

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
April 24, 2023
Minutes

- Present: Rachel Chmielewski, Arnita Hampton, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Brent Kelley, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Pat Sciaretta, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun
- Absent: Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Bill Morvay, Robert Yallech, and Robert Yallech
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Michelle Werth, Marla Golec, Valerie Burney, and Jessica Makosky
- Guests: Darla Gallagher (Meridian HealthCare), Vince Brancaccio (Help Network), Nancy Voitus (Catholic Charities), and Darryl Alexander (YUMADAOP)

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

Officer Reports

- **Chair Report**
 - None

38 – 2023: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anne Lally ...motion carried. Abstained by Tom Vasvari

- **Treasurer Report**
 - Tom Vasvari, Treasurer, reviewed the March 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.

39 – 2023: Motion: Tom Vasvari– to approve the March 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Anne Lally...motion carried.

40 – 2023: Motion: Bishop C.M. Jenkins– to approve the March 2023 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Committee Report

- **Program and Policy Committee- April 17, 2023**
 - Duane Piccirilli, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes from the Ways and Means meeting.
 - Cheryl Tarantino reported the following programs to the Committee:
 - IGNITE Foster Youth Mentor Program
 - H.E.E.R.O. (Helping Everyone/Each Other Reach Out)
 - TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention)
 - The Committee reviewed the changes to the Personnel Policy.

Executive Director Report- See attached report

- Diversity Update- Valerie Burney- See attached report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Proclamation of Hope

41 – 2023: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve Anne Cobbin signs the proclamation making May 14, 2023 through May 20, 2023 The Week of Hope. Seconded by: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

Agency Remarks

- Darla Gallagher, Meridian Healthcare, No comments at this time.
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network, No comments at this time.
- Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities, reported that the Voice of Hope homeless shelter opened in February and it has been full since opening. The average stay is 58 days which is longer than they intended but with the rental shortage, families are staying longer. May 22, 2023 will be the blessing of the shelter.
- Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, reported that they had their audit and there were no findings. They are attending NE OH Men’s College to sponsor trainings to address the opioid epidemic.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Anna Howells
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:

Jessica Makosky
Accounts Clerk

Directors Report

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Board Shelter Plus Care Vouchers

Our Boards Shelter Plus Care Vouchers were reapproved for this year. We have been awarded \$177,410 from HUD. We currently have 15 Vouchers and they are administrated by Help Network of North East Ohio

SAMSHA Grant

OhioMHAS has applied for a grant from SAMSHA to provide Treatment for Individuals with Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness. We requested to be part of the grant and requested funding to develop a Housing Navigator position, possibly providing services within the jail to be able to collaborate with Homeless Outreach Workers, and Peer Support Staff to ensure that individuals coming out of incarceration are connected to services and supports. Upon identification of these individuals, the Housing Navigator can assist with enrolling individuals in both PATH and Coordinated Entry. This Navigator would work with them to find appropriate housing, documentation for housing, working with the providers to assure their mental health or substance use needs are met, etc. The Navigator was one of the suggestion that came out of the first focus group with the Housing consultant. If funded it will be for 5 years.

Safe Space

One of the issues that came out of our Suicide Prevention Coalition was the need for Safe Space Training. The training provides the needed skills to create a safe environment for the LBGT+ community. Our goal is to have all of our agency partners have a least one person trained as there is a high risk for suicide. <https://fullspectrumcommunity.regfox.com/creating-a-safe-space-inclusion-training>

Lowellville Local School District

We will be one of the sponsors of "Break the Stigma" t-shirts to all of students and staff members at Lowellville Schools District. This is part of the school district commitment to promoting mental health awareness among our students and to combating the stigma, which often surrounds mental illness. I will also undated the board are the Navigator program being offered by the state

Doss/Loss Team Updates For 2023:

The DOSS Team has contacted 7 families for overdose deaths.
The LOSS Team has contacted 4 families for suicide deaths.

Loss Team Mini-Grant

We received a \$2,000.00 Mini grant from the Suicide Prevention Coalition to marketing the Loss Team. The Helms Foundation in Mahoning County is the fiscal agent since it had to be awarded to a nonprofit. I will keep the board updated on the activities.

Budget Updates:

Mark has notified the major contract agencies that they must submit their budget to him by 5/19/23. The smaller grants must be submitted by 5/26/23.

SAVE THE DATE:

Board Meeting to approve the Annual budget on **July 24, 2023**
Dedication of a Bench to Joe Gorman 10:00 am, **May 8th, 2023** at the Community Center
Annual Mental Health/ Recovery Luncheon **Sept 22nd, 2023** at the Tyler Historical Society

Diversity Update 4/24/23

Continued Efforts:

- **Resources to Schools**

-Attended MBK/CIRV College/Career/Exposure Trip (4/10-1/13)-Provided Mental Health information and assisted with participants needing to connect to services

-Help facilitate resources/counseling for Staff/Students/Families at Valley Christian School with death of 15 year of student

- **SDoH (Social Determinants of Health) Grant in collaboration with Office of Minority Health (Youngstown City Health District)**

Planning and implementation of grant deliverables

- **CIRV Women of Worth Academy**

Continued Resource Provider

- Resource Provider for Mental Health Awareness Day (In collaboration with Youngstown City Health District Office of Minority Health) 4/15/23

- **Facilitated Diversity/Leadership Training For Peer Recovery Specialists (4/19/23)**

- **Completed Suicide Prevention Instructor Training**

Upcoming:

Continued Effort to complete OCPS (Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Trainings), MHFA

Resource Provider for City-Wide Baby Shower (Youngstown City Health District-Office of Minority Health) 4/22/23

Resource Provider for Health Fair Fun Day at Eugenia Community Center (4/29/23)