

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
September 23, 2019  
Minutes

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**Present:** Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Atty. Thomas Vasvari and Linda Warino

**Absent:** Carl Alexander, Jim Bertrando, Rocco DiGennaro, Anna Howells, William Morvay, and Eric Ungaro

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

**Guests:** Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, Jamie Miller, Alta Care Group, Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County

**05 – 2020: Motion: Tom Vasvari – to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.**

**Officer Reports**

**A. Chair Report**

- None

**Committee Reports**

**Ways & Means Committee (September 16, 2019)**

- Pat Sciarretta reviewed the information from the meeting:
  - YDC Update - Commissioner Rimedio-Righetti & Prosecutors office updated the committee on the status of YDC. Proposed timeline of mid to late January 2020 to accept the property from the state.
  - Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic – Regional Detox Unit update. Carolyn Givens and Brandon Miller reported to the committee on the status of the Regional Detox project at Mercy Health, St. Elizabeth’s Youngstown. Their average census over the last year has improved.
  - 2018 County Audit – A copy is available for Board Member review, there were no finding related to the MCMHRB.
  - New Allocation and Grant Awards – Mark Dunlap reviewed new allocations and grants that have been received after our budget approval in July. They are as follows:

**Additions to accept:**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Recovery Housing    | \$45,900                         |
| Specialty Docket    | \$160,000 – pass through funding |
| Crisis Flex funding | \$116,432                        |

**Allocated to our contracts:**

*Recovery Housing*

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Carter House   | \$10,000 |
| Small Steps    | \$15,900 |
| Broadway House | \$10,000 |
| Gypsy House    | \$10,000 |

*Specialty Docket (OhioMHAS pass through):*

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Youngstown Municipal Veterans Court | \$30,000 |
| JJC – Drug Court                    | \$30,000 |

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| JJC – Family Dependency Court   | \$30,000 |
| JJC – Mental Health Court   | \$30,000 |
| JJC – Re-Entry Court  | \$40,000 |
| <i>Crisis Flex Funding:</i>   |          |
| Compass – Crisis Peer Support<br>(peer support recommended by OhioMHAS) | \$35,000 |
| Compass – residential indigent services                                 | \$75,000 |
| Meridian – SUD Treatment  | \$6,432  |

**06 – 2020: Motion: Ways & Means Committee (Pat Sciaretta) – to approve the above additions and their allocation...motion carried.**

Discussion regarding Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Youngstown and ensuring all staff is aware of the NKRC detox unit and how to admit patients.

**B. Treasurer Report**

- Robert Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer’s report for August 2019 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$6,722,667.83. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

**07 – 2020: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the August 2019 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for August 2019

**08 – 2020: Motion: Scott Fowler – to approve the blanket list of bills for August 2019. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.**

**Executive Director Report**

- See attached report

Attorney Tom Vasvari, swore in re-appointed members, by conducting the Oath of Office for Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler and Anne Cobbin.

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Board Remarks**

- None

**Provider Remarks**

- Jamie, announced that they are providing school based counseling and consultation with Western Reserve Schools and Poland High School and are waiting to hear back from Youngstown City Schools. The EASE program in Austintown, Boardman and St. Joe’s schools has been re-staffed and will be expanding to all Early Warning Schools.

- Darla announced Meridian has opened a detox at Chalmers road building. They are averaging 5 to 6 people in the detox. They are limiting it to ensure the transition to residential level of care.
- Angela, thanked the Board for continuing the Preferred Network of Care ads, the board providing those is a great benefit for small agencies. The Coalition offered a summer training series of 27 CEU's for \$75. The Coalition is in the last year of their Drug Free Communities grant. Through partnership with YSU and EOAHEC they have been able to connect with many emerging healthcare providers. She also thanked the Board for the position at YSU through Meridian to provide support for those in recovery or choosing to live a sober lifestyle.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger, OCPS  
Associate Director