

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
January 25, 2021
Minutes – via Zoom video/conference Call

Present: Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sue Paluga, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: Jim Bertrando, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrell, and Bishop C.M. Jenkins

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Jessica Makosky

Guests: Darryl Alexander, Vince Brancaccio, Angela DeVito, Joe Caruso, Darla Gallagher, Suzette Miller, Larry Moliterno, and Joe Shorokey

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

29 – 2021: Motion:Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anne Cobbin...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Treasurer Report

- Bob Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for November and December of 2020 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for November and December of 2020. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY21.

30 – 2021: Motion: Marilyn Burns – to approve the November 2020 and December 2020 Treasurer's Reports. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

31 – 2021: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the November 2020 and December 2020 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by Anna Howells...motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Community Relations and Marketing Committee (January 11, 2021)
 - Anne Cobbin reviewed the committee meeting with the Board. The Board and agencies have been looking into hiring a marketing company to help relay our message to the community. Using a Facebook AD account can target specific audiences and tracks the effectiveness of each ad. Instagram targets a crowd of 30 years old and younger and also has an AD account option. The committee discussed updating older agency and Board advertisements as well as updating suicide prevention ads to include at risk audiences such as veterans and the LGBTQ. Lastly, the committee discussed using K-12 funding to help reengage K-12 students who have fallen off track due to Covid-19.

Executive Director Report

- See attached report.

Old Business

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) policy extension.
 - The policy, set by the federal government was set to end on December 31, 2020. The Mahoning County Board of Commissioners extended this policy through March 31, 2021.

32-2021: Motion: Marilyn Burns – to approve including the Families First Coronavirus Response Act as approved by the Mahoning County Commissioners through March 31, 2021 as part of the MCMHRB Personnel Manual. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...Motion carried.

New Business

- 2021 Resolution approving the mileage reimbursement at \$.560/mile.

33-2021: Motion: Wm. Scott Fowler – to approve the resolution: The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board approved a request for blanket approval of 2021 mileage reimbursement for all board staff and board members for business related travel. Mileage will be reimbursed at \$.560/mile. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...Motion carried.

- Resolution in support of the NKRC Capital request, and assigning signatories. This is a capital grant that requires a 30 year contract mortgage, and note be executed between OhioMHAS, NKRC/Gateway and the MCMHRB. This capital grant requires no matching funds from the MCMHRB.

34-2021: Motion: Sylvia Scott – The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board approves this project with an assurance of intent to support and to fund the Applicant’s program consistent with the application and, in addition, to annually monitor the program and operations of the facility to assure compliance. The MCMHB authorizes Anne Lally, Board Chair, and Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director to execute the contract and other necessary documents to complete acceptance of these funds. Seconded: Anna Howells...Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Anne Lally sends her condolences to everyone who has lost a loved one during the Covid-19 pandemic. Following the meeting, Anne will send out completed Board and agency Diversity and Inclusion action plans.

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

Agency Remarks:

- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services thanked the Board for providing the agency with adequate PPE for their staff and patients. Compass worked with the Mahoning County Health Department to get their staff and employees Covid-19 vaccinations easily and smoothly. They are looking forward to receiving the second dose of the vaccine.
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline thanked the Board for their assistance during Covid-19 and providing them with more than enough PPE for their staff and patients. Suicide related phone calls increased by 19% in 2020. Their 50 year anniversary is this year and they hope to be able to celebrate this achievement by the end of 2021.

- Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP hopes to be back in schools after spring break. YUMADAOP Coalition for Health Promotion (a drug free communities coalition) is currently working on their community needs assessment with SAMHSA
- Suzette Miller, Meridian Healthcare thanked Mark Dunlap for his help securing funds for uninsured clients. Four inpatient beds will be available March 9, 2021.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta The campus of Care is coming along well. They are waiting for their occupancy permits to come through. The headstart classrooms have been set up and students are almost ready to move in. Alta is running anti-stigma ads, billboard, and radio commercials. Visit www.MHIsvital.com for more information on these as well as a virtual art contest. The art will be on display at the Campus of Care on February 26th and 27th. Please spread the word.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian is working with Neil Kennedy Recovery Center to expand detox available in Mahoning County with 24/7 access. Meridian has been approved to be a Covid-19 vaccination site. They are working with Aaron Bishop to get vaccinations. They have also contracted to provide veterans housing at the Chalmers location.
- Carolyn Givens, Neil Kennedy Recovery Center thanked the Board for their help in securing capital funds for the project. Conference calls will be held with NKRC, OhioMHAS, and Duané Piccirilli.

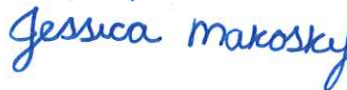
The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk