



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 29th, 2020  
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, April 29th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio via Webex.

**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 via teleconference: Pastor Michael Bailey; Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Theodore Hunter, MD; President Wayne Mays; Deborah Stanton; Lonnie Tucker, CH, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Christine Hacker, MSN; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rev. Gary Smith; David Swigonski; Richard Bement; Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II.

**Recognition of Guests via teleconference:**

Pam Mortensen, Catholic Charities  
Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health  
Joyce Kachelries, Lifespan  
Julie Herrmann, St. Joseph Orphanage  
Nichol Boberg, Talbert House

1.02 Agenda Review  
- *No changes*

1.03 Public Comments on the Agenda  
- *No comments*

**2. Board Communication & Announcements**

2.01 Executive Director's Report

**I. State Funding Update**

K-12 funding has been received. Joanna Lowry is facilitating the contracts, admissions, signatures and payments to the schools. She is in the process of sending the invoices to the auditor for processing to begin payments.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) admitted 2 million dollars to Ohio for a crisis grant. The southwest collaborative will receive \$309,000. The Butler County MHARS Board will receive \$43,000. It will be used for crisis support services targeting the impact of the corona virus, expanding into telehealth and to support the negative impacts of COVID-19.

Dr. Rasmus has not heard how the 20% statewide reduction in department cuts will affect the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and thus ADMHS Boards.

**II. Mental Health Levy Update**

Dr. Rasmus will present before the Butler County commission on the 1 Mil Renewal Levy provisionally on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Coronavirus Update**

Our local BH providers were asked to fill out a coronavirus survey for the State.

The BCMHARS Board office received Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from OACBHA recently for distribution.

The BCMHARS Board postponed their yearly training due to the pandemic. The board association will be providing videos on ethics which board members will be able to have access to and can be considered as training for this fiscal year.

Our Board Association has done a small business loan training, Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) and Economic Injury and Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program, through the Small Business Association (SBA). It will be recorded and sent to our BCMHARSB which will then be sent to all providers.

Dr. Rasmus indicated, to his knowledge, four providers have received loans through the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) program.

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

The FY21 Fee for Service Contracts were sent to the providers on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for review.

An annual performance evaluation concerning the executive director will be sent out via Survey Monkey by May the 20<sup>th</sup>. It is due by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**V. Latino Mental Health Webinar Series**

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission is partnering with the National Hispanic and Latino Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network (MHTTC) and

Universidad Central del Caribe to host a series of webinars focused on the impact of trauma on the Latino community.

VI. **Community Plan Update**

The Community Plan submission date has been extended to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Tiffany Lombardo and Scott Fourman are working together to develop and finalize the project.

VII. Achenback, Joel. "**Coronavirus is Harming the Mental Health of Tens of Millions of People in U.S., New Poll Finds**," *The Washington Post*, 2 Apr. 2020, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/coronavirus-is-harming-the-mental-health-of-tens-of-millions-of-people-in-us-new-poll-finds/2020/04/02/565e6744-74ee-11ea-85cb-8670579b863d\\_story.html?outputType=amp](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/coronavirus-is-harming-the-mental-health-of-tens-of-millions-of-people-in-us-new-poll-finds/2020/04/02/565e6744-74ee-11ea-85cb-8670579b863d_story.html?outputType=amp)

The tracking poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation, conducted March 25 to 30, found that 45 percent of adults say the pandemic has affected their mental health, and 19 percent say it has had a “major impact.” 57 percent of adults said they’re worried they could be exposed to the virus because they can’t afford to miss work and can’t stay home. Mental health experts say it’s normal for people to be anxious and worried amid a highly disruptive health emergency with many uncertainties. Some coping mechanism are to write fears down, communicate them to another person, cut down on negative behaviors and focus on coping skills.

VIII. Powell, Alvin, “**Feeling More Anxious and Stressed? You’re Not Alone.**” *The Harvard Gazette*, 16 Apr. 2020 <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2020/04/rising-mental-health-concerns-in-the-coronavirus-era/>

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health has hosted a weekly online forum on mental health topics since mid-March. The toll on Americans is becoming both palpable and quantifiable. A positive emergence from the epidemic is that telehealth has become widely accepted by patients and insurers.

IX. Graham, Judith, “**Seniors with COVID-19 Show Unusual Symptoms, Doctors Say.**” *Kaiser Health News*, 12 Apr. 2020 <https://khn.org/news/seniors-with-covid-19-show-unusual-symptoms-doctors-say/>

Older adults with COVID-19 have several “atypical” symptoms, complicating efforts to ensure they get timely and appropriate treatment. The three typical symptoms of the coronavirus are fever, insistent cough and shortness of breath. Instead, seniors may seem “off” early on after being infected by the virus. They may sleep more than usual or stop eating. They seem unusually apathetic or confused, losing orientation to their surroundings. They may become dizzy and fall. Sometimes seniors stop speaking or collapse. So far, reports of cases have been anecdotal. Physicians are trying to gather more systematic information. Data comes from hospitals and nursing homes in Switzerland, Italy and France.

X. **Miscellaneous**

Rubina Dosani will be leaving the Board at the end of the fiscal year.

XI. **Community Updates – Tiffany Lombardo and Scott Fourman**

The Board has been working with the Butler County coroner to get weekly updates on overdose deaths and suicides. For the month of April there have been 14 overdose deaths and 3 suicides. This is down from April 2019, where there were 19 overdose deaths and 5 suicides.

There was a press release about how the regional exchange services are continuing and adapting in Middletown. As a result, there is a suspicion that was the reason for the uptick in clients. 79 people arrived to receive services on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with 8 referrals for treatment.

Hamilton County Public Health has announced that they will not restart syringe services until early June.

Tiffany Lombardo, Martina Weber and Joanna Lowry are in the process of submitting for three federal grants: Victims of Crime, Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) (replacement for the COAP program), and the Rural Communities Grant with the Oxford Coalition.

In compliance with the 340 Rule and due to the COVID-19 crisis, Butler County Courts have been conducting hearings electronically. Adalicia Carillo, the CCI Crisis Program supervisor from Butler Behavioral Health, reports they are fully staffed, working with the Butler County Sheriff's Department and the JDC detention center. They are seeing the involuntary admits starting to rise and a drop off of medication usage by the chronically ill.

Atrium has hired an additional doctor. They have in-patient psychiatric beds available. They are doing a thorough physical screen upon admission. They are working on electronic protocols for referrals.

Greater Miami Services is accepting new admits. The group homes are doing okay with PPE and other supplies. They are near client capacity. There are no cases of COVID-19 of residences.

MRSS had 17 referrals in the month of March. There were a total of 113 referrals in 2019.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### 3.01 Consent Agenda Items

##### A. April 15th Board Meeting Minutes

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

### **4. New Business**

#### 4.01 Health Officer Extension

The Health Officer Training is typically in May. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, an extension was requested for five months. This is for current health officers only.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Health Officer Extension. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.02 Atrium Agreement

The FY21 Atrium Agreement is from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 in the amount of \$125,000, paid at the contracted per diem of \$800 for inpatient psychiatric services.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Atrium Agreement. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.03 Ben Ogles Agreement

FY21 Ben Ogles Agreement for consultation services is from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$150 an hour for 10 hours, not to exceed \$1,500.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Ben Ogles Contract. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. Ms. McKinney abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.04 Christina Shaynak-Diaz Agreement

FY21 Christina Shaynak-Diaz Agreement for consultation services is from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$175 per hour, traveling time at a rate of \$82.50 per hour, with a total not to exceed \$3,000.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Christina Shaynak-Diaz Agreement. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.05 **Diane Zucker Contract**

FY21 Diane Zucker Contract is the third party insurance consultant from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There are two parts. The cost is based on an hourly rate of \$155, an initial meeting of one hour and a follow up meeting based on need with the maximum time of 22 hours, with a maximum of \$3,500 for consulting services / time. The cost for web programs is \$1,650. Total not to exceed \$5,150.

*Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the Diane Zucker Contract. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion with the amendment. The vote carried the motion with the amendment.*

4.06 **Eastway Contract**

FY21 Eastway Contract from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 supports the Butler County residents involved in probate in Montgomery County in the amount of \$250 per examination with in-court testimony not to exceed \$10,000.

*Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Eastway contract. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.07 **Frank Hickman Contract**

Frank Hickman is a consultant for the Board that specializes in fee for service contracts. FY21 Frank Hickman Contract is from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$270 an hour for associates, \$225 hour for legal assistants, \$115 an hour for law clerks and attorneys, not to exceed \$10,000.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Frank Hickman Contract. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.08 **Jan Pro Cleaning**

The FY21 Jan Pro Cleaning Contract from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for a monthly fee of \$1,774.43 totaling \$21,293.16.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Jan Pro Cleaning. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.09 **King Consultation Services / Kim Grimes Agreement**

Kim Grimes is a CPA consultant for the Board. The FY21 Kings Consultation Services Agreement is from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$600 per day for on-line consultation, \$65 per hour for off-site consultation, total not to exceed \$2,000.

*Ms Hacker motioned to approve the King Consultation Services Agreement. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.10 **Mike Geisler Contract**

Mike Geisler is the Board's GOSH billing software consultant. The FY21 contract from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 is in the amount of \$120 per hour for consultation, pre-paid 24 hour blocks in the amount of \$108 an hour, an after hour rate of \$169, total not to exceed \$30,000.

*Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Mike Geisler contract. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.11 **Uplift MOU**

The Uplift MOU is a senior geriatric depression treatment program that the Board has supported. It is an in-home cognitive behavioral therapy for seniors. It is an evidence based practice out of the University of Washington State. The Board contributes \$250,000. The Butler County Elderly Services levy administered by Council on Aging (COA) funds \$125,000 for a total of \$375,000.

*Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Uplift MOU. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. Ms. Stanton abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

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

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

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

**5. Guest and Board Comments**

5.01 **Guest/Board Comments**

David Swignoski received four board evaluations from the previous board meeting. Jennifer Coats will send out the survey again. Please respond and send to Mr. Swignoski.

David Swignoski requested to go back to the phone conference at the next board meeting.

Pastor Bailey requested to look into BoardDocs and see what web services are available.

**6. Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via telephone conference unless Dr. Rasmus indicates the need to change this date and time.