

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Brooke Featheringham, Robert Warren, Tyler Smith, Shana Stober, Mary Early, Amber Martin, Jody Shaw, Matt Manns, Amy Freymuth, Teresa Fisher, Aaron McLaurine

Members Absent: Arlette Pollock-Evans, Chad Dunlap, Kim Everhart, Jim Bronder, Tracy Wright

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

Visitors: John Bindas, FRC; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Melanie Woods and Dawn Mansfield, St. Rita's; Brook Sites, Connect for Community; Beth Miller, PASS; Katheryn Tummino, Union County Board Office, Jamie DeClercq, Lighthouse; Julli Griesheimer and Michael Leady, Wings

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

Amy Freymuth made a motion to accept March 18, 2026, minutes with Aaron McLaurine seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: Wings- Michael Leady recently showcased renovations at the **Wings Drop-in Center** (529 S. Elizabeth St., Lima), highlighting a refreshed space for local residents in need. He expressed gratitude to the board for the opportunity to serve the community through this location.

The center provides a consistent support system, including:

- **Daily Meals:** Breakfast and family-style lunches are served Monday through Friday.
- **Support Groups:** Wings host various treatment groups, partnering with local agencies to provide specialized care.
- **Healthcare Access: Health Partners of Western Ohio (HPWO)** holds on-site clinics for clients.

Executive Committee: N/A

Finance Committee: N/A

New Business:

The Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2027, composed of Tyler Smith, Kim Everhart, and Mary Early, will convene once they receive nominations for the three open executive positions: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. After reviewing the candidates, the committee will prepare a formal slate of names to be presented for a vote at the May board meeting.

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the Board By Laws with the following update:

Each member will be appointed for four years, commencing the first day of July and no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms under the same appointing authority. A member may serve for three consecutive terms under the same appointing authority only if one of the terms is less than two years. A member who has served two consecutive four-year terms or three consecutive terms totaling less than ten years is eligible for reappointment by the same appointing authority one year following the end of the second or third term respectively.

~~Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years, commencing the first day of July and no member shall serve more than four consecutive four-year terms. A member may serve for five consecutive terms only if one of~~

~~the terms is for less than two years. Members can only serve two additional four year terms as long as they are appointed by the other appointing authority (state or local commissioners).~~
Shana Stober seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (see attached)

Aaron McLaurine made a motion to accept the Resolution in Recognition of Mental Health Month in May. Brooke Featheringham seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Adult Mobile Crisis Pilot. The Northwest Collaborative was awarded a grant with the Lucas County Mental Health Board taking the lead on the project. As part of this initiative, Allen County will receive \$161,000 to implement the pilot program across our three-county area. The Board will partner with both Coleman Health Services and Wings Support & Recovery. Brooke Featheringham seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Teresa Fisher made a motion to accept the FY2025 Board audit. The board received an unmodified FY2025 audit, indicating that the financial statements were presented fairly and accurately. Additionally, the finding from the FY2024 audit has been successfully corrected, and there were no new findings reported for this year. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (see attached)

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY2026 Purchase of Service Budget by adding \$24,356 to the Criminal Justice Support line for psychotropic drugs sent to the jails and WORTH Center. This is pass through funding from the state and has no net effect on the board funds. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motin passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amy Freymuth made a motion to amend the FY2026 Wings contract by adding an additional \$25,000 to Grants for Adult Mobile Crisis. These funds will be used in implementing the peer services portion of the Adult Mobile Crisis Pilot Program. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to accept the FY206 March Board Report as presented. The real estate funds for Auglaize and Hardin Counties were received in March. Aaron McLaurine 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 March 12, 2026 – April 9, 2026.

Legislative Report:

Tammie highlighted the importance of participating in the group established in Columbus to address recent property tax issues via HB 504. This collective, which includes various social service organizations, was created to ensure that the voices of community support providers are heard as the state navigates these tax changes. By involving these organizations, the group aims to advocate for policies that protect vulnerable residents and maintain the stability of the local services they rely on.

Tammie presented at OSU Lima on 2 occasions this past month and she shared the importance of advocacy in Behavioral Health.

Tammie has been selected to serve on the search committee tasked with finding a new Executive Director for the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACHBA). While exact hours vary, search committee members generally dedicate 25–30 hours over a 4–5 month period to review candidates, participate in multiple interview rounds, and finalize recommendations for the board.

The collaboration between OSU Lima and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties regarding the Behavioral Health Specialist position is moving to a shared-funding model.

Initially, this position was created through a partnership between the board and OSU Lima to address critical workforce shortages by increasing interest in social work and behavioral health careers. While the Board originally provided the primary funding for a three-year term, both parties have now agreed to share the costs of the position at the college moving forward.

Incident/Investigation Reporting: Kelly received an incident yesterday and will review and bring to the board at the next meeting.

The Board will no longer partner with Job & Family Services (JFS) for the Work Experience Program. While the program itself was considered a success, JFS unfortunately no longer has the administrative capacity required to help implement and manage it moving forward.

Amy Freymuth suggested reaching out to the JFS departments in Auglaize and Hardin counties to determine if they have the capacity to host the Work Experience Program for those areas.

Upcoming Events


Be Seen with Green- Kickoff Event- May 1st from 11-1 on the patio of Spring and Main. Please spread the word as it is open to the public.

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on May 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Amy Freymuth made a motion to adjourn 9:51 a.m. with Mary Early seconding. Motion passed.



Board Member



Reporting Secretary