

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Robert Warren, Tyler Smith, Shana Stober, Mary Early, Jody Shaw, Matt Manns, Amy Freymuth, Teresa Fisher, Aaron McLaurine, Jim Bronder, Tracy Wright

Members Absent: Arlette Pollock-Evans, Chad Dunlap, Kim Everhart, Brooke Featheringham, Amber Martin

Staff: Tammie Colon, Trisha Terry, Dan Faraglia, Sheri Strawn, Kelly Monroe, Amy Morman

Visitors: John Bindas and Amy Miller, FRC; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Dawn Mansfield, St. Rita's; Brook Sites, Connect for Community; Beth Miller and Rick Skilliter, PASS; Jamie DeClercq, Lighthouse; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Michelle Stockweel, SAFY; Renee Kohler, Auglaize County DD

Tyler Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Amy Freymuth made a motion to accept April 15, 2026, minutes with Mary Early seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

Executive Committee: Amy Freymuth made a motion to approve the election of officers for FY2027. Jim Bronder will serve as Chair, Tyler Smith as Vice Chair, and Kim Everhart as Treasurer. Teresa Fisher seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to approve the FY2027 Administrative Budget in the amount of \$1,188,691.81. The budget includes the retention of a position previously filled by Katie Walker, the cost of Michele Frump as FCFC coordinator in Hardin County and will build in revenue. Bob Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Finance Committee: Jim Bronder made a motion to approve the FY2027 Sliding Fee Scale as presented. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Aaron McLaurine made a motion to approve the FY2026 SAFY Contract Amendment. The amendment includes an additional \$20,000 for the Drop-In Center program subsidy, funded through CMHI. Teresa Fisher seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to add Pathways to the FY2026 Purchase of Service Vendor List. This addition allows services for Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin County residents receiving services in Putnam County to be paid for by the board. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote, with Shana Stober abstaining. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the FY2027 Purchase of Service Budget and Vendor List in the amount of \$3,442,735. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote, with Shane Stover abstaining.

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the FY2027 Facility Rental and Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$498,770.36. The increase reflects rising costs for utilities, snow removal, and janitorial services. Amy Freymuth seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the FY2027 Residential Management Budget in the amount of \$240,462.00. The budget includes a reduction in Metcalf funding and reallocates resources based on community needs and ESU priorities. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the FY2027 Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$348,800. The ESU was a large part of the budget last year. The board has begun the final closeout on this project and will receive the remaining 10% due to the board. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to accept the FY206 April Board Report as presented. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

New Business: N/A

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of April 14, 2026 – May 14, 2026.

Legislative Report: The Board received a legislative update regarding Medicaid changes and budget impacts. Updates included limits on IOP services, managed care changes, provider reimbursement issues, and statewide legislative activity.

The Board reviewed the current budget status, noting that requests exceed available funding by approximately \$900,000. Discussion included the potential formation of a program committee and/or scheduling a special meeting to prioritize services.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Chad Dunlap from his Auglaize County seat position.

Incident/Investigation Reporting: Kelly followed up on an incident report she received the day before the April board meeting involving the Northcutt/Eastway Dayton facility. The report detailed an incident involving 2 different staff members and a youth client, who accused them of assaulting him. The facility investigated the incident by reviewing the cameras and found no evidence.

The reporting department (such as OhioMHAS or the Ohio Department of Health) may initiate a formal follow-up, independent investigation, or regulatory audit. They do not rely solely on the facility's WEIRS submission. The board can also pursue the incident further if they are not satisfied with the outcome.

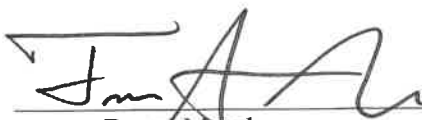
Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Robert Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.


Board Member


Reporting Secretary