



Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 Board Meeting

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio and via Webex.

1. Call to Order

1.01 Board President Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Pastor Michael Bailey; President Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Dr. Theodore Hunter; Wayne Mays; Tara D'Epifanio; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rev. Suzanne LeVesconte; Rev. Gary Smith; David Swigonski; Richard Bement; Rev. Vanessa Cummings, CAPP; and Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II (via Webex).

Recognition of Guests via Webex:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
Amy Perry, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Kelly Hibner-Kalb, Community Health Alliance
Lori Higgins, Envision
Joyce Kachelries, LifeSpan, Inc.
Julie Herrmann, NewPath
Rachel Costello, Sojourner
Jillane Holland, Transitional Living
Sheri Bartels, Transitional Living
Diane Ruther-Vierling, YWCA
April Hamlin, YWCA
Jacqueline Jackson, YWCA
Deborah Robertson

1.02 Board Open Discussion

A. How can the Board come up with ideas for services? How do we see if that is viable or positive?

B. How do we promote mental health careers?

C. Some of the mental health workers who are doing night shift work get a supplement and maybe that is something that we can explore for bilingual healthcare workers.

D. Do we have in place requests to our providers as it relates to those waiting lists of clients? If we are to forge ahead, we need to know what connections there are in place, where clients can be referred. In the past we have talked about long waiting lists for people who are truly ready to begin some sort of treatment program. Still interested in youth representation on the Board.

The hotline has waitlist information up to the minute.

E. How can we encourage and support providers to have a wage that will encourage best in the field to work in some of these positions, especially in relation to some of the difficult positions, like working with the homeless? They are usually entry level social work positions.

F. Mother Suzanne would like to understand more about PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness). What are the purpose and goals of that program?

G. Would like to know if any of our providers would venture to add other components to how they service the clients in Butler County but feel restrained. We have been in and still are in a pandemic. What have heard from providers and board members, we are still deep in the woods and the numbers are still crazy, and we really don't know where we are going. There could be providers that have a better understanding of what is needed to be done in the area of mental health and addiction. However, they may feel somewhat restrained based on the guidelines of treatment. Thinking out of the box, do we still treat the way we have been treating for years or find a new model? We talk about best practices and look at different communities to see if those practices could help us. To all of our providers having the opportunity to be transparent to share, here's another model that Butler County could use to address mental health and drug treatment and a pathway to funding.

H. When we get grants that are two years and the money runs out, how do we know that that grant was successful and how do we get money to sustain it?

I. When there are common concerns, for example the 988, how is the Board able to look for innovations with other agencies?

J. The clear definition of recovery housing of the grant from HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) that is being given the Board, who is responsible for its execution, what it means to have recovery housing, and where does the Board go from here?

K. One of the committee goals was dealing with transportation with clients and providers. Is there any feedback with that?

2. Board Communication & Announcements

2.01 Executive Directors Report

- A. COVID Update – BCHD Epidemiology Report & MMWR
Dr. Rasmus gave a COVID update, including the epidemiology report and the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.
- B. Updates on BC Suicides, OD's and HIV Infections
Dr. Rasmus reported that so far in 2021 there have been 46 Suicides in Butler County, 159 overdoses and 53 HIV infections.

- C. 988 & Crisis Continuum Updates
To prepare for the new 988 number scheduled for July 2022, the area code needs to be added in order to dial a local seven digit exchange. The 988 will be the federal crisis line. There is concern for how it will be integrated and connected with the Butler County crisis line, mobile crisis team, heroin hotline and other resources. The 988 line is targeting an 80% call answer rate and 50% text rate, which is 1 out of 4 calls will be answered. The Butler County hotline currently answers 100% of calls. Butler County has licensed nurses and behavioral health professionals. There are concerns about certifications with the 988 line and about who the staff will be. The state will finalize transition plans in January, although they are not near where they need to be. Dr. Rasmus is on the state work group committee and will be able to voice these concerns.
- D. Board Ohio Revised Code 340 Language Updates
The Board Association is looking at updating language on Ohio Revised Code 340. Areas to look at are: the 120 day notices, to be more specific to local boards; the overall mission and role of the Boards; and Board membership size.
- E. Board Work Session/Retreat
The Board retreat will be January 20th from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. There will be an ethics training by Christine Shaynak-Diaz, the attorney for the Board Association. There will be a work group session concerning the Board’s mission and vision statement. It was noted that an education session does not have to be public. Concerning the mission and vision statement, there cannot be a vote, otherwise it needs to be in a public meeting setting.
- F. Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) December 2 & 3
The last SIM (Sequential Intercept Mapping) was in 2014. The next SIM has been scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd at the Board office. The invitations have been sent to a diverse group on the participant list.
- Dr. Rasmus provided summaries of the following article H:
- G. Carlo, A.D., Barnett, B.S., & Frank, R.G. (2020, August 24). *Behavioral Health Parity Efforts in the US*. Capella University Library.
- H. Previous Board Executive Assistant & Special Project Coordinator – Nikki Sandor <https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/west-chester-oh/nicole-sandor-10431987>
- I. Miscellaneous
There was an independent auditor’s report of Butler County prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc. for the audit period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Based upon the review, the reports were accepted required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

3. Review of Committee Meetings

3.01 November – ARS Committee Meeting Review – Mat Himm

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

3.02 November – MH Committee Meeting Review – Kim McKinney

Ms. McKinney gave a brief update on the MH Committee meeting activities this month.

