

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Mary Early, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Jody Shaw, Kim Everhart, Brooke Featheringham, Tyler Smith, Chad Dunlap, Amber Martin, Barb Link, Jim Bronder, Tracy Wright, Matt Manns

Members Absent: Robert Warren, Mark Huber

Staff: Tammie Colon, Kelly Monroe, Sheri Strawn, Trisha Smith, Dan Faraglia, Katie Walker (online), Amy Morman

Visitors: Brook Sites, Lighthouse; John Bindas, Amy Miller, Larry James, FRC; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Melanie Woods, St. Rita's; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Rick Skilliter, PASS; Arlette Pollock-Evans, Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Marcell King, UMADAOP; Margaret Lawrence, Coleman; Dawn Mansfield, St. Rita's

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

Tyler Smith made a motion to amend the June board minutes for a missed motion with Chad Dunlap seconding the motion. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to accept the July 17, 2024, minutes with Tracy Wright seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

Executive Committee:

Rotating Board Meeting Discussion: It was brought to the board's attention that it would be nice to rotate the board meeting every month. The board discussed the feasibility of this suggestion and why they are not going to rotate the meeting at this time.

1. The board would have to pay travel stipends for each board member traveling out of county and the board staff.
2. The meeting is available online every month and is open to the public.
3. The meeting time and date is sent out to the media each month.
4. Having access to the board office during the meeting if anything is needed.
5. Having use of our technology.
6. Board members bring concerns from their communities to the meetings.

The board agreed to have an open forum once a year in each county so that the communities may attend in person.

Health Officer Appointment Policy: Kim Everhart made a motion to accept Policy 819 Health Officer Appointments. Prior to this policy the board had an informal process for putting health officers in place. That information was used to create a board policy to be used in the future. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Finance Committee:

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY25 PASS contract by an additional \$17,595. \$10,600 will be used for the Overdose Awareness Events with the money coming from the Overdose Awareness Grant. \$6,995 was added for Life Side Ohio. Life Side Ohio is an evidence-based program designed to train retailers, store owners, and other community members about gun safety. PASS has received the training needed for delivering this program. Tracy Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Jim Bronder made a motion to amend the FY24 Family Resource Centers contract by moving \$63,236. \$23,157 was moved from Daytime Crisis and \$40,078 from School Navigation in Program Subsidy to Fee for Service. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY24 Coleman contract by moving \$48,841 from Cost Reimbursement and \$37,663 from Program Subsidy to Mental Health and Alcohol & Drug Treatment, and by adding an additional \$133,272 to Adolescent Psychiatric Services in Program Subsidy. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made the motion to approve the FY24 and FY25 July monthly board reports as presented. Amy Freymuth seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

New Business:

CSU Expansion Update: Chad Dunlap made a motion to accept the awarding of the bid. There were 2 bids accepted. The bids were placed on a 48-hour hold. The process will move on to the next step in the process. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

The Board is working on a recognition for the partnerships between the board and the board members' employers. The plaques that will be presented to the business' and represent the "We Care Heroes" in our community.

Sheri Strawn shared that the Board has been informed the Board Assistance Review (BAR), formerly the SAR, will begin for FY2022. This audit focuses on policy review, but the board will also be asked for financial information. Sheri will keep the board posted with the progress of this audit.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of July 22, 2024- August 14, 2024.

Legislative Report: The board continues to work with Medicaid and OHMHAS about the new policies put in place by Medicaid.

MRSS will now be a regionally managed program. Local agencies can apply to become the regional manager of MRSS. Coleman currently runs the local MRSS and will apply for the regional position.

New leadership at OHMHAS seems to be trending toward more regionally run programs versus local.

Upcoming Events


September is Week of Appreciation for behavioral health workers. The board will use money from a grant for "Week of Appreciation" that we received to thank our agency staff and partner with the Department of DD in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties to recognize their staff with a luncheon in each county. Trisha will send the invitation to the board members to attend.

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on September 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Chad Dunlap made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. with Tracy Wright seconding. Motion passed.



Board Member



Reporting Secretary