

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
November 23, 2015  
Minutes

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**Present:** Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Ken Cooper, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C. M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Patricia Sciarretta, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, Eric Ungaro, and Linda Warino

**Absent:** James Bertrando, Mike Cretella, Bill Gambrel, and Sue Paluga

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Aimee Schweers

**Guests:** Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline Community Center, Norman Carter, Carter House, Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care, Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling, Marsha Tsangaris, Turning Point Counseling Services, Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities Regional Agency, Tracey Winbush, Turning Point Counseling Services, and Barbara Yates, Turning Point Counseling Services

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**28 – 2016: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **A. Chair Report**

- Edgar Manning welcomed Anne Cobbin as a new MCMHR Board Member.
- Norman Carter, Carter House, talked about the 80% success rate thus far at the Carter House. He stated that referrals come from Neil Kennedy, First Step Recovery, and other treatment centers. The Carter House is certified with the Ohio Recovery Housing association.

##### **B. Treasurer Report**

- Mark Dunlap reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for October 2015 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$6,080,932.43.

**29 – 2016: Motion: Patricia Sciarretta – to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills.

**30 – 2016: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the blanket list of bills. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Program and Policy Committee (November 9, 2015)**
  - Ruth Mastriana turned discussion over to Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling. Joe Shorokey explained the need for more mental health counseling in the Youngstown City Schools and Cardinal Mooney High School. He stated the total

needed was \$11,476.00; \$5,740.00 for Discovery Transition to Careers at Volney and \$5,736.00 for Cardinal Mooney High School.

**31 – 2016: Motion: Ruth Mastriana – to approve an amount, not to exceed, \$11,476.00, for counseling services at Discovery Transition to Careers at Volney and Cardinal Mooney High School provided by D&E Counseling. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- Ruth Mastriana explained the changes to the Health Officers.

**32 – 2016: Motion: Ruth Mastriana – to accept the revised list of Health Officers. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Ruth Mastriana turned discussion over to Nancy Voitius, Catholic Charities Regional Agency. Nancy Voitius explained the NO MORE Campaign to End Violence. She stated that Catholic Charities Regional Agency is requesting \$5,000.00 in order to fund activities related to the campaign.

**33 – 2016: Motion: Ruth Mastriana – to approve an amount, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to Catholic Charities Regional Agency for the NO MORE Campaign to End Violence. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

- **Executive Committee (November 16, 2015)**
  - Edgar Manning reviewed the resignation of Maurina Hanna. He stated that Ken Cooper has been asked, and accepted, to serve on the Executive Committee.

**34 – 2016: Motion: Linda Warino – to elect Ken Cooper to serve on the Executive Committee. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- Edgar Manning, Chair, reviewed the State of Affairs update, and the Crisis Unit revised rate calculation at a rate of \$196.53 for Turning Point Counseling Service (TPCS).

**35 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to accept the Crisis Unit revised rate of \$196.53, retroactive to July 1, 2015. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Edgar Manning, Chair, reviewed Turning Point Counseling Services' detox unit bed rate of \$197.84, calculated with realigned staffing.

**36 – 2016: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to accept the detox unit bed rate of \$197.84, retroactive to July 1, 2015. Seconded: Patricia Sciarretta...motion carried.**

- Edgar Manning, Chair, turned discussion over to Marsha Tsangaris, Turning Point Counseling Services, who reviewed action plan. She stated that union negotiations will begin in January, 2016. She said that TPCS is reviewing health insurance costs.
- At the 516<sup>th</sup> Regular board Meeting on November 20, 2014 (Motion 516-4: Turning Point Counseling EHR) Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas moved the board allocate \$65,000.00 to Turning Point Counseling Services to begin implementation of an Electronic Health Records system. Turning Point Counseling Services to assign

“Meaningful Use” incentive to the Board in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. It was seconded by Anne Lally and unanimously carried.

**37 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas – to reconsider Motion 516-A. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

**38 – 2016: Motion: Linda Warino – to rescind the original Motion 516-A. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

**39 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to allocate \$65,000.00 to Turning Point Counseling Services for Electronic Health Records system. Turning Point Counseling Services to assign “Meaningful Use” incentive to the Board in an amount, not to exceed, \$65,000.00. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.**

- Edgar Manning, Chair, stated that TPCS will come in for an update on their State of Affairs in March, 2016.
- Edgar Manning, Chair, discussed auditing services for agencies.

**40 – 2016: Motion: Ken Cooper – too allow agencies to hire a qualified auditor to complete their own audits with the MCMHR Board paying a percentage based on the ratio of MCMHRB allocations compared to total agency budget. Agencies must enter into a three year contract. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried. Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas dissented.**

- **Community Relations and Marketing Committee**
  - No Report
- **Ways and Means Committee**
  - No Report

#### **Executive Director Report**

Duane Piccirilli discussed the following:

- State Hospital Update
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Justice Linkages Funding
- Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board Levy
- Ohio Children’s Trust Fund Grant
- Anti-Stigma Campaign
- Youngstown Vindicator Article(s) on the Closing of Woodside Receiving Hospital
- Health Officer/Emergency Services Training
- Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Board Member Remarks**

- Eric Ungaro spoke about the recovery community and thanked Duane Piccirilli and Brenda Heidinger for their hard work.

### **Provider Remarks**

Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline Community Center

- Pointed out the new carpet and flooring at the center.
- Said the center is looking more "homey."
- Added exercise equipment.
- Looking to get an activities coordinator
- Attempting to obtain new computers
- Received three accreditations.

Marsha Tsangaris, Turning Point Counseling Services

- Exploring new revenue streams; operations.

Tracey Winbush, Board President, Turning Point Counseling Services

- Thanked MCMHR Board for all their help.

Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP

- Kent State University did an evaluation of prevention services. It went very well.
- Attending a conference in Buffalo, New York.
- Providing basic services at: Taft Elementary, Williamson Elementary, Youngstown Academy of Excellence, Life Skills, and South Side Academy.

Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services

- Said that the Doris Burdman house is full and the Horizon House is almost full.
- \$1.2 million money received to build new domestic violence shelter.

Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling

- Behavioral health program strong
- High referral rates
- Received contract with Anthem
- Thanked Duane Piccirilli and Brenda Heidinger for applying for the regional prevention coordinator grant through Children's Trust Fund
- Thanked Board for support
- Fundraiser, Night at the Races, on February 27, 2016 at the Saxon Club

Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities Regional Agency

- December 9 & 10 will be Critical Time Intervention (CTI) training
- Goal is to keep people in housing

Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care

- Thanked MCMHR Board for the money to renovate Chalmers Street house
- TASC has moved offices to Ridge Avenue building. Receiving large amounts of Referrals
- Converting to recovery housing, meeting with Juanita Paisley

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Minutes reported by:



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Secretary

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