

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Mary Early, Amber Martin, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Chad Dunlap, Jody Shaw, Teresa Fisher, Robert Warren, Mark Huber, Jim Bronder

Members Absent: Kim Everhart, Arlette Pollock-Evans, Tyler Smith, Brooke Featheringham, Tracy Wright, Matt Manns

Staff: Tammie Colon, Trisha Terry, Dan Faraglia, Sheri Strawn, Katie Walker, Kelly Monroe

Visitors: Rick Skilliter and Beth Miller, PASS; Amy Miller and John Bindas, FRC; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Dawn Mansfield and Melanie Woods, Mercy; Jullie Griesheimer, Wings; Hunter Santurello, Lighthouse; Margaret Lawrence, Coleman

Amber Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Amy Freymuth took the oath of office for a new term.

Robert Warren took the oath of office for a new term.

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

Executive Committee: Discussed the board owned buildings.

Finance Committee:

Mary Early made a motion to approve the FY2026 Purchase of Service Vendor list with the additions of Sonya Freeman, Oak Haven, and Villa Maria. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to approve the assignment of fund #628 for year 2 of the CMHI Grant. Amy Freymuth seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to approve the assignment of fund #629 for year 3 of the CMHI Grant. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Aaron McLaurine made a motion to approve the assignment of fund #630 for year 4 of the CMHI Grant. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to amend the FY2025 Coleman Health Services contract by moving \$266,186 from Fee for Service to Program Subsidy. \$200,000 was moved to Adolescent Psychiatry and \$66,186 was moved to Changing Seasons, Allen County. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

The FY2025 Lighthouse contract amendment was tabled for July. We are waiting for additional information from Lighthouse.

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY2025 Residential Management Budget for an additional \$17,900. The Board Administration Budget was decreased by \$17,900. To keep the overall FY2025 contracts the same. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amy Freymuth made a motion to amend the FY2025 Board Administration Budget by a decrease of \$17,900. This amount was moved to the Residential Management Budget. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to approve the FY2025 June monthly board report as presented. We do not see any additional funding being added to the FY2025 contracts. Any unused funding on contracts will be added back to the Board funds. Lighthouse will not use their Mental Health funding. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Aaron McLaurine made a motion to approve the FY2026 June monthly board report as presented. The health insurance premium for July was paid in June. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

New Business:

Mary Early made a motion to allow the board to pursue a pilot program with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Medicaid and to add additional Board staff if we are approved by the state. This program will manage Tier 1 OhioRise children in Ohio. This will allow the care of local children to be under local management of the Board. The Board would receive funding from Medicaid/Aetna to contract with our local agencies for care management. The Allen County Commissioners have been involved with the development of this program. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to allow the Board to pursue the opportunity to employ and manage the FCFC Coordinator for Hardin County. This position could be housed in the Hardin County We Care Center or the United Way in Hardin County. This would require an organizational change and an additional position for MHR SB. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of June 16- July 10, 2025.

Legislative Report:

Governor DeWine vetoed provisions within House Bill 96 pertaining to local tax levies. The House voted to override DeWine's veto concerning replacement and emergency levies.

Robert Warren informed the Board that there is a petition circulating to eliminate property taxes in the state of Ohio. It is not believed they will have the required number of signatures for the November election but possibly by the primary. A coalition has been formed in Hancock County to address the possibility of losing property tax/levy revenue.

Incident/Investigation Reporting: WEIRS reporting: An incident was submitted on July 1, 2025 that occurred on June 30, 2025, at Foundations in Mansfield, Ohio. There was an attempted suicide by a 16-year-old female who sustained no injuries, and her guardian was notified.

The Board received a grant in FY2025 for Recovery Housing in the amount of \$350,000. The funding for FY2026 was significantly lower with the Board having to absorb the cost. The state notified the Board that we are going to be awarded an additional \$250,000 for FY2026 for the good work the Board did with the FY2025 grant. This will help to ensure the Board has the funding needed for Recovery Housing in FY2026.

CSU Expansion: N/A

Notify:

Please remember to refer people to Dan Faraglia to sign up for Notify text alerts and to send him information that agencies would like to share with the community. He will pursue the possibility of sharing Notify at a Mayor's meeting in the future.

Vacant Board Positions: The board has 2 vacant positions.

Upcoming Events

EMDR training –August 11-13

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on August 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Robert Warren made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. with Mark Huber seconding. Motion passed.



Board Member



Reporting Secretary