The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

Board President Barbara Desmond called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Barbara Desmond, Chris Hacker, Benjamin Heroux, Mat Himm, Dr. Theodore Hunter, Pat Irwin, Wayne Mays, Kim McKinney, Dr. Cricket Meehan, Father Michael Pucke, Reverend Gary Smith, Dave Swigonski; and arriving after the call of roll: Lonnie Tucker

Staff members present at the meeting were: Cassie Kiesey, Esq.; Julie Payton, LISW-S, LICDC-CS, OCPSII; Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC-S, IMFT; Marion Rhodus, MPA and Tiffany Lombardo, MA, LISW-S, LICDC-CS

**Recognition of Guest:**
- Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
- Kathy Becker, Access Counseling
- Pauline Edwards, Access Counseling
- Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Laura Sheehan, Community Behavioral Health
- Lori Higgins, Envision Partnerships
- Bill Staler, LifeSpan
- Berni Murray, NAMI
- Carrie Harper, St. Aloysius
- Diane Young, St. Joseph Orphanage
- Sharon Bartels, Transitional Living
- Christa Carnahan, YWCA
- Ryan Kuhlman, IH360
- Pam Mortensen, Catholic Charities
- Maria Laib, Sojourner Recovery Services
- Scott Gehring, Community Health Alliance

**Agenda Review**
- *No changes*

**Public Comments: Agenda**
- *No comments*
1. Board Communications & Announcements
   a. Board President Message
      Ms. Desmond, Board President, provided an overview of what the Board and Board staff have been up to the last couple of months. See page 6 for a full report.
   b. Executive Director Report
      i. *Hope in the Darkness*
         Journal News Article
      ii. BH Redesign Update
      iii. Statewide Week of Appreciation April 9-13, 2018
      iv. Coroner’s Press Conference 3/6/2018
         Opiate Epidemic, Journal News, 3/7/18
      v. *5 Surprising Mental Health Benefits of Working Out of Just 10 minutes*
         Romper Online Journal
      vi. *3 Harmful Myths about the Opioid Epidemic*
         Knowledge Science Report Journal
      vii. Board Development Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 3, 2018 @ 5pm
         4 Candidates have been identified
      viii. Board Annual Training II – Tuesday, April 3, 2018 @ 6pm
      ix. Medical Marijuana Training
      x. Flex Time/Work-From-Home Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 1:30pm

2. Consent Agenda
   a. February Board Meeting Minutes
   b. February Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
   c. February Board Member Evaluations
   d. March Mental Health Committee Meeting Minutes
   e. March ARS Committee Meeting Minutes

   *Mr. Mays motioned to approve the items in the consent agenda. Mr. Swingonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

3. Review of Committee Meetings
   a. MH Committee
      i. February MH Committee Meeting Minutes
      ii. CBH Housing Repair Costs
      iii. Jail Programming Update
      iv. GMS Move Update
      v. Transportation Update
      vi. New Transportation Survey
      vii. Multilingual MH Committee Update
      viii. Suicide Prevention Program Update
      ix. The Crisis Response Continuum Conference- Ohio Panel: After First Response-Scott Fourman Presenter
      x. Mental Health Services in the Juvenile Justice System
      xi. Next Board Training
      xii. Miscellaneous
      xiii. Next Meeting – April 10, 2018
b. ARS Committee
   i. February ARS Committee Meeting Minutes
   ii. Vista Member
   iii. Bridge Revisited
   iv. BC Opiate Business Plan Review
   v. Ohio Department of Health Grant Application Contract Update
   vi. Impact of Changes to State Interpretation of the IMD Exclusion
   vii. BC Community Awards Update
   viii. Statewide Week of Appreciation Update
   ix. Medical Marijuana Board Training Debrief
   x. Miscellaneous
   xi. Next Meeting: April 10, 2018

4. New Business
   a. **Statement of Recognition for County Opiate First Responders**
      Dr. Rasmus presented a resolution for the Board to endorse, in order to express gratitude and appreciation to all community members working on the front lines in the fight against Ohio’s opioid epidemic, in accordance with the statewide week of appreciation April 9 – 13, 2018.

      *Fr. Pucke motioned to approve the resolution. Mr. Swingonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

   b. **January Financial Report**
      Mr. Rhodus provided an overview of the January financial reports. As of January the Board was 58% of the way through the fiscal year and 40% of Board dollars were spent with 48% of funds received.

      *Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the January Financial Reports. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

   c. **March Budget Revisions and Updated Yellow Sheets**
      In order to support additional detox services, mental health residential services, funding for the Bridge device, and the funding allocation from the ODH grant- some funds need to be reorganized and additional budget revisions are needed.

      *Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Budget Revisions and the Changes in the Yellow Sheet in the amount of $108,856. Mr. Heroux seconded the motion. Mr. Mays abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

   d. **CBH Housing Repair Costs**
      Dr. Rasmus reviewed the CBH Housing repairs agreed upon to support the Mental Health housing provided by CBH in the amount of $74,356. CBH supplied pictures of the buildings needing repairs.

      *Ms. Irwin motioned to approve the $74,356 repair costs. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*
e. **Bridge Revisited**
A pilot project to fund the Bridge Device to aid in opiate detox was presented as recommended by the ARS Committee and the Executive Committee, with a focus on Informed Consent. Based on discussion through the ARS Committee and feedback from Dr. Miller, Board’s Chief Clinical Officer, the Board will pilot a small amount of funding for the Bridge Device with 3 local providers to include CBH, Modern Psychiatry & Wellness, and Brightview Health (new provider). Protocols for the selection of clients and evaluation of outcome metrics this tracking will be determined with a collaboration of the 3 providers and will be reviewed by Board Member Dr. Meehan, at the request of the Board.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the pilot of the Bridge Device at 3 providers for a total of 30 devices at a cost not to exceed $18,000 and the new provider contract with Brightview Health. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

f. **TLC Residential Funding**
An additional allocation of $20,000 for mental health residential services for TLC in order to continue to serve additional clients in their residential program for the remainder of the fiscal year.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the additional $20,000 for TLC residential services. Mr. Swingonski seconded the motion. Mr. Mays abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

g. **Shower Replacement/Upgrade for Board’s N. Fair Avenue Facility**
An additional $5,000 is needed to cover the cost of shower repairs previously approved at the February Board Meeting in order to comply with ADA requirements to widen a shower stall and ensure it is wheelchair accessible.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the additional $5,000 for the repairs. Ms. Irwin seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

h. **Vista Member**
The Board has the opportunity to participate in a program being arranged by OACBHA to provide a Vista Member through the AmeriCorps program to be employed at the Board from July 2018- July 2019. The position’s salary and benefits will be paid for by AmeriCorps and the Board will be responsible only for expenses and equipment for the position.

*Mr. Swingonski motioned to approve the MOU for the Vista Member. Mr. Heroux seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

i. **BC Opiate Business Plan review- Consultant Bruce Ripley**
As the Board continues to update the Opiate Business Plan, Consultant Bruce Ripley will be contracted with once again to provide support and assist in the technical writing of updating the plan.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the contract for Bruce Ripley for a maximum of 25 hours at $85 per hour. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*
j. **Ohio Department of Health Grant Contract**
The Board was awarded a grant by ODH in the amount of $36,750. The Board approved
the award of the funds and endorsed the contract for the grant with ODH.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the $36,750 grant award and contract from ODH. Ms.
Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

k. **State Hospital Report**
Dr. Rasmus reviewed the February State Hospital report and pointed out that there were
2 civil beds and 11 forensic beds being used by Butler County residents in February.

l. **Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction**
Listed were all the voucher approvals and direct deductions for the month of February.

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

5. **Guest/Board Comments**
Kathy Becker, Access Counseling, reported that on March 8, 2018- the West Chester Area
Court was approved as a Certified Mental Health Court by the State of Ohio.

Berni Murray, NAMI of Butler County, requested to remind Board members of the
NAMI/Appreciation Week Dinner being held on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Dr. Rasmus and Ms. Desmond requested that any Board members who would like to
attend the NAMI/Appreciation Week Dinner to contact Dr. Rasmus and the Board would
cover the cost of the dinner for member and staff attendance.

Mr. Lonnie Tucker requested to acknowledge and thank Julie Payton, Dr. Cricket
Meehan, and Kim McKinney for their support and education that allowed him to be
honored as a Civic Leader of the Year for the Lakota School District.

6. **Adjournment**
President’s Message
January 2018

The time between Board Meetings remains being very BCMHARS consumer focused. Successful programs require research, well trained and skilled staff members, Board Members as well as good communication.

Any positive movement towards treating Mental Health and Addiction is the result of Board Committee growth, due diligence in preparation for recommendations to the Board, strong agencies and their staff’s dedicated efforts to serve Butler County.

Our first Board Training was held 3-1-18. Karen Pierce from Working Partners presented information on what the use of Medical Marijuana looks like and the possible implementation by employers in Ohio. This presentation provided not only information to be considered by BCMHARS and communities at large but created opportunities to ask questions. The debriefing of this training session can be found on BoardDocs March 13, 2018 Agenda Item 1.09.

March 10. Dr Quentin Moss presented “Treading the Treacherous Waters of Opioid Addiction”. This three-hour presentation was provided by Stephen Ministers, Butler County. Chris Hacker, Rev. Gary Smith, Father Mike Pucke and I were able to expand our knowledge of Opiate Addiction through the lens of a faith based approach. The information and attendee’s input were very encouraging.

Our Committees continue to be very productive.

MH Committee, chaired by Wayne Mays continues to address Transportation and Housing needs. The in depth research and plans of action serve all of our consumers very well.

Dr. Ken Willman, ARS chair continues to address the best ways to effectively serve Butler County as well. In depth discussion of the Board support of anything Addiction related takes place here.

Father Mike Pucke will be sharing the ongoing efforts of our newly formed Multi Lingual Committee. This work is vital to being more inclusive in serving consumers.

These meetings are fascinating as well as productive and I encourage all of you to try to attend when possible and to be sure to read the meeting agendas and minutes. Your input is always welcome.