

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
July 24, 2023  
Minutes

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- Present: Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Arnita Hampton, Anna Howells, Brent Kelley, Ruth Mastriana, Troy Rhoades, Pat Sciaretta, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, Robert Yallech, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun
- Absent: Rachel Chmielewski, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Bill Morvay, Sylvia Scott,
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Michelle Werth, Marla Golec, Jessica Makosky, and Valerie Burney
- Guests: Joe Shorokey (Alta Care Group), Darryl Alexander (YUMADAOP), Tony Marr (Clever Marketing), Jeff Magada (Flying High), Dave Stillwagon (CCA), and Vince Brancaccio (Help Network), and Darla Gallagher (Meridian)

Eric Ungaro, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office for newly appointed and reappointed Board Members by The Honorable Judge Rusu

- Anne Cobbin
- Anna Howells
- Brent Kelley
- Atty. Scott Fowler
- Troy Rhoades

#### Officer Reports

- **Chair Report**

- Eric Ungaro, Duane Piccirilli, and others met with Terry Russell, NAMI Ohio and a developer about the development of 20+ unit permanent supportive housing for those living with mental illness.

**1 – 2024: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.**

- **Treasurer Report**

- Atty. Scott Fowler, Treasurer, reviewed the June 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 SFY24.

**2 – 2024: Motion: Atty. Scott Fowler – to approve the June 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: J Brent Kelley...motion carried.**

**3 – 2024: Motion: Atty. Scott Fowler – to approve the June 2023 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.**

## **Committee Report**

- None

## **Executive Director Report**

- Duane briefly discussed the renovations being done to the Veritas House. Joe Caruso and Duane would like Board members to tour the building to see how it is going and to make some suggestions on its development. If you are interested, please sign up with Jessica after the meeting.

## **Old Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- Annual renewal of Health Officers
  - Michelle Werth, Clinical Director of the Board, discussed what it means to be a Health Officer, the trainings required, and the process of issuing pink slips.

**4 – 2024: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the list of Health Officers. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

- SFY2024 Budget Overview
  - Scott Fowler and Mark Dunlap reviewed the proposed SFY2024 budget for the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

**5 – 2024: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the SFY2024 Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Budget. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

## **Board Member Remarks**

- None

## **Agency Remarks**

- Dave Stillwagon, CCA, announced CCA is providing mental health counseling and support services since May with their trained and licensed staff. He thanked Compass for providing CCA with mental health services for the past several years.
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network thanked the Board for ongoing funding. Help Network received a grant that they will use to retain employees with a salary increase. The crisis number 988 is celebrating its one year anniversary. The Ohio Budget sets aside \$46 million for 988 over the next two years.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian, thanked the Board for their continuing support. She is very proud of the way the Board and all of the agencies work together to provide consumers with the best possible services. Meridian has met with Deborah in the capital office at OhioMHAS to discuss the capital grant for expansion Meridian has been awarded.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta, welcomed Troy Rhoades to the Board and thanked the Board for their continued support. Alta recently received a 4-year COA accreditation. He reported the Ohio Department of Children & Youth is being developed and will combine functions and programs from six state agencies;

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Medicaid, and Mental Health and Addition Services)

- Darryl Alexandar, YUMADAOP, welcomed Troy Rhoades to the Board and thanked the Board for continued funding. YUMADAOP recently had an opportunity to meet with staff from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to advocate for continued support of prevention.
- Jeff Magada, Flying High, thanked the Board and expressed he is grateful for the continuous support of the Board. Flying High trained 103 individuals in the OhioMHAS peer supporter curriculum last year, preparing even more people in recovery for the workforce.
- Tony Marr, Clever Marketing, it has been an honor working with the Board.

Mandatory Board Training will be held on August 28, 2023 via Zoom

The next Board Meeting will be September 25, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:



Dr. Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun  
Secretary



Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk