **VI. Agency Reports**

- A. House of Hope** – Mike Dennis, Executive Director, shared that all the House of Hope members will be disappointed the Recovery Summit is cancelled. Mike elaborated on the coordinated transportation efforts and shared that he is working with Kenny Vigneron to participate in a coordinated transportation committee through Buckeye Hills, and become a non-emergency medical transporter to get members to the HoH. He will not be voted onto the committee until September, so activities to become a transporter will not ramp up until October.
- B. Life & Purpose** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

- D. Memorial Health System** – Linda Sistrunk, Director of Behavioral Health Services, shared that previous Board reports did not reflect all of the system approach and change in philosophy around a peer recovery support program. She will include other initiatives such as trainings and other community efforts the hospital is involved in. Kuddos to Sarah Smith on completing the peer recovery support training in August!
- E. Rigel/Oriana House-** Candice Jeffers shared that Jason Varney will be in Washington County on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to meet with her and come up with a strategy to promote detox services. They plan to schedule meetings with stakeholders to increase the number of referrals from the various agencies. Candice shared that COVID-19 has limited the in-person visits to the various agencies to promote services. She said she is getting some referrals, but Brandi’s Legacy sent the most referrals and they are no longer operating in Washington County.
- 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)** – Dick Wittberg shared that AmeriCorps increased the number of service members from 26 to 29 members to start in September. Dick shared that he has 24 of the members ready to start service immediately. David Browne encouraged Dick to share about his plans with Recovery Housing. Dick shared that he is attempting to purchase 812 5<sup>th</sup> street from Land of Goshen. He said he has a lot of hope, nothing good has come out of the house so far, so he doesn’t have a good act to follow. He plans to offer housing to some of his AmeriCorps Peer Recovery Supporters to be house monitors. He anticipates starting with 5 women until he can make the necessary upgrades to house more women.
- I. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

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

**VII. Committee Reports**

- A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations Committee** – The program planning & oversight committee and community relations committee had a joint meeting August 10th, 2021. A report was provided in the Board packet. In addition to the report, Dr. Raney (co-chair) added that Ohio Revised Code still has code in existence to use tax money on a levy campaign. Dr. Raney encourages Board members to attend the PPOC and CRC joint meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm. Laura Knab (co-chair) will lead the meeting, as he has a scheduling conflict and will be unable to attend the PPOC/CRC in September. He adds that promoting detox services should be an agenda item to discuss at the meeting.
- B. AoD-** Jarrett Barnhouse (Chair) shared that everything is ready to go for the September 18<sup>th</sup> Recovery Day Walk.

**VIII. Old Business-** Nothing Offered.

**IX. New Business-**

- a. Stern Wheel Festival Volunteer Sign-Ups** – The Board is having a table from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sternwheel Festival. A sign-up sheet is available if Board members want to volunteer their time at the table. The Board asked Dick Wittberg if AmeriCorps members could help man the table, information will be shared with Dick following the meeting.
- b. Strategic Planning Session – Tentatively Scheduled October 16<sup>th</sup> 2021** – Addressed at the beginning of the meeting – motion #51.2021

**X. Good of the Order**

Mike Beardmore complimented Cathy Harper and Shaeleigh Sprigg on the WMOA radio segment: talk of the town promoting overdose awareness day (August 31<sup>st</sup>) and the local drug overdose and grief awareness walk (August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021).

Shaeleigh shared information on the walk and invited Board members to attend; Narcan training and Narcan kits will be made available by the Washington County Health Department/Project DAWN to community members at East Muskingum Park who wish to participate. The walk starts at 9am at East Muskingum Park (corner of Front Street and Putnam Street).

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

***Next Meeting:***

**September 23rd, 2021**

When: September 23, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: September Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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**Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaeleigh Sprigg**

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Board President Signature