4. New Business

4.01 Meeting Minutes

- A. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- B. Board Meeting minutes
- C. October Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- D. October Board Development Committee Meeting minutes
- E. November ARS Meeting Minutes
- F. November MH Meeting Minutes

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Mays seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes. Pastor Bailey seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes. Father Pucke seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Mr. Swigonski motioned to approve the ARS Meeting Minutes. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Father Pucke motioned to approve the MH Meeting Minutes. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.02 Financial Report

The September Financial Report (26% through the fiscal year) shows that the Board has budgeted \$17,956,632 and has collected \$1,256,907 which is 7% of its revenue so far. Year To Date Administration costs are \$384,046 with a budget of \$1,753,108. The Board has currently paid 18% of its budget. Current cash balance is \$21,439,679.

Mr. Bement motioned to approve the Financial Report. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.03 **Budget Revisions and Program Narratives**

Beckett Springs – provider facilitated budget revision to increase withdrawal management / stabilization by \$108,521 for a total of \$108,521.

New contract amount not to exceed \$960,508, with program narrative.

Butler Behavioral Health – provider facilitated budget revision request to increase MRSS program funding by \$36,000 Engage 2.0, and extend the program period to cover from July 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

New contract amount not to exceed \$2,374,257, with program narrative.

Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Budget Revisions and Program Narratives. Mother Suzanne seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.04 **New Board Member Appointee – Deborah Robertson**

The Board Development Committee met October 27th, 2021 to review and interview three candidates. Deborah Robertson was endorsed by the committee.

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the new board member appointee. Ms. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.05 **North Fair Avenue Update**

The current boiler is running but has a few major issues that needed to be repaired. Peck, Hannaford and Briggs will continue to maintain the current boiler until the new one arrives. It has been ordered and should be delivered in four to six weeks. The accepted quote from Peck, Hannaford and Briggs is \$52,500.

The Board staff decided to retain Zins Plumbing. Their price was reasonable, in the amount of \$24,500, and they also have a warranty of workmanship for one year per quote. The CORSA claim was denied. The rationale was that the sewer pipe failure was due to normal wear and tear and is not covered. The flooring replacement over the sewer line will be covered, although the appraisal is less than the deductible.

DeGeorge will be hired to replace the flooring in the dining room only in the amount of \$1,986. They have a history of work completed at the Fair Avenue facility.

4.06 **Contract Waiver Amendment**

The board subsidizes Medicare. It is a Medicare eligible service. There has to be reasons why a provider is unable to bill Medicare. The providers, through the waiver form, petition the Board to pay for a Medicare eligible services. Still section 4.10 of the Provider Fee for Service Contract needs to be modified to allow for an assessment. There can be one assessment per year per client to assist this process. That assessment can be paid for by a third party.

Mother Suzanne motioned to approve the Contract Waiver Amendment. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.07 **Providers Scorecard**

Ms. Stollings reviewed the BCMHARB provider Scorecards. A summary of financial metrics for 2019 show an overall compliance of 65% and 71.23% in 2021, which is a positive difference of 6.23%. A summary of Scorecard quality assurance metrics in 2019 shows an overall compliance of 60.95% and 53.62% in 2021, which is a negative difference of 7.33%.

Quality Assurance, “E. The Provider submitted AIP/AFF (Annual Implementation Plan / Application For Funding) Program Narratives accurately by due date (no revisions needed).” It was noted that in 2019 versus 2021, a rule was changed. In 2019 the provider was allowed to turn the AIPS in early before the deadline to have Board staff review them. It became very complicated, taxing process and we were not able to do so in 2021. It does not accurately reflect what the providers have done. The Board staff will work with the provider QI committee to adjust ratings for the upcoming year.

4.08 **QI Summary**

Ms. Lowry provided a quarterly Provider Quality Improvement Summary for FY20 and FY21.

In FY20 the average total number of unduplicated consumers served during a quarter was 18,521. The average length of time from initial contact to first available assessment was 20.6 days. The average number of successful discharges / terminations, consumer met treatment goals were 143. The average length of stay in treatment was 294 days. The average successful discharge / terminations (met treatment goals) was 50.95%

In FY21 the average total number of unduplicated consumers served during a quarter was 17,109. The average length of time from initial contact to first available assessment was 4.45 days. The average number of successful discharges / terminations, consumer met treatment goals were 155. The average length of stay in treatment was 293 days. The average successful discharge / terminations (met treatment goals) was 38.4%

4.09 **Office Scorecard**

The office internal scorecard was created by Tiffany Lombardo. Joanna Lowry and Ellen Stollings for the Board presented it. This was for information only. It was developed to meet the Board strategic plan and to meet the Culture of Quality (COQ) standards.

The Board's Internal Score Card has 33 metrics including clinical, safety, and fiscal. The Board meets or exceeds goals in 28 of the 33 areas.

4.10 **State Hospital Report**

Mr. Fourman reviewed the October State Hospital Report. There have been 4 civil beds and 12 forensic beds budgeted. For the month of October, there were 21 forensic beds and 3 civil beds used. Forensic beds were exceeded by almost two fold.

4.11 **Board Self-Evaluation Review**

David Swigonski reviewed the October Survey Monkey Board Self-Assessment results. 13 out of the 17 board members answered the Survey Monkey. The BCMHARS new Vista worker, Troy Harper, created an excel spreadsheet to do running averages for each of the items/questions on the survey as well as indicating differences in current survey scores from cumulative totals (from surveys dating back to January, 2021) for each of the questions in the survey.

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

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

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

8. Guest and Board Comments

8.01 **Guest/Board Comments**

9. Adjournment

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m.