

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
May 22, 2023
Minutes

- Present: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Brent Kelley, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Linda Warino, Robert Yallech, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun
- Absent: Anne Cobbin, Rachel Chmielewski, Arnita Hampton, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Pat Sciarretta, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Michelle Werth, Marla Golec, Tracy Morraco, and Jessica Makosky
- Guests: Angela DiVito (Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County) and Joe Shorokey (Alta CareGroup)

Ruth Mastriana called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Officer Reports

- **Chair Report**
 - Interest in Officer/Executive Committee positions

42 – 2023: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Scott Fowler...motion carried.

- **Treasurer Report**
 - Mark Dunlap, Finance Director, reviewed the April 2023 Blanket List of Bills 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 SFY23.

43 – 2023: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the April 2023 Treasurer’s Report and Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.

Committee Report

- **Ways and Means Committee- May 15, 2023**
 - Scott Fowler, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes from the Ways and Means meeting.
 - Scott reviewed the new funding.
 - SOS grant for substance use disorder outreach to work along with the PATH team and Youngstown District Board of Health - Health Improvement Zones to address outreach for homeless individuals who have substance use disorder and no mental health diagnosis. The grant is for \$34,839.51 to be allocated to Catholic Charities Regional Agency.
 - AUD Treatment carryover funds to be available until 3/14/2023 to provide treatment and recovery supports for those diagnosed with alcohol use disorder. The funding is \$55,000.00 with \$30,000 being allocated to Meridian healthcare for treatment and \$25,000

being allocation to Broadway Recovery Services for Recovery Housing.

- The SFY2022 Agency Audits have been received and reviewed from Help Network of North East Ohio, Compass Family and Community Services, Youngstown Urban Minority Alcohol and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (YUMADAOP), Meridian HealthCare and Alta Behavioral Health. There were no findings to report. Flying HIGH, Inc.'s audit is currently being conducted. Duane Piccirilli reported that the only other large contract agency the Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County does not have a full audit done due to the small size of their budget. Mark will receive a letter of reconciliation to assure their finances are in order.
- Agency funding updates and changes
 - Increase in Beth Stutzman's contract for Independent Psychological Assessments, Independent Testimony at court hearings, client record review and report writing services for commitment hearings for Judge Rusu's AOT Court. Contract was increased by \$5,000 to cover services through the end of June. This increase was needed due to an increase in the number of participants in the Court and utilization of her services.
 - Compass Family and Community Services has been providing mental health counseling at Community Correction Association (CCA). Due to current staffing shortages at Compass providing this service was becoming challenging. CCA has an LISW on staff and has become certified by OhioMHAS to provide mental health counseling. We will transfer \$6,000 of BHCJ funding that paid for these services from Compass in their SFY 2023 contract to CCA contract for these services 5/1/23 to 6/30/23. Allocations for services next year will be in the budget presented to the MCMHRB in July.

44 – 2023: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to accept the funding and allocations as described. Seconded: Scott Fowler...motion carried.

Executive Director Report- See attached report

- Diversity Update- Valerie Burney- See attached report

Old Business

- Program and Policy Committee- April 17, 2023 Personnel Policy

45 – 2023: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the changes made to the Personnel Policy. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.

New Business

- Approval from Board to spend \$40,000.00 for levy expenses for the November election.

46 – 2023: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to authorize the Board spend up to \$40,000.00 for levy expenses for the November election Seconded: Robert Yellech...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

- Bill Morvay saw the ClubHouse members interviewed on the news. The presentation was impressive and he is eager to watch the program grow.

Agency Remarks

- Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, reported that they are at the end of their fiscal year. They've installed a Naloxbox at the WRTA downtown. Ohio Department of Health Prescription drug overdose Coalition funding grant has been discontinued. The work of the PDOC will now fall under the Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta CareGroup, MRSS reports showed in April they had the 4th highest referrals in the state. National Accreditation review will be held on May 23, 2023. Alta has a new mascot, a teddy bear, this mascot will show up t mny of their events.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the Campus of Care.

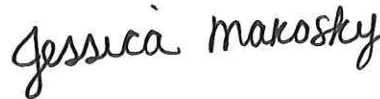
The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk

Directors Report

May 22, 2023

Lowellville Local School District

The Lowellville School Board has agreed to enter into an agreement to work with OhioMHAS to fund a Behavioral Health Navigator at the school to work with the entire community. OhioMHAS set aside \$100,000.00 the first year, and will provide \$50,000 a year through FFY27. They will be working with Ohio's School-Based Center of Excellence for Prevention & Early Intervention from Miami University Ohio. Alta will be continuing to provide support to the school staff, families and students. Our board will be the fiscal agency. Lowellville School Board agreed to find additional funding through grants from public and private foundations. The Superintendent and I met with Thom Craig from the Peg Foundation, and the foundation may be interested in entertaining a grant proposal from them in the fall. They are interested in seeing how this intervention can work in a small district.

Substance Use Recovery Workplace Safety Program BWC's Compliance & Performance Monitoring

Our Board received a total grant fund amount of \$92,739.00 from BWC for the incentive program we were the fiscal agent for the initial grant program to encourage local companies to hire people in recovery. It was determined after the review that all expenditures, totaling \$54,475.50, made by our board have been audited, and based on the work performed, there were no outstanding transactions for this account. The program now is a direct allocation from BWC to the employer.

LOSS Team Mini-Grant

We received a \$2,000.00 mini grant from the Ohio Suicide Prevention Coalition to market the Mahoning County LOSS Team. The Helms Foundation in Mahoning County is the fiscal agent as it had to be awarded to a nonprofit. Lee will update the Board at the meeting.

MRSS program and services to non-Medicaid/underinsured youth

(MRSS is a structured community based, in-person, intervention and support service for youth and families, provided by a mobile response and stabilization service team. It is a prevention-focused emergency program that serves as a gateway to other services across the system of care.)

OMHAS contacted Alta regarding their MRSS program and services to non-Medicaid/underinsured youth. Alta applied to the department for \$20,000 to provide the services and were approved for funding. It will be a pass through the Board. Joe can update the Board at the end of our meeting.

2023-2025 Community Assessment Plan

Mahoning Counties CY 2023-2025 Community Assessment Plan has been reviewed and approved by OhioMHAS. A link has been posted on our website. Brenda will update the board at the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

Board Meeting to approve the Annual budget on **July 24, 2023**

Annual Mental Health/ Recovery Luncheon **Sept 22nd, 2023** at the Tyler Historical Society

Suicide Prevention Campaign

These will be on the City Buses throughout the summer. There is also signage on the interior of the buses, but it is targeting youth.



Diversity Update 5/22/23

Continued Efforts:

- Resources to Schools

-Workshop presenter for Drug Free Friend Conference on 5/11/23 (164 Students from Youngstown and Valley Schools (YUMADAOP Sponsored Event)

-Resource provider for East Middle School

- SDoH (Social Determinants of Health) Grant in collaboration with Office of Minority Health (Youngstown City Health District)

-Planning and implementation of grant deliverables

-Working on planning of Resource Fairs/Launch of Take that Step Campaign

-Attended in person meeting in Columbus on 4/28/23 to discuss next steps with grant

- CIRV Women of Worth Academy

-Continued Resource Provider

-Resource Provider for CIRV's Hope Conference

Upcoming:

Continued Effort to complete OCPS (Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Trainings), MHFA

Resource Provider for City-Wide Baby Shower (Youngstown City Health District-Office of Minority Health) 4/22/23

Resource Provider for Health Fair Fun Day at Eugenia Community Center (4/29/23)

Upcoming Event(s) May:

OCCHA Resource Fair (5/31/23)