



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 19th, 2020  
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, February 19th, 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; Dr. Theodore Hunter; Wayne Mays; Deborah Stanton; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; 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:**

Alyssa Louagie, NAMI  
Heather Wells, Butler County Educational Service Center  
Brandy Slavens, Access  
Lori Higgins, Envision Partnerships  
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA  
Sharon Bartels, Transitional Living  
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Kaleb Barrows, DeCoach  
Kimberly Back, DeCoach  
Chasity Mason, DeCoach  
Kim Barrows, DeCoach  
Bob Tucker, Community Behavioral Health  
Joyce Kachelries, Lifespan  
Julie Herrmann, St. Joseph Orphanage  
Meredith O'Neill, Talbert House  
Jilland Holland, Sojourner  
Randy Allman, Butler Behavioral Health  
Victoria Taylor, Butler Behavioral Health

1.02 Agenda Review  
- *No changes*

1.03 Public Comments on the Agenda  
- *No comments*

**2. Presentation**

**2.01 Randy Allman, Chief Executive Officer, Victoria Taylor, LPCC-S, Chief Clinical Officer, and Heather Wells, Director of ENGAGE 2.0 Project from Butler Behavioral Health**

Randy Allman, Chief Executive Officer, and Victoria Taylor, LPCC-S, Chief Clinical Officer and Heather Wells, Director of ENGAGE 2.0 Project from Butler Behavioral Health gave a presentation concerning the MRSS (youth crisis warm line) and Uplift (senior geriatric depression) programs.

**3. Board Communication & Announcements**

3.01 Executive Director's Report

**I. Week of Appreciation**

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) is having a week of appreciation to show support and appreciation to those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders. This includes police officers, firefighters, EMTs, children's services workers, and emergency department staff. Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) will provide mini grants to the local addiction and mental health boards to host appreciation events and activities during the week of May 3 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**II. Fairfield City Schools Flier**

Fairfield City Schools is having their fifth annual mental health series, the Mind & Body Connection. It is a free program for families and community members on March 25, 2020 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Mercy Healthplex. For more information, please visit [www.fairfieldcityschools.com](http://www.fairfieldcityschools.com)

**III. OACBHA (Board Association) letter to Ohio Director of Medicaid about current Managed Care Request for Information (RFI) #2**

There are six managed care providers covering the state for Medicaid. This is a Request For Information (RFI) process. The BCMHARS Board and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Organizations (OACBHA) has been involved in the process as well as other state stakeholders with the Department of Medicaid, to help review and provide feedback on any contracts with the Managed Care Organizations (MCO).

IV. **State Funding Update**

BCMhARS Board has received all of the collaborative funds for the year (FY2020) concerning crisis stabilization and withdrawal management which is approximately \$150,000. Additionally, all the crisis flex funds in the amount of \$170,000 has been received. These funds were allocated to the Beckett Springs Hospital hotline and the mobile crisis team at Butler Behavioral Health.

The crisis infrastructure funds in the governor's budget have not been allocated and were to be allocated contingent upon the completion of ODMHAS's Crisis Academy. Dr. Rasmus indicated at this point it is not clear how the funds will be distributed and if they will come through Boards at all.

Finally, currently half of the \$560,000 funds have been received for the K-12 Prevention program. The second half in the amount of \$280,000 will be coming soon.

V. **Vista/AmeriCorps Worker**

The BCMhARS Board is seeking another Vista/AmeriCorps Worker to do data analysis for the Board starting in July for next fiscal year 2021.

VI. **Opiate Conference**

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) in partnership with ODMHAS will host Ohio's 2020 Opiate and Other Drugs of Abuse Conference: Moving Recovery Forward on June 8 – 9 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. The conference will focus on opioid and other substance use disorders, specifically on efforts related to prevention, education, intervention, treatment, recovery, family supports, and community engagement. If any board members are interested in going, please contact Dr. Rasmus.

