

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
February 22, 2021
Minutes – via Zoom video/conference Call

- Present: Jim Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrell, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sue Paluga, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino
- Absent: Rocco DiGennaro, and Bishop C.M. Jenkins, and Sylvia Scott
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Jessica Makosky
- Guests: Vince Brancaccio, Christina Coleman, Angela DeVito, Joe Caruso, Darla Gallagher, Suzette Miller, and Joe Shorokey

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

35 – 2021: Motion:Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anne Cobbin...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Treasurer Report

- Bob Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for January 2021 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for January 2021. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY21.

36 – 2021: Motion: Tom Vasvari – to approve the January 2021 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by: Anne Cobbin...motion carried.

37 – 2021: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the January 2021 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by Anne Cobbin ...motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- See attached report.

Old Business

New Business

Board Remarks:

Board Members had an open discussion about the Diversity Update. Members discussed the information that has been received from agencies to date. Anne Cobbin stated she has reviewed the manuals and policies submitted and requested the agencies provide demographics of employees, as well as those serving on their Board of Directors. MCMHR Board members are considering ways to increase the minority workforce in behavioral health. Board members discussed a scholarship at YSU, additional information will be gathered and brought to the March 22nd meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on March 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Agency Remarks:

- Suzette Miller, Mercy Health updated the Board on the status of the 4 new inpatient beds, at Mercy Health Youngstown. The location and staff were blessed and the beds will be ready on March 9^h, 2021.
- Angela DeVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County has been working on the K-12 Initiative with Brenda and the Mahoning County ESC – currently 12 Mahoning County Districts have agreed to participate. The Coalition in conjunction with the ASAP Coalition in Trumbull County, is conducting a hotel hospitality training which will train employees on what to do if they come across drugs or find a guest who may have experienced an overdose.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta is working with OhioMHAS on their resiliency grant to add another building to allow them to extend the summer Camp Challenge program. They are very happy to be working with NEOMED to widen the use of Youth Mental Health First Aid. The Headstart classrooms at Campus of Care are up and running and going well.
- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services updated the Board on The Campus of Care. Administrative staff is ready to move in week of March 8^h, 2021. They will soon begin working with the state on building #7 so they can provide assisted living for those living with severe mental illness or in recovery. The building will house 26 individuals and they hope to have it up and running by July of 2021. An online memorial was held for Melinda Gavins, longtime director of Sojourner House
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline, reported that the FCC has approved the Suicide Prevention emergency number #988 and expects it to be fully running by spring of 2022. All of the current suicide prevention agencies will have involvement in taking calls but they will need to secure funds for salaries and technology. They hope to see a fee added to all cellphone bills to fund the program in the future. They do have concerns on how 911, 211, and 988 will work together for a warm handoff of phone calls based on the needs of the caller.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, reported things are going well, no major updates.
- Cristina Lloyd, Coleman, reported that they are looking for an agency to lease the lower level of their Belmont Facility..

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk