



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, September 26~ 7:00 p.m.
Washington County Behavioral Health Board Office
1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, OH 45750

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fowler at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Stacey Adams
Jarrett Barnhouse
Karen Binkley, Ed. D.
Eric Fowler
Brett Nicholas
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Stephen Schwartz
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Touschner
David White
Eric Johnston

Absent

Michael Beardmore

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaughner
Tammy Harris

Guests

Suzy Zumwalde BB2C
Candice Jeffers Oriana
Laci Bowman EVE
Dick Wittberg WCHD
Emily Canaday VISTA
Michele Sturgeon VISTA
Sherry Shamblin Hopewell
Doug Pfeifer L&P

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements.

V. Teen Leadership Institute- Efforts were made to re-establish a Teen Leadership Institute for Washington County. Suzy Zumwalde, Placement Coordinator for Building Bridges to Careers (BB2C) along with six students from Washington County schools attended a week-long camp led by the Ohio Teen Institute at Heidelberg University in June, 2019. In July, the Washington County Behavioral Health Board collaborated with BB2C by hosting a week-long camp where local students created the Mission statement for the newly established Washington County Teen Institute (WCTI):

“The mission of WCTI is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment led by students to support one another and spread awareness about various mental health issues, substance abuse prevention, and healthy behaviors”

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Members of WCTI will be attending a Teen Mental Health Workshop in October focusing on crisis situation protocols, confidentiality, and alcohol and drug use in teens.

VI. Agenda Revisions

There were no agenda revisions.

Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2019

Doug Pfeifer would like page three, section eleven under agency reports to reflect that prior authorization for the use of a Certified Peer Recovery Supporter services is only required for mental health.

Motion # 62.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Board meeting with the suggested revision made by Doug Pfeifer. The motion passed with the following votes.

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Executive Director, David Browne introduced Tammy Harris, Coordinator for the PAX Good Behavior Games as the new addition to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. Nothing was added to the report.

Motion #63. 2019

It was moved and seconded (David White, Stacey Adams) to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

VIII. Director’s Report

During the August Board meeting it was discussed and agreed upon to allow two AmeriCorps members to temporarily reside at the 5th street location until the AmeriCorps Peer Recovery Support proposal could be reviewed. One AmeriCorps member moved in,

but shortly after decided to move back home due to concerns with the Washington County Health Department publicized issues; the second AmeriCorps member has not moved in yet.

Executive Director Browne would like to increase the Recovery Is Beautiful Scholarship amount, allowing enough funds to support five recipients.

Rigel Residential Recovery Center has twelve clients receiving services at the 3rd street location. Oriana has until November 10, 2019 to file for a “Special Use Permit” with the Planning Commission, or appeal the ruling to do so. It is undecided what action, if any, will be taken on the matter.

IX. Deputy Director’s Report

Hilles and David Browne attended a Recovery Engagement Team (RET) meeting in Hocking County. The Hocking and Washington County Prosecutors and the Medical Director plan to meet to discuss the Ohio Revised Code and information that can be shared to promote success for the Washington County RET.

Linda Sistrunk will be the guest speaker for the WMOA radio show “The 11th Hour with Hilles Hughes” set to air on Friday at roughly 11 a.m.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Board attended a digital marketing concepts presentation provided by Stephanie Sams from WTAP. The presentation will be discussed during the next scheduled Community Relations Committee meeting on October 8.

X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Miriam Keith shared how pleased she was with the location and attendance of the second annual Recovery Day.

The Youth Mental Health First Aid class scheduled for November 20 is already full.

The Suicide Awareness Alliance for Washington County 501 (c) (3) application is near to being submitted.

The Staff reports were received and will be filed with the minutes.

XI. Agency Reports

A. House of Hope – The Director of the Gathering Place in Athens is working with Mike Dennis to write a grant proposal requesting funds to assist in relocating the House of Hope to a more centralized location. The House of Hope is asking for donations of slightly used drum sets to expand the music program. Members of the House of Hope along with staff plan to attend the annual Recovery Conference in Columbus, Ohio on October 14-15.

B. The Right Path – Nothing was added to the report.

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- C. **Life & Purpose** – The newly hired Certified Peer Recovery Supporter will be available to provide services at Memorial Health Systems Second Street clinic, and Matthew street location. As of September 18, 2019 the Life & Purpose Community Resource Center is a Federal 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.
- D. **EVE, Incorporated** – EVE Prevention Specialist, Laci Bowman shared that prevention curriculum is being provided in Belpre, Lower Salem, and Lowell schools. Prevention Specialist, Kate Davis attended the Recovery Day to spread awareness of the prevention programs EVE has to offer.
- E. **Oriana House-** Despite the injunction filed by Paul Bertram III on behalf of the City of Marietta against Oriana, services continue to thrive at the Third Street facility. Candice Jeffers shared that Rigel Residential Recovery Center (RRRC) recently hired a group clinician to assist in providing group treatment to clients. Dr. Binkley attended a Compass Drug Court hearing along with Executive Director, David Browne, and Eric Fowler. Dr. Binkley shared how pleased she was to witness how supportive and encouraging staff and clients were throughout the process. Members of the Board recommended a November article showcasing successes of the Compass Drug Court program.
- F. **Hopewell Health-** Sherry Shamblin is a member of the Ohio Department of Education’s “Whole Child Advisory Group”. The group was established with intent to provide guidance in the use of new “Student Wellness and Success Funds” provided by Governor DeWine’s 2020-2021 Executive Budget. Schools that receive Student Wellness and Success Funds are required to submit a Student Wellness Plan that includes partnership with either a community agency that provides mental health services or a local ADAMH (Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health) Board.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight** – During the meeting on September 17 the committee discussed the proposed Culture of Quality policies, the Recovery Is Beautiful Scholarship Program Budget, the Give More Connections proposal, and the Community Health Improvement Associates AmeriCorps proposal. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8 from 3-5 p.m. at the Board office.
- B. **Community Relations** – The committee met on September 10 to define roles and responsibilities of the committee, review marketing and communications

Motion #69.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to provide up to \$20,000 in support of the Washington County Community Health Improvement Associates proposal for two AmeriCorps peer recovery support personnel from September 2019 through September 2020. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

XV. Good of the Order

President Eric Fowler expressed his appreciation to the Board for attentiveness to detail.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next Meeting:

October 24, 2019

**7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board
1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, Ohio 45750**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher

Board President Signature