

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Chad Dunlap, Robert Warren, Tyler Smith, Shana Stober, Mary Early, Kim Everhart, Jim Bronder, Aaron McLaurine, Brooke Featheringham, Teresa Fisher

Members Absent: Arlette Pollock-Evans, Amber Martin, Jody Shaw, Matt Manns, Amy Freymuth, Tracy Wright

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

Visitors: Amy Miller and John Bindas, FRC; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Jamie DeClercq, Lighthouse; Rick Skilliter and Beth Miller, PASS

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

Aaron McLaurine made a motion to accept December 17, 2025, minutes with Kim Everhart seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

Executive Committee: Kim Everhart made a motion to amend the Board By-Laws with the following changes:

ARTICLE III: BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Selection

As provided in ORC 340.02, the board shall be comprised of eighteen members who reside in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties. Six members shall be appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health and the remaining members (12) appointed by the Boards of County Commissioners. It is the goal to have 6 seats appointed by Allen County, 3 seats appointed by Hardin County, and 3 seats appointed by Auglaize County. It is required that at least one member shall be appointed from each participating county. Should a county commissioner seat remain vacant for more than sixty (60) days, the Executive Director will seek permission from that county to fill that vacant seat with a differing County to ensure the board seats remain full at all times.

The director of behavioral health shall ensure that at least one member of the board is a clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services, at least one member of the board is a person who has received or is receiving mental health services, at least one member of the board is a parent or other relative of such a person, at least one member of the board is a clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services, at least one member of the board is a person who has received or is receiving addiction services, and at least one member of the board is a parent or other relative of such a person. A single member who meets both qualifications may fulfill the requirement for a clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services and a clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services.

When a vacancy occurs, appointment for the expired or unexpired term shall be made in the same manner as an original appointment. The board shall notify the appointing authority either by certified mail or, if the board has record of an internet identifier of record associated with the authority, by ordinary mail and by that internet identifier of record of any vacancy and shall fill the vacancy within sixty days following that notice. As used in this paragraph, "internet identifier of record" has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code.

Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart made a motion to approve the CY2026-2028 Community Assessment and Plan (CAP). The CAP is required by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health to be completed every 3 years by ADAMHS Boards. The previous assessment data is reviewed and determines where the board is not meeting state average in each service area in any of the 3 board counties. Kelly Monroe reviewed a portion of the data and our plan to address these services. A copy was provided to the board members in their board packet. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart made a motion to approve the Connect for Community contracts.

- Grant- \$50,000
- Fee for Service - \$50,000

Connect for Community is a new community behavioral health agency and is in the process of becoming certified by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health and accredited by CARF. They will be located in the 309 W. High Street building. Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart approved granting permission to the board to apply for the One Ohio year 2 grant. Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Tammie notified the Board of the termination on January 13, 2026, of the many federal SAMHSA grants. The Board has a \$4,000,000, 4-year CMHI Grant that would have been affected. On January 15, 2026, all grants were reinstated. This funded a new initiative and not services required by the continuum of care.

Finance Committee: N/A

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY2026 Wings contract by moving \$2,000 from Fee for Service to Cost Reimbursement for ATP. There was no net effect to the contract. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY2026 SAFY contract by adding an additional \$2,108 to Fee for Service for Anger Management Groups. This is a new line item for SAFY. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the WCRQRH contract by moving \$59,739 from Cost Reimbursement to Grant for administrative costs. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to add new fund #632 for the SOS 4.0 year 2 Grant. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to add Mission of Hope Services to the Purchase of Service Vendor List. Mission of Hope Services was formerly Cornerstone of Hope. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

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

The Board did not receive the SOS 4.2 Grant that we applied for. The application was declined with very little input or comments. The Board had applied for \$80,000.

New Business:

Tammie will attend the National Mayor's Conference in Washington D.C. on January 28, 2026. She, Mayor Smith and Commissioner Sibert will be doing a presentation at the conference.

MODO will put together a video for Bath School students and parents. The school counselors approached Tammie to find a better way to reach the parents about mental health issues and groups the school provides. The counselors will seek questions from the parents in their community and address them during a WE Care Conversation Podcast. This will be divided into short segments that the school can share with their families. This video will also be provided to all school districts wanting to use it.

Be Seen with Green- The Board will promote Be Seen with Green again this year during the month of May in each of the 3 board counties. The board would like to structure the breakfasts to involve more general community members verses just inviting stakeholders and agencies. More information will be available when the final plans are made.

The Board is supporting Travis Howze who will be speaking at an event sponsored by Let's Back the Blue in Auglaize County. The event will be held on September 26, 2026, at the Wapakoneta School Auditorium and is open to the public.

The Board sent an offer letter to a candidate for the FCFC Coordinator position. in Hardin County. The administration and finance will remain with Hardin County JFS.

Fresh Encounter donated \$1,000.00 to Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of AAH. Kelly Monroe attended the presentation to accept the check.

Tammie Colon and Sheri Strawn will attend the Budget Commission meeting to hear and be part of the conversations surrounding Allen County property tax information and proposed changes.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of December 11, 2025 – January 15, 2026.

Legislative Report: N/A

Incident/Investigation Reporting: WEIRS- None reported

Kelly gave an update on the problem with UMADAOP refunding clients for the DIP program. Per the request of the Board, Kelly followed up by sending a registered letter to the Vine Street address and we have not received a confirmation receipt to date. Kelly also reached out to ODBH and received a call back. ODBH scheduled a visit to the Vine Street address to confirm operations for UMADAOP in regard to their certification. ODBH invited the board staff to attend the visit but we were unable to. Kelly shared ODBH contact information with the prior client and his father to get advice on what their options are.

CSU Expansion: The ribbon cutting will take place January 22, 2026, at 12:30 pm. Senator Manchester, Representative Huffman, Mayor Smith, Hattie Tracy, and Tammie Colon will be speaking. Enter through the new entrance.

The Executive Director's performance review will be done in February.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on February 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Chad Dunlap made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. with Kim Everhart seconding. Motion passed.



Board Member



Reporting Secretary