



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020  
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

**1. Call to Order**

1.01 Board President Wayne Mays called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Pastor Michael Bailey; Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Dr. Theodore Hunter; Wayne Mays; Deborah Stanton; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Sandra Smith; Christine Hacker, MSN; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rubina Dosani; Rev. Gary Smith; David Swigonski; Richard Bement; Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings, CAPP; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II.

**Recognition of Guests:**

Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health  
Bob Tucker, Community Behavioral Health  
Brett Kirkpatrick, Community Behavioral Health  
Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling  
Pauline Edwards, Access Counseling  
Diane Ruther-Vierling, YWCA  
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA  
Ryan Rice, St. Aloysius  
Rhonda Sippel, Community Behavioral Health  
Sharon Bartels, Transitional Living  
Randy Allman, Butler Behavioral Health  
Jilland Holland, Sojourner  
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Julie Herrmann, St. Joseph Orphanage  
Lori Higgins, Envision Partnerships  
Berni Murray, NAMI  
Jerica Kruse, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities  
Chris Smith, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities  
Joyce Kachelries, Lifespan  
Scott Gehring, Community Health Alliance

1.02 Agenda Review  
- *No changes*

1.03 Public Comments on the Agenda  
- *No comments*

## **2. Presentation**

2.01 **Christopher Smith, Caseload Assistant, and Jerica Kruse, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor, from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities**  
Christopher Smith and Jerica Kruse gave a presentation concerning the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

## **3. Correspondence**

### 3.01 **Access Counseling Services Letter**

The Board received a letter from Access Counseling Services requesting an increase or startup funding for the following: Indigent Care, 7 Challenges for Adults Curriculum, School Based Crisis/Consultation, Community Engagement Center, and Mental Health Court.

Concerning Indigent Care - \$350,000 was requested to help offset a loss.

7 Challenges for Adults Curriculum - \$25,000 for startup in the first year and \$5,000 for materials the following year.

School Based Crisis/Consultation - \$60,000 a year for funding to cover the unbillable Crisis/Consultation time.

Community Engagement Center – 1.5 million for the startup program, which will include the property, renovations and startup.

Mental Health Court - \$300,000 renewal for three years.

### 3.02 **Butler Behavioral Health Letter**

The Board received a letter from Butler Behavioral Health requesting additional funding in the amount of \$260,000 for coordination and support services.

### 3.03 **YWCA of Hamilton Letter**

The Board received a letter from the YWCA of Hamilton requesting additional funding in the amount of \$179,170.00 for gap funding for the Goodman Place.

### 3.04 **Community Behavioral Health / Community First Solutions Letter**

The Board received a letter from Community Behavioral Health requesting additional funding in the amount of \$68,178.42 for infrastructure failures, which caused them to

close residential rooms to ensure client safety that reduced revenue and created a financial hardship for the Greater Miami Services program at Fort Hamilton Hospital. CBH asked for additional funds to address more infrastructure failures, Board subsidy for addictions, group home expansion, connections clinic program expansion and ongoing operational cost losses at Greater Miami Services.

#### **4. Board Communication & Announcements**

##### 4.01 Executive Director's Report

- I. **"Portman's Combating Meth & Cocaine Act to be Signed Into Law,"** (2019, December 19) Retrieved from <https://www.portman.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/portmans-combating-meth-cocaine-act-be-signed-law>  
U.S. Senator Rob Portman passed the FY20 funding package on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 which included the Combating Meth & Cocaine Act which will give states more flexibility to use federal opioid funding to address psychostimulants.
- II. **"The FDA is fast-tracking a second psilocybin drug to treat depression,"** Feltman, R. (2019, November 26) Retrieved January 16, 2020, from <https://www.popsoci.com/story/health/psilocybin-magic-mushroom-fda-breakthrough-depression/>  
Research has shown that psilocybin and LSD targets the same receptors in the brain, which can decrease the symptoms of depression and fear of death among cancer patients. Researchers have seen similar outcomes in the use of MDMA in tandem with therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Usona Institute, a nonprofit medical research group has launched a Phase 2 clinical trial and is actively recruiting participants for an 80 person study. The trial will aim to determine the efficacy of treating depressed patients with single, one-time oral doses of psilocin.
- III. **"LOL For Your Health,"** Reimers Cristol, R. (2018, August) Retrieved January 16, 2019 from [https://issuu.com/thehealthjournal.org/docs/hj\\_-\\_august\\_2018/26](https://issuu.com/thehealthjournal.org/docs/hj_-_august_2018/26)  
Laughing not only improves mood, it also has short-term mental, social and physical health benefits. Laughter has shown to reduce symptoms of depression, create intimacy, reduce blood pressure, alleviates the perception of pain, and relieves anxiety.
- IV. **"Can You Say ... Hero,"** Junod, T. (1998, November 1) Retrieved January 16, 2019 from <https://classic.esquire.com/article/1998/11/1/can-you-say-her> . This article discusses the Mr. Fred Rogers from Mr. Rogers Neighborhood television show and his therapeutic approach to children and adults.
- V. **"Ohio adults' knowledge of marijuana use and perception of its harm,"** (2020, January 10) Retrieved from <https://www.interactforhealth.org/whats-new/253/ohio-adults-knowledge-of-marijuana-use-and-perception-of-its-harm/>

Ohio legalized medical marijuana in 2016 and it became available in 2019. According to the National Survey on Drug use and Health, 44 million Americans ages 12 years or older in 2018 had used marijuana in the past year. In 2019, the Ohio Health Issues Poll asked adults about their knowledge about marijuana use among friends and family, their perception of harm and their participation in the medical marijuana program. 46% stated that they had a friend or family member who regularly uses marijuana. 47% said they think regularly using marijuana is a great deal or somewhat harmful. 84% have not sought medical marijuana information about whether they have a medical condition that can be treated with medical marijuana in the state of Ohio. 2% has had a doctor write a recommendation for the use of medical marijuana. As of October 2019, 46,000 Ohioans had bought marijuana through the new medical marijuana program.

VI. **OhioMAS FY20-21 State Budget Highlights**

Butler County received \$170,151 of the 6 million dollar statewide allocation from the Crisis Flex Fund. It has been received and allotted to support the mobile crisis program and hotline services. The crisis infrastructure funds in the amount of 10 million dollars has not been allocated. Butler County received \$560,000 from the 18 million dollar statewide allocation from the K-12 Prevention funding. It is currently being processed. The State has received 6 million dollars for withdrawal management and 1.5 million for crisis stabilization. Butler County received \$36,000 for crisis stabilization and \$145,000 for withdrawal management for FY2020.

VII. **Thanksgiving Shared Harvest Food Drive**

The Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board collected a total of 200 pounds (167 meals) for their Shared Harvest food drive during the month of November.

VIII. **Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Salary Letter**

The Board has received a letter from the Butler County prosecuting attorney confirming Cassandra Kiesey as the BCMHARS Board's subcontracting attorney along with her salary and benefits.

IX. **Board Member Retreat**

Dr. Rasmus discussed having a Board member retreat in early April of 2020 concerning social media training, public relations, and levy education. He currently has two vendors who want to present.

X. **Ad Hoc Committee Assignments Needed**

Ad Hoc Committee assignments are needed for the K-12 Prevention allocation process and Recovery Housing RFP.

XI. **One City En Blanc**

One City Against Heroin (OCAH) will be having a fundraiser which includes a three course dinner, auction and dance on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**XII. FHH Psych Unit**

The Fort Hamilton Hospital psych unit is closing as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. They will stop taking patients on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**XIII. SAMHSA New BH Treatment Finder Tool <https://findtreatment.gov>**

Local MH/SUD Provider Call 1-877-250-4665

Application on <https://findtreatment/samhsa.gov>

Dr. Rasmus shared a link to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) treatment facility finder. A phone number and link was also furnished for providers to request to have their names added.

**5. Consent Agenda**

5.01 Consent Agenda Items

- A. November Board Meeting Minutes
- B. November Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. January ARS Meeting Minutes
- D. January MH Meeting Minutes
- E. September Board Development Meeting Minutes

*Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the items in the consent agenda. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**6. Review of Committee Meetings**

6.01 MH Committee January Meeting Review

Ms. Hacker gave a brief update on the MH Committee Meeting activities this month.

6.02 ARS Committee January Meeting Review

Mr. Himm gave a brief update on the ARS Committee meeting activities this month.

**7. New Business**

7.01 **November Board Fiscal Report**

Mr. Rhodus shared the November Fiscal Report. The total funds collected were \$5,789,418, total administration expenditures were \$982,267, contract payments were \$6,173,329, with a current cash balance of \$19,448,598.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the November Board Fiscal Report. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

7.02 **Budget Revisions**

**Beckett Springs Hospital** – Board requested increase of \$25,000 due to Heroin Hope Line. The contract is not to exceed \$558,757.

**Butler Behavioral Health** – Provider requested revision increase of \$5,000 for the MRSS program. An increase of \$90,000 for coordination and support. The contract is not to exceed \$2,161,237.

**Community Behavioral Health** – Provider requested revision increase of \$20,000 due to SUD Funding. An increase of \$151,750 for GMS to cover increased costs of running the FY20 program. An increase of \$28,000 for group home funding. An increase of \$18,000 for the Connections Program. A transfer of funding in the amount of \$60,000 to jail services. Pay an additional \$68,178.42 for loss of beds. The contract is not to exceed \$4,661,343.

**Transitional Living** – Provider requested revision in the amount of \$60,000 to increase bed capacity. An increase of \$42,000 for services including assessments, coordination & support, counseling & therapy, medical & related. Contract not to exceed \$1,899,440.

**YWCA of Hamilton** – Provider requested revision in the amount of \$89,500 for gap funding. Contract not to exceed \$467,650.

*Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the Budget Revisions. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

7.03 **FY19 Provider Audit Recap**

Providers are required to provide an annual financial audit by a certified public accountant six months after the close of the fiscal year. Mr. Rhodus shared the current FY19 provider audit report.

7.04 **Fee Schedule Rate Change Revised**

There was a BH Redesign fee schedule rate change in August. There were a few inconsistencies that need to be addressed. Dr. Rasmus requested the Board to approve the amended fee schedule rate change that was provided by Mr. Rhodus.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Fee Schedule Rate Change. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

7.05 **Board Forecast**

Mr. Rhodus shared the Multi-Year Forecast for FY2020 to FY2025 for the Board member information. Dr. Rasmus emphasized the deficit spending the Board is currently experiencing.

**7.06 Program Narratives**

The program narratives are a part of the contract and explain the programs that are funded. Community Behavioral Health Jail Services Program, Tradition SUD Services and Beckett Springs Heroin Hopeline has been updated.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Program Narratives. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. Mr. Tucker abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.07 Culture of Quality Standard Update**

In compliance with the culture of quality, Ms. Coats requests that the suicidal behavior and crisis scenario policy be added to the BCMHARS board policies and procedures.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Suicidal Behavior and Crisis Scenarios Policy. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.08 Audit and Field Protocol**

The audit and field protocol was revised to be more current and up to date.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Audit and Feld Protocol. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.9 Recovery Housing RFP**

BCMhARS Board staff has an RFP proposal to expand Butler County Recovery Housing, focusing on level 2 and 3. The final draft of the RFP with all of the attachments are on BoardDocs for download. The issue date will be Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. An interested provider conference will be held on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office. There will be a mandatory provider training on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Board office that will include Daniel Gray through Recovery Housing Association. There will be an Ad Hoc Committee presentation and review meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Board office for any proposals that were turned in by the April 20<sup>th</sup> due date.

The Ad Hoc Committee members will be Matt Himm, Father Michael Pucke, Kelsey Wargo and Rev. Gary Smith as an alternate.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Recovery Housing RFP. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.10 K-12 Prevention Funding**

Butler County received \$560,000 from the state for K-12 prevention funding. The school districts and specialty schools are required to go through a process of online assessment

and completion of an action plan. They are due to the BCMHARS Board office by January 31<sup>st</sup>. An ad hoc selection committee is needed to review the action plans to make the determination of how to allocate the funding. The selection meeting is February 27th at 3:00 p.m. at the Board office

The Ad Hoc Committee members will be Rev. Vanessa Cummings, Christine Hacker, Pastor Michael Bailey and Dr. Theodore Hunter as an alternate.

**7.11 Updated King Consultation, LLC Contract**

Kim Grimes of King Consultation, LLC is the Board's expert CPA. She is the consult for the fiscal department and is utilized frequently. Her contract was \$2,000. It is being extended to \$4,000.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the King Consultation, LLC Contract. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.12 Updated Diane Zucker Contract**

Diane Zucker is an expert coder and has been used by the Board for consultation services. The Board endorsed a nine month contract at the September 2019 board meeting. She has been providing online training on Medicare, Medicaid & third Party insurance that is being recorded and added to the Board's website. Her consultations to the Board staff has been very beneficial. Her contract was originally \$3,500. It is being increased to \$6,000.

*Ms. McKinney motioned to approve the Diane Zucker Contract. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.13 Community First Pharmacy Agreement**

Community First Pharmacy is a licensed pharmacy by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. The purpose of the \$80,000 agreement is to facilitate payment for subsidized substance use disorder treatment medication for clients who are incarcerated or who are unable to pay.

*Ms. Dosani motioned to approve the Community First Pharmacy Agreement. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**7.14 Projector Proposal**

Rauland SoundCom Systems / Ametek has proposed a replacement of the projectors, mounting and cables in both the board and the continuing education room in the amount of \$10,313.85. The lamp projectors will be replaced with 4500 lumen laser projectors for better quality. They will also be maintenance free, which will reduce costs.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Rauland SoundCom Systems Proposal. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*



7.11 **Board Self-Assessment (For Information Only)**

Mr. Swigonski presented and reviewed the Board Self-Assessment results.

7.12 **State Hospital Report**

In the last three years the state of Ohio has awarded Butler County on average 6 civil beds and 12 forensic beds per day at the state hospital. In the month of November the average was 2 civil beds and 13 forensic beds. In the month of December the average was 2 civil beds and 17 forensic beds. Year to date was 1.8 civil beds and 14.3 forensic beds.

7.13 **Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction**

Mr. Rhodus discussed the current voucher approvals and direct deductions.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**8. Guest and Board Comments**

8.01 **Guest/Board Comments**

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. there will be a Diane Zucker, M.ED., CCS-P webinar concerning Medicare Rules and Process for Coding and Billing of Services. For more information, call the Board office.

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. there will be a Diane Zucker, M.ED., CCS-P webinar concerning Medicare Program Coverage for Substance Abuse for Medicare Eligible Patients. For more information, please call the Board office.

Scott Gehring, President and CEO of Community Health Alliance, introduced Jilland Holland, the new executive director of Sojourner Recovery Services.

**9. Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.