

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, 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, Amber Martin, Jody Shaw, Matt Manns, Tracy Wright

Members Absent: Arlette Pollock-Evans, , Aaron McLaurine, Brooke Featheringham, Teresa Fisher, Amy Freymuth,

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

Visitors: Amy Miller, Bryce O’Flaherty, Alexis Schwartz, and John Bindas, FRC; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Brook Sites and Erin Fitzpatrick, Connect for Community; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Beth Miller, PASS; Katheryn Tummino, Union County Board Office

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

Mary Early made a motion to accept January 21, 2026, minutes with Shana Stober seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: Family Resource Centers (FRC) Amy Miller gave a brief overview of the services offered through FRC. Bryce O’Flaherty presented a Power Point on Problematic Sexual Behavior (PBS), a specialized service that FRC offers. (PowerPoint is attached)

Executive Committee: N/A

Finance Committee: N/A

New Business:

Tyler Smith asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the Executive Director’s Performance Evaluation.

Mary Early made a motion at 9:41 am to enter Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider public employee’s appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation, investigation of charges/complaints against. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Jim Bronder made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:49 am and Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Jim Bronder made a motion to approve a one-time merit compensation of \$5,000.00 for Executive Director, Tammie Colon in appreciation of her hard work with new initiatives and changes in funding this fiscal year. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY2026 Connect for Community contract by adding \$20,500.00 to Program Subsidy for Pre-Trial Services. Eddie Monfort is currently serving the courts as a navigator through a grant paid for with board funding. He will be retiring at a later date and has gone part time. The position will return to an agency when Eddie retires and that person will be eligible to bill for services which will decrease the cost of funding the board provides. The additional funding to the contract will allow for a person to be hired and trained while Eddie is still working. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to accept the FY206 January Board Report as presented. The board report shows a deficit in funding as we wait for property tax revenue that will come in February or March. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the Purchase of Service Vendor list by adding TechCred to the list. The Board applied for a grant through TechCred to cover the cost of AI training through AI Owl for the board staff. The board received the grant of \$12,000 and will receive the training in April. TechCred is an Ohio-based workforce initiative that reimburses employers up to \$2000 per credential for training employees in technology focused, industry-recognized skills. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Tammie informed the Board that 120-Day Notices will be sent out to all agencies who received one in FY2026. She anticipates reductions in services and funding but does not have specific details currently.

CMHI: Katheryn Tummino introduced herself to the board. She will be the new project director for the CMHI Grant. She is employed through the Union County Board and brings experience with working with Federal Grants.

Rise Up is a new organization serving the courts in Hardin County. They provide a drug court navigator through local OneOhio funding in Hardin County. Rise Up is interested in expanding services to Hardin County and is pursuing renting office space in the Kenton We Care Center.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of January 22, 2026 – February 10, 2026.

Legislative Report: Dr. Amy Acton will be in Columbus on March 3, 2026, to meet with OACBHA and the Board Directors. There will be a luncheon and a chance to speak with lobbyists at this meeting. All Board Staff and Board of Directors are invited to attend. Tammie must submit the attendance request today.

Incident/Investigation Reporting: Kelly Monroe updated the Board on the UMADAOP DIP complaint. The certified letter she sent to UMADAOP at the Vine Street address was returned to us as unclaimed and unable to be forwarded. ODBH made their visit to the Vine Street address and found no operations at this location. The father of the client has received the ODBH information and will communicate with them for advice.

CSU Expansion: Mary Early stated how nice the facility is and how well the ribbon cutting went.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

Kim Everhart made a motion to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. with Robert Warren seconding. Motion passed.



Board Member



Reporting Secretary