

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Mary Early, Amber Martin, Jody Shaw, Barb Link, Chad Dunlap, Robert Warren, Tracy Wright, Tyler Smith, Jim Bronder, Amy Freymuth, Arlett Pollock-Evans, Kim Everhart, Matt Manns

Members Absent: Brooke Featheringham, Priscilla Burt, Aaron McLaurine

Staff: Tammie Colon, Kelly Monroe, Sheri Strawn, Amy Morman, Katie Walker, Trisha Smith

Visitors: Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Rick Skilliter, PASS; Amy Miller and Larry James FRC; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Melanie Woods, Mercy Health; Margaret Lawrence, Coleman Health Services; Brooke Sites, Lighthouse; Chelsea Rue, Brightview, Marcell King, UMADAOP; Julli Griesheimer, WINGS; Elisa Bradley, HECC; Chris Jackson, Bradfield Center; Chad Stearns & Cody Ridenour, Modo Media

Amy Freymuth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Amy Morman gave the Oath of Office to Matt Manns for his new term on the Board.

Mary Early made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023, minutes with Tracey Wright seconding. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

Executive Committee:

- The Executive Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. moving forward.
- The Executive Committee has agreed to use Survey Monkey again this year to send out the annual performance evaluation of Tammie Colon, Executive Director.
- Tammie Colon's contract will expire in February 2024. She will obtain the data requested by the Executive Committee and begin negotiations with the Board of Directors.
- Tammie would like to have flexibility in adjusting the way in which board approved positions are filled using consultation, job share and part time etc... This is based on the need to accommodate the potential employee and the needs of our office. Tammie Colon and Katie Walker have begun exploring benefits and human resource information applicable to this request.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee will now be an in-person meeting moving forward. This committee will take place immediately after the Executive meeting.

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY24 Purchase of Service budget by an additional \$103,080.

- Allen County Children's Services for \$45,000 for the remaining 9 months of the fiscal year. The original \$15,000 budget was for the first 3 months of the fiscal year. This service is funded with the use of funds that operate on a federal fiscal year. That funding cycle is from September 30th-September 29th of the following year.
- The School Navigation line was increased by \$58,080 to include Key to Recovery school navigation services that was missed in the original budget.

Barb Link seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY2023 Purchase of Services budget by an additional \$27,629. These funds are for Jail Psychotropic Drug Reimbursement and the MAT Drug Reimbursement Program that our county jails provide. Barb Link seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Jim Bronder made a motion to amend the FY23 Certificate of Estimated Resources in the amount of \$15,319,812 and the appropriations in the amount of \$16,406,741. Tyler Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY24 Certificate of Estimated Resources in the amount of \$14,145,507 and the appropriations in the amount of \$14,145,507. Tyler Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Barb Link made a motion to amend Coleman Health Services FY24 contract by adding an additional \$5,000 to the field practicum line item to include the Workforce Development Intern reimbursement. Kim Everhart seconded the notion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Barb Link made a motion to amend Lighthouse Behavioral Solutions FY24 contract by an additional \$5,000 to the field practicum line item to include the Workforce Development Intern reimbursement. Robert Warren seconded the notion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to accept the August monthly Board report with the breakdown of our ending cash balance for FY24. It will be appropriated in the following way to better understand our fund balance:

- Board Required Set-Aside
- Capital Projects Budget
- Unreserved Fund Balance

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New Business

Tracy Wright made a motion to accept the capital application for ARPA 1 funding for the CSU expansion project. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the resolution to give two board staff members authority to sign to execute the contract for the CSU expansion project. The two members are Tammie Colon, Executive Director and Sheri Strawn, Fiscal Director. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to accept the resolution for:

- Purchase of land for new buildings
- Renovation/expansion of buildings owned by MHRSB
- Utilization of Board's local capital funds for professional fees, building costs, etc.
- Utilization of Board's local capital funds for required match dollars for both federal and state funded projects.

Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Arlette Pollock-Evans made a motion to update the Board By-Laws with the following clause:

"The Board will additionally ensure that those contracts entered into with public and private agencies for the provision of mental health services and facilities include a provision stating that the provision of mental health services and facilities will neither be rendered nor denied on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, military status, or unless programmatically justifiable, gender."

Jim Bronder 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 25, 2023 – September 14, 2023.

Legislative Report: All mental health providers must be certified.

Awareness of Issue 2: To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis.

- This would require the Division to enter into an agreement with the Department of Mental Health and addiction services to create a program for cannabis addiction service.

ARPA 2 Funds: The Board has been approved to receive the funds in the amount of \$1,062,872 for the following items:

- SAFY Mobile/Intensive Home-Based Crisis Services
- Crisis Infrastructure Specialist position
- Technology Consultation and Upgrades for Crisis Stabilization Unit and Step-Down Unit

Levy:

Presentation by Chad Stearns and Cody Ridenour of MODO Media.

- Campaign: "Now More than Ever"
- No new tax
- Talking points
- Register by Tuesday, October 10 to vote.
- Early voting begins Wednesday, October 11.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.
- Testimonials will be done by various individuals and Chad Dunlap stated he will help in any way he can.

World Mental Health Day on October 10: "Be Seen Wear Green".

Wear green T-shirts at the October Board Meeting.

Suicide Remembrance Walk is Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Ottawa Metro Park. Flyers were handed out.

We Care Heroes, Week of Appreciation is being celebrated Thursday, September 21, with a food truck event at Children's Service's parking lot and a gift from the board, purchased with a grant from the state, to thank behavioral health workers for their hard work.

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on October 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Jim Bronder made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. with Mary Early seconding. Motion passed.



Board Member



Reporting Secretary