

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
March 27, 2023
Minutes

Present: Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Arnita Hampton, Anna Howells, Brent Kelley, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Pat Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, Robert Yallech

Absent: Arnita Hampton, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Sylvia Scott, Robert Yallech, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Michelle Werth, Valerie Burney, and Jessica Makosky

Guests: Darla Gallagher (Meridian HealthCare), Joe Shorokey (Alta), Vince Brancaccio (Help Network)

Anne Cobbin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Officer Reports

- **Chair Report**
 - None

30 – 2023: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Eric Ungaro ...motion carried. Abstained by Tom Vasvari

- **Treasurer Report**
 - Tom Vasvari, Treasurer, reviewed the February 2023 Blanket List of Bills 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 SFY23.

31 – 2023: Motion: Tom Vasvari– to approve the February 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Eric Unaro...motion carried.

32 – 2023: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the January 2023 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Pat Sciarretta...motion carried.

Committee Report

- **Ways and Means Committee- March 20, 2023**
 - Scott Fowler, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes from the Ways and Means meeting.
 - New awards and funding

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State Opioid Response	Amount
Flying High Inc	\$150,000.00
Broadway	\$108,763.43
School Based Prevention - TBD	\$81,000.00

MHRB	\$38,189.43
Valley Recovery	\$25,000.00
Hope Recovery	\$25,000.00
Mahoning County Board of Health	\$15,000.00
Mercy Foundation	\$15,000.00
OCCHA	\$13,823.76
NAMI Ohio	\$7,792.00
YUMADAOP	\$54,989.27
Recovery House - TBD	\$50,000.00
Meridian Healthcare	\$ 45,000.00
Total	\$629,557.89
MAT Medication Reimbursement	
Mahoning County Sheriff's Department	\$2,724.00
Psychotropic Drug Reimbursement	
Mahoning County Sheriff's Department	\$77,906.00

33 – 2023: Motion: Scott Fowler– to accept the funding as described Seconded by: William Morvay...motion carried.

34 – 2023: Motion: Scott Fowler– to accept the allocation of the funding as described Seconded by: William Morvay...motion carried.

- Capital Projects Ranking
 - SFY 23-24
 1. Meridian- Meridian Rd location -lobby renovation and parking lot expansion
 2. Compass- Doris Burdman Home- New windows and roof
 3. Coleman- Carpet, paint, roof, and bathrooms
 - SFY 25-26
 1. Flying High- To build permanent housing for recovering individuals transitioning out of recovery house setting.
 - SFY 27-28
 1. Flying High

35 – 2023: Motion: William Morvay– to accept the SFY23-24 Capital Project rankings as follows- 1. Meridian 2. Compass 3. Coleman. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

36 – 2023: Motion: William Morvay– to accept the Capital Project rankings as follows, SFY25-26 1. Flying High and SFY27-28 1. Flying High. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities- Vocational Rehabilitation Grant
Joe Caruso presented an overview of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities grant that places mental health clients with job opportunities.

**37 – 2023: Motion: Scott Fowler– to accept the increase in match funding to \$13,312.50..
Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

Executive Director Report- See attached report

- Diversity Update- Valerie Burney- See attached report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Agency Remarks

- Darla Gallagher, Meridian Healthcare, thanked the Board for the Capital Project ranking. With Neil Kennedy closing, the Chalmers location detox and residential services are at capacity with 48 patients. The planned upcoming renovations will allow for 64 patients in detox and residential levels of care.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta, reported that the renovation of the Belmont Avenue location is almost complete. Alta plans to renovate building #2 at the Campus of Care into a daycare facility with a goal of providing onsite day care for employees who have young children, to assist in employee retention. The plan would be to also have slots open for people in the area as space is available.
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network, a power outage caused 211 phone lines to be down for some time. They ordered a generator to prevent future outages. Vince is meeting with state legislatures on March 29, 2023 to discuss additional funding for 988. The MCHOP program currently has 9 clients with room for 3 more. 6 of them are currently looking for housing but are having a difficult time with the shortage of rental homes available in the community.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

