

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
March 25, 2019  
Minutes

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- Present: Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari
- Absent: Carl Alexander, Jim Bertrando, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrel, and Linda Warino
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Aimee Schweers and Mark Dunlap
- Guests: Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Healthcare, Joe Caruso, Compass Family & Community Services, Marcie Girdlestone, Pathway Caring for Children, Kathy Komara, Mercy Health, Joe Shorokey, Alta, Traci Tsai, Pathway Caring for Children, Hasheen Wilson, Roza Cares Homes, and Danyell York, Flying HIGH.

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**36 – 2019: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the February 25 2019 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

#### Officer Reports

##### A. Chair Report

- Resignation of Aimee Schweers

##### B. Treasurer Report

- Eric Ungaro, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for February 2019 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$6,574,629.66. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY 19.

**37 – 2019: Motion: Patricia Sciarretta – to approve the February 2019 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for February 2019

**38 – 2019: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the blanket list of bills for February 2019. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

#### Committee Reports

##### • Ways and Means Committee (March 18, 2019)

- Anne Cobbin, Committee Chair, discussed with the Board the 2019 Calendar Year budget. This budget was approved by the county on December 11, 2018.

**39 – 2019: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to accept the 2019 calendar year budget as approved by the county. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

- Anne Cobbin discussed the reserve analysis with the Board. The reserve analysis shows the MCMHRB has eight months of funding to maintain operating core service and reserve projects for this fiscal year.

**40 – 2019: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to accept the reserve analysis. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

- Anne Cobbin discussed with the board two new grant awards. The Board received a \$250,000.00 State Opioid Response grant to expand medication assisted treatment at Mercy Hospital's Emergency Department.

**41 – 2019: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to accept the \$250,000.00 and enter into a contract with Mercy Foundation to begin the project. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

- Anne Cobbin discussed the second grant of \$126,068.00 in Shelter Plus Care vouchers

**42 – 2019: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to accept the \$126,068.00 and enter into a contract with Help Network of Northeast Ohio. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

**Executive Director Report (see attached March 2019 report)**

- Trauma Informed Care Update
- Workshop Evaluations for February 27, 2019
- Week of Appreciation for First Responders April 29 – May 5, 2019
- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) model of Gatekeeper training
- FY19 Youth Resiliency Program Application
- Budget Plans for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019
- Opioid Summit V
- Save the Date

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- Brenda Heidinger, Associate Director, discussed with the Board the OhioMHAS Recovery House grant in the amount of \$150,000.00

**43 – 2019: Bishop C. M. Jenkins: to accept the \$150,000.00 Recovery House grant. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

**Board Remarks**

- Scott Fowler talked to Board about the CIT luncheon.
- Ruth Mastriana passed out programs to Mooney High School's YES FEST scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2019.

**Provider Remarks**

Joe Caruso, Compass

- Complimented how well the visit with Lori Criss, OhioMHAS Director, went, when she was in the Mahoning County

Danyell York, Flying HIGH

- Peer support training will be at the end of April, 2019. Have 40 applicants.
- Columbia business school to visit agency on March 28 & 29, 2019.

Hasheen Wilson, Roza Cares Homes

- Attended meeting to introduce himself and explained Roza Care Homes

Marci Girdlestone, Pathway Caring for Children

- Attended meeting to introduce herself and agency. Agency is based in Canton and deals with mental health, adoption and foster care. They have satellite office in Sebring.

Joe Shorokey, Alta

- Stated that he was impressed Director Lori Criss spend three hours in informal conversation with directors.
- The EASE program, with Meridian, is being expanded. It is now in Boardman, Austintown, Struthers, and Canfield schools, and the Mahoning County High School.

Darla Gallagher, Meridian

- Talked about capital project: windows are underway and parking lot to be paved once weather gets nicer at 550 W. Chalmers site.
- Meridian is working with YNDC and the Land Bank to acquire vacant properties around their Chalmers site.

Kathy Komara, Mercy

- Thanked Board for the grant and thanked outside agencies for their support

Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP

- Applied for Stop Act grant for prevention of youth alcohol use in the amount of \$50,000.00
- Applied for Partnership for Success grant in amount of \$300,000.00 for prevention program in schools.
- April 2, 2019: Penguins against drug use program from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Traci Tsai, Pathways Caring for Children

- Stated that she is the school based director in the West Branch Schools.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:



Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler  
Chairman



Aimee Schweers, OCPS  
Prevention Trainer/Administrative Assistant

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