

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
May 23, 2022  
Held via Zoom  
Minutes

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Present: Marilyn Burns, Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Brent Kelley, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

Absent: Jim Bertrando

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Mark Dunlap, Jessica Makosky, and Michelle Werth

Guests: Joe Shorokey, Stacia Erdos, Sheila Donnadio, Joe Caruso, Vince Brancaccio, and Danielle Adiar, Angela DiVito, and Darla Gallagher

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

**42 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

#### **Officer Reports**

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

- Anne Cobbin reminded the Board that it is time for the annual review of the Executive Director, Duane Piccirilli. Brenda will email out the blank evaluation form after this meeting. Please complete the evaluation and return to Anne by Friday June 10, 2022.

##### **B. Treasurers Report**

- Scott Fowler reviewed the Treasurer's report and Blanket List of Bills for April 2022 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY22.

**43 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the April 2022 Treasurers Report. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

**44 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the April 2022 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Report**

##### **A. Ways and Means Committee- May 16, 2022**

- Scott Fowler reviewed the minutes from the Ways and Means Committee meeting.
  - Community Collective Impact Model for Change grant- \$70,000.00 in Federal funding has been awarded to the MCMHRB. These funds will be used to identify two co-directors of the grant and used to support their salaries. The Board has

select Valerie Burney and Golie Stennis from the Youngstown Health Department to be our grant directors. This program looks at how social determinants of health affect a wide range of health risks that contribute to health inequities across communities. Poor Social determinants of health are linked to mental and behavioral health issues. This grant will end in March of 2023.

**45 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler, on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee – the Board accepts and approves the allocation of the Community Collective Impact Model for Change grant in the amount of \$70,000.00. . .motion carried.**

- SOR 2.1 NCE – The Board has received notification of our award of \$414,205.48 to be available from 9/30/2021 – 9/29/2022. The Board is currently working with the state on allocations to agencies.
- Campus of Care- We have recently completed and closed our Resiliency Capital Grant in the amount of \$499,997.19 for ALTA's central training building. We also have recently closed our project with Flying High's kitchen at the Campus of Care utilizing American Rescue Plan funding the County Commissioners allocated to Flying High to be managed by the Board. The total amount was \$187,793.00.
- Audit Review- We received ALTA's SFY 21 audit. No findings were issued. We will issue our report to the state in the upcoming weeks.
- Culture of Quality updates
  - Standard VII – A.5 Financial Projections: To illustrate what information the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board is using to assist in making financial decisions.
    - We project our levy funding over duration of the most recently passed levy. We use a variety of reports that review past year's collection rates to project out future collections. Now that we are only operating from a 1.35 mill levy are current projection in SFY 23 and SFY 24 will be \$5,200,000.00. We will begin to allocate funding to promote the levy in SFY 23. Our renewal will be on the November 2023 ballot.
  - Standard VII – A.6 Reserves: To establish reserve levels for the operation of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board.
    - The board approved in SFY 19, a recommendation to maintain an 8 month reserve that would maintain operating, core service and other set aside categories to be able to maintain services in the event of a reduction or elimination of funding. Each fiscal year we review our position at the start of the fiscal year. Currently, we have been able to maintain our reserve at or above the funding to maintain the 8 month reserve.
  - Standard VII – B.4 Agency Contracts – To establish a process in which the MHRB executes contractual agreements.
    - We have updated this policy through 13 – 2020 Motion: To increase the amount the Executive Director can spend without prior Board authorization from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

- Duane advised the Board that he is working with other Board director's and our legal department to revise this policy to better fit the needs of Board and local agencies. He will provide an update in future meetings.
- Standard II-A.1 MHRB Insurance – To provide a means for the MHRB to meeting responsibilities to persons who may inadvertently harmed by the activities and operations of the Board, to protect itself and it agents against allegations of improper conduct or negligence and to provide for the replacement of MHRB assets that may be lost because of untold events.
  - MHRB has received an update policy from CORSA for the time period of 5/1/22 – 5/1/23.
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**Executive Director Report**

- See attached report.

**Old Business**

- Diversity update – Brenda Heidinger, on behalf of Valerie Burney reported that Valerie attended the Hope Conference at the Covelli Center. She reached over 150 people. She has been working with Goalie Stennis. She is working on her statement of work for the Community Collective Impact Model for Change grant. She is working with YUMADAOP, attending health fairs, and is scheduled to work with 5 local churches over the next 5 weeks to provide information to the community on mental health and recovery services that are available in Mahoning County.

**New Business**

- None

**Board Member Remarks**

- Eric Ungaro showed his gratitude and appreciation to all of the local agencies for working together so closely to provide support to the Lowellville community this month.

**Agency Remarks:**

- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, reported that the architectural design for building #7 at Campus of Care is being completed and they plan to begin working on bids with the estimate in June. The building will be redesigned to have 9 suites with bathrooms to meet the Medicaid waiver requirements. They are adding stalls to existing bathrooms.
- Shelia Donnadio, Coleman Health Services, no report at this time.

- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network, reported that they are updating their phone systems next week in preparation for the launch of 988 Suicide Hotline. He introduced Help Networks new Director of Operations, Danielle Adair.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta Care Group, thanked everyone for their work and support in Lowellville this month. Parents, students, and staff utilized resources the morning following the tragedy. He stressed the importance of the support of the community during times like these. Joe reported the closing of the Hope House. Alta is looking to possible takeover the facility. They are currently working out logistics to obtain a grant to continue and improve the program. Building #2 at the Campus of Care is undergoing renovations. It will house early childhood mental health consultants and peer support staff by early August.
- Angela DeVito, Coalition for a Drug free Mahoning County, thanked Duane for funding for QRR recertification. She reported that she has recently received an increase in requests to train gatekeepers following the tragedy in Lowellville.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian Healthcare, no report at this time.
- Stacia Erdos, Coleman Health Services, no report at this time.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk