The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present:	Amber Martin, Chad Dunlap, Jody Shaw, Teresa Fisher, Robert Warren, Mark Huber, Tyler Smith, Tracy Wright, Shana Stober, Mary Early, Brook Featheringham
Members Absent:	Arlette Pollock-Evans, Amy Freymuth, Kim Everhart, Jim Bronder, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Matt Manns
Staff:	Tammie Colon, Trisha Terry, Dan Faraglia, Sheri Strawn, Kelly Monroe, Amy Morman, Katie Walker
Visitors:	Rick Skilliter and Beth Miller, PASS; Amy Miller and John Bindas, FRC; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Melanie Woods, Mercy; Margaret Sumpter, St. Rita's; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Hunter Santurello, Lighthouse

Tyler Smith called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

New Board member Shana Stober was sworn in by Trisha Terry.

Mark Huber made a motion to accept August 20, 2025, minutes with Mary Early seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

Executive Committee: N/A

Fiscal Committee:
Amber Martin made a motion to approve the 3-year projection. Revenues are expected to be reduced each year and expenses are projected to increase 2% each year. The Board is expecting the loss of $1,000,000 in Medicaid coverage for clients which MHRSB will absorb, and 7-10 specialized grants totaling approximately $200,000 could be coming to an end as regional funding is ending. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to approve the FY2026 Family Resource Centers contract amendment by adding an additional $56,140 to IOP in Program Subsidy and moving $68,760 in Fee for Service from Treatment and creating a line for Universal Screenings. The additional funding for IOP will be funded through a grant. This is a billable service that could become self-sustainable. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to approve the FY2026 Purchase of Service Vendor List amendment by adding eMoshka- Vik for CMHI data collection and Rachelle Martin for NAMI consulting. Tracy Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY2025 Lighthouse contract by moving $52,712 from SUD in Fee for Service to Cost Reimbursement for Recovery Housing. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the MIP to County Tie Out Report for the month of October in FY2025. The amounts were entered in error. Fiscal has created controls to catch future errors. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY2026 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations. We are expected to receive $14,271,045 and expected to spend $15,205,791. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to update Policy #722 Donations. Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to approve the addition of Policy #725 Electronic Fund Transfers. The County does not use EFT as a normal practice but will allow it to be used as a onetime occurrence/approval basis through the County. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to accept the FY2025 and FY2026 August Board Reports as presented. Mark Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Tammie informed the Board that we had received an email from the county stating they would no longer pay late fees on invoices. This message was distributed to all County departments.

New Business:

Mark Huber made a motion to approve new Policy #823 Use of Training or Group Room in Board Owned Properties. This policy allows community use of common spaces and group rooms in board owned buildings in alignment with the Equal Access principle. Tracy Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the Enhancing the System of Care for Youth and Families Grant application by the board for the grant period of 9/1/2025 – 9/30/2026. Mark Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Disaster Preparedness Grant application. The grant period is 10/01/2025 – 9/29/2026. The region plans to work between boards and their community providers. Mark Huber 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 August 18 – September 9, 2025.

Bills for payment were amended and signed off by the present board for the period of June 16 – July 10, 2025.

Legislative Report:
Staff members from OHMHAS visited our office on Thursday, September 18th for a listening session. The members met with the Board Staff as well as a few community members, including Mayor Sheretta Smith, Julli Griesheimer, Executive Director Wings, and Renee Kohler, Superintendent for Allen and Auglaize DD.

Incident/Investigation Reporting: WEIRS- It was reported to the board that there was an incident that occurred at Bellmont Pines Residential Facility involving a juvenile from Allen County. The 10-year-old victim was assaulted by another youth resident. The victim was medically evaluated and released. This was an FRC client and a prior SAFY IFS client. The facility was cooperative with the MHRSB.

OHMHAS contacted the board regarding a complaint they received about Coleman's operations of the CSU. OHMHAS found that Coleman was operating detox facility without proper nursing staff. The shortage of staff was found during a surprise walkthrough of the facility. Coleman must submit a Corrective Action Plan to OHMHAS by September 19, 2025.

The Board received a complaint from a Lighthouse client regarding the high rent payment being requested of the tenant and the eviction process, which is a very short turnaround, sometimes 7 days' notice.

The Board received a complaint with UMADAOP regarding a client who had enrolled in the DIP Program offered by UMADAOP. The client registered for a class in July and submitted the $625 fee. The July class was cancelled and rescheduled for August. The August class was also cancelled. The client has reached out to UMADAOP on several occasions requesting a refund. Myrtle stated twice that the money would be returned to him by cashier's check. Kelly was also in contact with Myrtle and assured her he would receive a refund. He has still not received the money as of 9/16/2025. Bloom Recovery contacted Katie at the Board because they were informed that other clients had experienced the same situation with UMADAOP.

The Board will undergo a Culture of Quality (COQ) review from OACBHA on September 22 and 23, 2025. This review occurs every three years and results in a COQ certification from OACBHA.

Amber Martin asked about congregate living and cost arrangements for sober living. MHRSB only contracts with certified homes, certified through Ohio Recovery Housing.

There is legislation for boards to approve facilities and provide oversight and funding for this service.

CSU Expansion: N/A

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on October 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

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

Board Member

Trisha Terry
Reporting Secretary