

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
February 28, 2022  
Held via Zoom  
Minutes

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**Present:** Marilyn Burns, Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Brent Kelley, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

**Absent:** Jim Bertrando

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, Lee DeVita, Jessica Makosky, and Michelle Werth

**Guests** Darla Gallagher, Jionna Gillins, Joe Shorokey, Joe Caruso, Adrienne Sabo, Tony Marr, Christina Lloyd, Vince Brancaccio, and Nancy Voituz

Anne Cobbin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**22 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2021, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

**Officer Reports**

**A. Chair Report**

- Anne Cobbin thanked all who wrote the state legislators about allowing our meetings to be held via Zoom. Anne also thanked Tony Marr from Clever Marketing for all their hard work. Anne congratulated Duane Piccirilli on his appointment to the ORC 340 committee by Director Lori Criss.

**B. Treasurers Report**

- Thomas Vasvari, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report and Blanket List of Bills for November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY22.

**23 – 2022: Motion: Marilyn Burns – to approve the November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022 Treasurers Report. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.**

**24 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the November 2021 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.**

**25 – 2022: Motion: Brent Kelley– to approve the December 2021 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

**26 – 2022: Motion: Marilyn Burns– to approve the January 2022 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

**Committee Report**

- Program and Policy Committee- February 14, 2022

- Bill Morvay reviewed the minutes from the Program and Policy Committee. Cheryl Tarantino, Director, Northeast Ohio Adoption Services, discussed the many programs they are currently holding such as NOAS IGNITE Foster Youth Mentoring Program which matches 14 to 21 year old youth in foster care with mentors, Trust Based Relational Intervention program (TBRI) which works with foster families, Help Everyone/Each Other Reach Out program (HEERO) for teens aged 14-17 to build a network of support as they age out of the foster system without permanent placement.
- Clever Marketing presented an update on the marketing activities for the MCMHRB. They showed an increase in social media presence, impressions, and engagement. They reviewed their work on social media campaigns Children's Mental Health Month (May 2021), BIPOC Mental Health Month (July 2021), Bullying Prevention (October 2021), and Black History Month (February 2022). Clever also created the LOSS Team logo. Bill Morvay suggested that NOAS consider working with the faith-based community to recruit volunteer mentors. Also suggested a focus on addressing loneliness to prevent suicide.
- Duane informed the committee about a Clubhouse Model grant available from OhioMHAS. Board staff is currently meeting with a local recovery house provider, NAMI and Help Network to plan for the application.

#### **Executive Director Report**

- See attached report.

#### **Old Business**

- Diversity update – Valerie Burney reported that she is actively working with Ursuline High Schools diversity council. She presented at Mooney's Black History Day, working with parent groups at various schools. She is sending the Mental Health and Recovery Board Scholarship information to local guidance counselors. Anne Cobbin appreciated working with Valerie on the scholarships. Ruth Mastriana stated Valerie's presentation at Mooney was well done.
- Meridian HealthCare updated application for the state capital funding.

**27 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro–The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board approves Meridian Healthcare's project, to renovate the current Boardman Campus to create a Family Health Center and to purchase/renovate an existing office building in Poland, OH and/or purchase vacant land in Boardman to provide Chiropractic/Acupuncture and adult mental health outpatient services, with an assurance of intent to support and to fund the Applicant's program consistent with the application and, in addition, to annually monitor the program and operations of the facility to assure compliance. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried**

## **New Business**

- Week of Hope- March 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

**28 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve Anne Cobbin signs the proclamation making March 7, 2022 through March 11, 2022 The Week of Hope. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.**

- The staff reviewed the entire personnel policy and would like to make one update to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for staff. Offices will be closed.

**29 – 2022: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the change in the personnel policy to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for staff; offices will be closed. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

## **Board Member Remarks**

- None

## **Agency Remarks:**

- Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, Darla discussed Meridian's capital project and thanked the Board for their support.
- Jionna Gillins, Mercy Health, Mercy Health is actively pursuing embedding addiction services into the OB department. They will have a Nurse Practitioner collaborating with their Addictionologist, a LISW, and a Peer Recovery Specialist for their new venture. The new Belmont building is in renovation and tentatively will be open by year end or beginning of 2023. It will house family practice residency, OB, a Spanish speaking family practice and an addiction clinic. The Addiction Fellowship application was submitted this month and they are waiting to hear if they will be approved. Mercy is hoping to have 2 primary care physicians participate in the fellowship each year with Dr. Sorboro being the Chair of the fellowship. Meridian has agreed to participate in providing outpatient fellowship support for clinical time. They are in discussions with primary care and internal medicine to embed addiction services into their office space. If that goes well they will also add behavioral health within the project. They have hired two full time tobacco cessation specialists and currently have a full time program in Youngstown and Warren to provide smoking cessation support. Tentatively Mercy will be starting a dual diagnosis IOP in Warren to mirror the one they have in Youngstown in April of 2022. They have hired a new Peer Recovery Specialist who will be attending the next Flying High Peer Certification class this month. Mercy has enrolled 6 participants into their national research project (goal is 50) Peer Intervention to Link Opiate Overdose Survivors to Treatment (PILOT).
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network, the CARF survey ended in January. More information will be available in March. They are hiring staff for the Suicide Hotline.
- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Compass thanks the Board for providing them with Covid-19 tests and cleaning supplies. Compass is in need of staff for multiple positions including nurses, counselors, and program coordinators. Compass is holding their "American Made" fundraiser. The country music concert will be on March 18, 2022 at the DeYor Performing Arts Center.

- Nancy Voitius, Catholic Charities, they are very busy at the Rayen location. Renovations are underway and they are installing a new phone system. Nancy reported they have helped over 700 families with rent, utility, and mortgage assistance. Catholic Charities will be holding its annual Voice of Hope dinner on April 28, 2022 at The Grand Resort Ballroom in Warren Ohio.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta –Reported that due to neighborhood resistance their Camp Challenge improvement project was not approved by local zoning. They will be adding program space at their Belmont location. Alta has 26 open positions they are currently recruiting to fill.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk