

Board Minutes August 20, 2025

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Amber Martin, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Chad Dunlap, Jody Shaw, Teresa Fisher, Robert Warren, Mark Huber, Jim Bronder, Tyler Smith, Kim Everhart, Tracy Wright, Matt Manns

Members Absent: Arlette Pollock-Evans, Brooke Featheringham, Mary Early

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

Visitors: Rick Skilliter and Beth Miller, PASS; Amy Miller and John Bindas, FRC; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Melanie Woods, Mercy; Jullie Griesheimer, Wings; Hunter Santurello, Lighthouse; Shana Stober, incoming board member

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

Mary Early made a motion to accept June 18, 2025, minutes with Aaron McLaurine seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

New Business:

Amy Freymuth made a motion to approve the update to policy #817 Public Records Request to include the following paragraph: Information regarding the records request process and the records request form are available to the public on our website at [Public Records Request | MHRSB of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties](#). Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached) The board will go through Culture of Quality (COQ) in September. It is recommended to update some of our existing policies for this process.

Jim Bronder made a motion to amend the FY2025 Lighthouse contract by moving \$39,575 from Fee for Service to Cost Reimbursement. The overall contract amount remains the same. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY2025 Wings contract by adding \$280 to Fee for Service. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart made a motion to amend the FY2026 Lighthouse contract in the amount of \$11,667. An additional amount was added to the Activities Coordinator for Peer Support to make the year whole. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Teresa Fisher made a motion to amend the Purchase of Service Budget to include:

- Foundations - \$15,000 added to the budget for psychiatric and individual outpatient counseling.
- Midwest Educational Service Center - \$15,000 added to the budget for the Hardin County specialized alternative school for behavioral health services.
- Specialized Docket Support - \$65,000 added to the budget that was awarded by the state specifically for specialized docket support.

Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Jim Bronder made a motion to amend the Purchase of Service Vendor List to include:

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- Foundations
- Midwest Educational Service Center
- NAMI of Franklin County.

The following vendors were deleted from the list due to no longer having active contracts with the board:

- Goodwill Easter Seals
- Andrews House of Hope
- Community Action Commission (Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Putnam County)
- Perry Township
- Rhodes State College

Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart made a motion to amend the FY2026 SAFY contract. \$132,000 was added to Program Subsidy for IFS in Hardin County. SAFY will be operating IFS in the We Care Center in Kenton 40 hours a week. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mark Huber made a motion to amend the FY2026 PASS contract. \$2,500 was added to Cost Reimbursement to be used for WISE participant incentives. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY2025 General Fund by moving the remaining balances of fund numbers, 101, 200, 210 to levy fund #100. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY2025 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations. We received \$14,2371,045 and expended \$15,205,791 in FY2025. Federal funding is behind, and funds were issued in FY2026. We should break even for the year. As of June 30, 2025, we had not dipped into our savings. Mark Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Jim Bronder made a motion to accept the addition of fund #103 Prepay Allocation. These are levy funds and it will make it easier to track the funds and keep a positive balance. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amy Freymuth made a motion to accept the addition of fund #631 Disaster Preparedness Plan. The board is collaborating with other boards on a Northwest Regional for a Behavioral Health Disaster Plan that includes training and electronic resources to be shared by all counties. This plan feeds into our local EMA Disaster Plan. Mark Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to accept the FY2025 and FY2026 July Board Reports as presented. Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

CORSA: The County includes and pays for MHR SB to be on their CORSA Liability Plan. The board also has a liability plan through Stolly Insurance. Our plan does not include everything covered by CORSA. The county would like for us to be solely on our own plan. We are exploring coverage and cost with Adam Stolly to have a complete understanding of the differences and needs of the plans.

NAMI Franklin County: MHR SB is entering into a contract with NAMI of Franklin County to use them as a consultant to get our local NAMI recognized as a 5103C and a second contract to use them as our fiduciary agent to manage the funds for our local NAMI.

CMHI: Everything was approved for us to receive the federal funds through our county office. The first drawdown was requested.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of July 21- August 14, 2025.

Legislative Report:

There is still a push to eliminate property taxes in Ohio. The board would lose approximately half of their funding without the levy money.

Incident/Investigation Reporting: N/A

CSU Expansion: N/A

Changing Seasons: Changing Seasons/Wings Drop-In Center has been operating 2 days a week for a few hours each day while the renovations are being completed.

Tenants for the We Care Centers.: Key to Recovery will be relocating their New Bremen office to the St. Mary's location and SAFY will be starting IFS in the Kenton location.

Upcoming Events

Overdose Awareness Events:

Allen County- Thursday, August 28, 2025, 4:30-7, NE Quad Townsquare, Downtown Lima
Auglaize County- Thursday, August 28, 2025, 4:00-7, Harmon Park 399 Harrison Street, Wapakoneta
Hardin County- Friday, August 29, 2025, 4:30-7, Kroger Parking Lot, Kenton

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on September 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Mark Huber made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. with Jim Bronder seconding. Motion passed.


Board Member


Reporting Secretary