

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
May 18, 2020
Minutes – via Zoom video/conference Call

- Present:** Carl Alexander, Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, William Morvay, Sue Paluga, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino
- Absent:** Jim Bertrando, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrel, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, and Patricia Sciarretta
- Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, and Mark Dunlap
- Guests:** Angela DiVito, Carolyn Givens, Jo Shorokey, Larry Moliterno, and Darla Gallagher were on Zoom. Facebook Live was utilized to allow public to observe meeting

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A roll call of members for attendance was completed

47 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Thomas Vasvari...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurer Report

- Bob Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's reports for April 2020 for Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for April 2020. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

48 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the April 2020 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by: Sue Paluga...motion carried.

49 – 2020: Anne Cobbin – to approve the April 2020 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.

Committee Reports

- None

Executive Director Report

- See attached report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Anne Lally reviewed HUD Grant OH0455L5E041906 – This grant provides 10 vouchers for clients to assist them with rental assistance. This grant will run from 4/1/2020 to 3/31/2021 and the services will be contracted through Help Network as in years past. The award is for \$124,124.00.

50 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to accept HUD Grant as presented for \$124,124. Seconded by: Linda Warino...motion carried

- Anne Lally reviewed CIT Grant – The Board applied for Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project Grant. This grant will provide funding to cover costs of two CIT coordinators as well as allow us to expand the program with Dispatcher and Advanced CIT courses. The award is for \$39,123.77

51 – 2020: Motion: Marilyn Burns – to accept the CIT grant in the amount of \$39,123.77. Seconded by: Carl Alexander...motion carried

- Anne Lally reviewed the increase in Community Transition Program - We received notice of an additional \$75,000 in CTP dollars. The goal of this funding is to reduce recidivism and supports the successful recovery and positive long-term outcomes for individuals managing a substance use disorder and/or diagnosed with a severe mental illness as they transition from prison to the community.

52 – 2020: Motion: Marilyn Burns – to accept the Community Transition Program increase of \$75,000. Seconded by: Bill Morvay...motion carried

- Anne Lally and Duane Piccirilli reviewed the request for a resolution to approve acceptance of the Resiliency Grant for Alta at YDC property, and signatures for the documents. This is a capital grant that requires a 30 year contract mortgage, and note be executed between OhioMHAS, Alta and the MCMHRB. This capital grant requires no matching funds.

53 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – 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 by: Linda Warino...motion carried

Board Remarks

- None

The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, June 15, 2020, potentially via Zoom
The next meeting will be Monday, June 22, 2020, potentially via Zoom.

Provider Remarks

Angela DiVito – discussed the Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County is currently in grant writing season, so they have been focused on grant applications, and updating training.

Joe Shorokey – stated that YDC project is moving forward, and thanked the Board for their approval of the resiliency grant. Meg Harris will be presenting at the Ohio virtual trauma event with over 1,000 people signed up for her session. Telehealth is working well. The challenge will happen in 3 to 4 months when the lack of current new admissions will be felt.

Carolyn Givens – reported that Neil Kennedy Recovery Centers has been consistently seeing clients either in person or through telehealth based on the level of care.

Larry Moliterno – announced that Meridian Primary Care is reopening for in person services as well as continuing telehealth. Outpatient counseling services are ongoing. Residential services population has been reduced to meet social distancing needs. Those in housing have been struggling with behaviors, case management is working with these clients. Prevention is continuing work with the population virtually as well as working with those in housing. TASC is working with the courts, which are looking to open a bit more on June 1st. Revenue is down, but they have not had to utilize reserves, and are hoping to delay that as long as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heldinger
Associate Director