VII. Walsh, M. (2020, February 6). **Students Get Little Help With Posts About Depression.** *Journal News*, p. B4 Retrieved from <https://www.pressreader.com/usa/dayton-daily-news/20200206/282114933568151>

A recent nationwide study by the University of Washington, Department of Pediatrics found that when students post about depression on Facebook, it's unlikely that their followers will encourage them to seek mental health help in response. 300 students participated nationwide, which included 33 from Ohio State University.

VIII. Callahan, Denise G. (2020, February 10). **Butler County Sheriff Budgets \$325K for Drugs to Care for Inmates in 2020.** *Journal-News*, pp. A1-A8, <https://www.journal-news.com/news/butler-county-sheriff-budgets-325k-for-drugs-care-for-inmates-2020/bAb6IUfry3E3LF9RrGigRN/>

The Butler County Sheriff has been awarded a \$400,000 contract with Westwood Pharmacy for prescriptions. This cost in the Sheriff's budget is rising annually

according to the article.

- IX. Schroeder, Kaitlin (2020, February 20). **Ohio Law Dramatically Increasing Access to Overdose Reversal Meds.** *Journal-News*, pp. A1-A8, <https://www.daytondailynews.com/business/ohio-law-dramatically-increases-access-overdose-reveral-meds/oMKEBcg5oGje2JrMKx4enJ/>  
The number of prescriptions to a lifesaving overdose reversal medication grew in Ohio by 2,328% following a change to a state law change in 2015. The law was changed to help reduce the number of overdoses in the state by allowing pharmacists to dispense naloxone without patients first going to a doctor for prescription. The pharmacy law change was not only to expand access to the medication but to build awareness and reduce stigma.
- X. **Butler County Drug Court Changes Lives,** <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHOOD/bulletins/27a7c95>  
On January 22, 2020, Judge Keith Spaeth's Butler County Drug Court held its 42<sup>nd</sup> semi-annual graduation at the Butler County Courthouse in Hamilton, Ohio. The goal of the Butler County Drug Court Program is to improve participants' lives by requiring them to obtain stable employment, stable housing, and pro-social relations while living a sober lifestyle. In 2015 Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) became involved with Butler County Drug Court through a contract with the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board. The board found that an OOD Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselor could help people receive services more quickly, land jobs, and lower costs.
- XI. Cooley, Patrick, **Private Cannabis Groups Test Ohio's Medical Marijuana Laws,** *The Columbus Dispatch*, 7 Feb. 2020, <http://www.dispatch.com/news/20200207/private-cannabis-groups-test-ohiosquos-medical-marijuana-laws>  
Private groups that aren't licensed through Ohio's medical marijuana control program are testing state marijuana laws. The group says they're providing an outlet for patients who don't trust state regulators or marijuana companies. State officials said they are considering the legality of private cannabis groups.
- XII. Callahan, Denise G. **Butler County Supports New Hamilton YWCA Building but Funding Not Yet Promised,** *Journal-News*, 13 Feb. 2020 <https://www.journal-news.com/news/butler-county-supports-new-hamilton-ywca-building-but-funding-not-yet-promised/JqCxs2SfkrUw3KSi335IhJ/>  
The Butler County commissioners have signed a letter of support for grant applications to build a new \$11 million facility for the YWCA in Hamilton, but a possible county cash contribution has not been determined. The YWCA in Hamilton has asked the commissioners to approve a \$400,000 federal HOME grant to purchase land at 1570 Grand Boulevard to expand its services for abused women needing housing. These women present with low-incomes with many of them battling addictions and mental illness. The plan is to build 45 efficiency

apartments and space for supportive services which include case management, support groups, individual counseling and psychiatry. This will be a 14 bed expansion compared to the YWCA's current location and program.

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

##### 4.01 Consent Agenda Items

- A. January Board Meeting Minutes
- B. January Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. February ARS Meeting Minutes
- D. February MH Meeting Minutes

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

#### **5. Review of Committee Meetings**

##### 5.01 MH Committee February Meeting Review

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

##### 5.02 ARS Committee February Meeting Review

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

#### **6. New Business**

##### 6.01 **December Financial Report**

Mr. Rhodus shared the December Fiscal Report. The total funds collected were \$6,413,843, total administration expenditures were \$815,626, contract payments were \$6,173,329, with a current cash balance of \$18,557,796.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the December Financial Report. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

##### 6.02 **Budget Revision and Program Narrative**

**Access Counseling** – Board requested increase of \$28,000 was for the 7 Challenges Adult Curriculum and Training. The contract is not to exceed \$1,628,290. The 7 Challenges Program Narrative will be added to the Access Counseling FY20 contract.

*Ms. McKinney motioned to approve the Budget Revisions and Program Narrative. Pastor Bailey seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

##### 6.03 **Culture of Quality (COQ) V-A.46 Provider Closure Policy**

In compliance with the Culture of Quality V-A.46, Dr. Rasmus requested that the Provider Closure Policy be added to the BCMHARS board policies and procedures.

*Dr. Hunter motioned to approve the Provider Closure Policy. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

- 6.04 **Butler County General Health District Amendment (Fairfield Syringe Exchange)**  
The 2019-2020 Butler County General Health District contract was created for the Fairfield Syringe Exchange Program. The amendment extends the contract period from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30, 2020. There are no other changes to the contract.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Butler County General Health District Amendment. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

- 6.05 **DeCoach Contract**  
DeCoach has begun the SOR Care Outreach program. Brightview's contract ended in November 2019. DeCoach will continue until the end of the SOR federal fiscal year (end of September 2020). As a result, DeCoach has moved to the Board's full FY20 Fee for Service contract.

*Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the DeCoach Contract. Pastor Bailey seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

- 6.06 **120 Day Notice Memo**  
The 120 Day Memo is created annually by Hickman & Lowder Co., LPA and lists the major changes in the FY21 contract. The revisions were discussed by Dr. Rasmus. The 120 Day Memo Meeting with the providers was scheduled for Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

*Mr. Bement motioned to approve the 120 Day Notice Memo. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

- 6.07 **Community First Pharmacy Amendment**  
The Community First Pharmacy contract was approved at the January 2020 Board meeting. Community Health Solutions requested two amendments, an audit of Community First Solutions to be used for Community First Pharmacy and a total compensation in the amount of \$30,000.

*Ms. Dosani motioned to approve the Community First Pharmacy Amendment. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**6.08 Citizens for Civic Renewal Contract**

Jeff Stec is a consultant from Ohio for Citizens Renewal. He is working with Board staff member Martina Weber and the Task Force. Mr. Stec is going to be leading and assisting with the county task force planning meetings and offer structure and organization support.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Citizens for Civic Renewal Contract. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**6.09 Valeria Cummings Swope Social Media Contract**

Valeria Cummings Swope will be the presenter at the Board retreat on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Valeria Cummings Swope Social Media Contract. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. Rev. Cummings abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

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

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

**6.11 State Hospital Report**

In January, Butler County was budgeted for 6 civil beds and 12 forensic beds in FY2020. In January 2020 the average was 2 civil beds and 17 forensic beds per day at the state hospital. Year to date the statistics are 1.9 civil beds and 14.7 forensic beds. Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, the State of Ohio budgeted a three year average in the amount of 2 civil beds and 12 forensic beds. Overall the state hospital has changed averaging 58 civil beds a day for the southwest collaborative to just 26 beds. The forensic beds have increased from 209 to 256 beds. The state hospital has become almost exclusively a forensic patient facility.

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

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

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

**7. Guest and Board Comments**

**7.01 Guest/Board Comments**

The NAMI annual awards dinner to recognize innovative leaders in the community in the field of mental health will be April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Courtyard of Marriott in Hamilton. Nominations will be taken until Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. To nominate an individual or purchase tickets, please go to [nami-bc.org](http://nami-bc.org).

The Board member Atrium Tour will be Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.