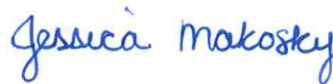
The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk

Directors Report

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November Levy

The Mahoning County Commissioners approved a motion to place a levy on the November Election Ballot for the purpose of the current expenses of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, at a rate not exceeding 1.35 mills for each \$1 of taxable value for five years commencing with the tax year 2024, first due in calendar year 2025. We want to make public awareness for this levy a system wide approach. I will be meeting with agency's leadership in the coming months

Loss Team Mini Grant

Lee and I were contacted for a follow-up zoom call. Our grant met the first level of review. I will update the board at our meeting. The Foundation has offer additional supports to our team.

May is Mental Health Month TV 21

We will be working with Columbiana and Trumbull Counties Boards on a package to promote Mental Health Services in the three county area. The package will feature highlighting our contract agencies and board services. The Board staff will hosting a lunch for consumers.

Housing Study.

The kick off planning meetings went very well. Tracy Plouck and Board Staff leadership meet with three focus groups, behavioral health agencies, county and city government officials, and economics development agencies. We are looking at three areas at this point, opportunity for community based housing for people leaving the State Hospital, Permanent Supportive Housing and develop the need data and develop partnership to develop more housing.

CIT

We have 23 officers including one clergy from Austintown. There are 12 departments represented.

Lowellville Schools

I will update the board at the meeting on the status of the Navigator

Re-entry docket

Judge Anthony Donofrio is starting a re-entry docket. He requested that we sit on the advisory Board. His hope is to get certified by the Ohio Supreme Court. Once he is certified, the docket would be eligible to apply for funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health

Strong Girls, Strong Women Grant /Junior League.

Our Board will once again sponsor this activity sponsor by the Junior League. Valerie was involved last year with the recruitment of young women from the city she will help with recruitment once again this year. The program was developed by The Junior League of the Mahoning Valley (JLMV) .The programs partners include our board; Stand, Grow, Thrive Mahoning Resiliency Movement; Butler Art Museum (art project); Ballet Western Reserve (yoga sessions); facilities donated by the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown; as well as area child health professionals, and local business owners. The program goals are structured into a fun and uplifting activities workshop, while providing compassion, respect, and inclusion. For middle school girls in the city.

Note: June 26th Board of Directors meeting will be at the Campus of Care. More details will follow

Diversity Update 3/27/23

Continued Efforts:

- Resources to Schools

Provided resources to YREC for graduating Seniors

- SDoH (Social Determinants of Health) Grant in collaboration with Office of Minority Health (Youngstown City Health District) – Approved Prevention Plan!!!! Campaign (Take that Step to roll out by next month)

Planning and implementation of grant deliverables: Resource Fair Planning

- Work with Mahoning County Public Health:

Mental Health Information and Resources to Eastern Gateway College (April 4th)

- Women of Worth Academy

Continued Effort/Trainings for Academy (Monthly)

- Community Resource Day at the YMCA on 3/4/23 was a huge success: Providers in Attendance:

Meridian, YUMADAOP, OCCHA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Heart Reach, Warriors, Inc., Youth Intensive Services, Youngstown City Health District, Office of Minority Health, CIRV, YMCA,

Over 300 Youth/Families

- Speaker at SOS (Saving our Seniors of Mahoning Valley)-Shared resources/Information about MCMHRB (3/15)

UPCOMING:

- Continued Effort to complete OCPS (Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Trainings)
- Completed Suicide Prevention Instructor Training
- April is Minority Health Month-Will be working in collaboration with Office of Minority Health for Events including Mental Health Awareness Day 4/15, City Wide Baby Shower (4/22) and Health Fun Day at Wick Park (4/29).
- Diversity Training for Peer Recovery Support Specialists (4/19)
- College/Exposure Tour for MBK - Presenter (Spring Break)