The Butler County Mental and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00 PM at the Board offices 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, Christine Hacker, Benjamin Heroux, Mathew Himm, Patricia Irwin, Wayne Mays, Kim McKinney, Dr. Cricket Meehan, Marianne Niese, Father Michael Pucke, Rev. Gary Smith, Deborah Stanton, David Swigonski, Lonnie Tucker and Dr. Kenneth Willman

Staff members present at the meeting were: Scott Fourman, MS, LPCC-S; Cassandra Kiesey, Esq.; Julie Payton, LISW-S, LICDC-CS, OCPSII; Marion Rhodus, MPA; Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC-S, IMFT and Nikki Sandor

Recognition of Guest

Guests present at the meeting were: Deanna Proctor, Chief Executive Officer at Access Counseling Services; Pauline Edwards, Associate Executive Director at Access Counseling Services; Sharon Bartels, Executive Director at Transitional Living, Inc.; Rhonda Benson, Executive Director at NAMI; Bill Staler, CEO at LifeSpan; Christa Carnahan, Residence Director at YWCA; Carolyn Winslow, CEO at Big Brothers Big Sister; Lori Higgins, CEO at Envision Partnerships; Laura Sheehan, VP at Community Behavioral Health; Carrie Parsell, Clinical Director at St. Joseph Orphanage; Pam Mortensen, Director of Community Outreach at Catholic Charities; Angela Creech; Assistant Director of Finance and Administrative Services at BCMHARS Board; Ann Elam, Administrative Assistant at BCMHARS Board and Berni Murray, Program Director at NAMI.

Agenda Review

-No changes

Public Comments: Agenda

-No comments

I. Presentation and Swearing in
   A. Presentation of Ann Elam
      Ann Elam introduced herself and provided a short overview of her role at the Board office. Ms. Desmond and Dr. Rasmus congratulated her on her retirement and gave her a plaque to honor her 11 years of service with the Board
   B. Swearing in of Father Michael Pucke
      Father Michael Pucke was sworn into office by Cassandra Kiesey
II. Board Communication & Announcements

A. Board President Report
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. Correspondences
   a) Sojourner New Executive Director
      Maria Laib is the new Executive Director at Sojourner Recovery Services.
   b) State Hospital Letter from Director Plouck
      Director Plouck responded to the Board’s State Hospital letter that was sent to Director Plouck in May 2017.
   c) FY18 Community Plan
      The FY18 Community Plan was received and approved by ODMHAS.
   d) C3 Caring Community Collaborative
      C3 sent a thank you letter to Dr. Rasmus for his participation on the planning committee and as a panel member for the C3 Through Our Eyes event.

C. Executive Director Report
   a) Levy Update: Dr. Rasmus has met with all three commissioners separately to discuss our desired new levy. He is in the process of meeting with outside organizations to elicit funding to the Citizens 4 Community Recovery PAC.
   b) BH Redesign Update: Providers are preparing for the code-set implementation in January 2018 and beta data testing in October and November. The new code set MITS software for Medicaid billings will begin testing in October 2017. The providers will have between Oct 25th and November 29th for open testing and everything will go live January 1, 2018. Managed care will only support a 3-month time period for non-contract providers starting July 1, 2018. This could lead to the reduction of our provider system.
   b) PHQ-9: PHQ-9 depression test has been supported by Google and can be found when a googling a search for clinical depression.
   c) Scheduling of St. Joes Tour: A meeting time to tour St. Joes will be set soon.
   d) Lead Magazine: Lead Magazine highlighted Dr. Rasmus and a piece he wrote in support of the Board.
   e) Have Smart Phones Destroyed a Generation by Jean M Twenge: Dr. Rasmus provided an overview of the article.
   f) Board Video: Board members viewed the latest version of the Board video
   g) Crisis Hotline and Text Line: Starting in late October the Crisis Hotline will begin to receive and respond to crisis texts.
   h) ACA Repeal/Replace Attempt: An attempt to repeal and replace Obama Care with the Graham Cassidy package was discussed by Dr. Rasmus. He provided contact information for Senator Portman in this regard.
III. Consent Agenda
   A. June Board Evaluation
   B. June Board Meeting Minutes
   C. June Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
   D. September ARS Committee Meeting Minutes
   E. September MH Committee Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Review of Committee Meetings
   A. ARS Committee
      a) Levy Update
      b) Contracts & Recommendations
      c) Prevention Programming Review and Discussion
      d) SBIRT
      e) Future Focus/For Awareness
      f) Miscellaneous

   B. MH Committee
      a) Transportation Update/UTS Meeting
      b) OACBHA Recovery Conference Debrief
      c) BH Redesign Update
      d) Meta-Analysis Update
      e) Contracts/Proposals
      f) Stepping UP Initiative/Jail Program Update
      g) MH Committee Significant Goals for FY18
      h) State Hospital Letter
      i) MH & Suicide Prevention Programming
      j) Miscellaneous

V. New Business
   A. May and July Financial Report
      Mr. Rhodus provided an overview of the financial reports. As of May the Board was 91% of the way through the fiscal year but only 85% of Board dollars were spent and 67% of funds have been received. As of July the Board was 8% of the way through the fiscal year but 9% of Board dollars were spent on operating costs and .07% of funds have been received. The current budget indicated the spent dollars exceeded the timeframe in the year, 9% vs. 8%, since some Board contracts are paid all upfront at the beginning of the fiscal year.

      Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the May and July Monthly Financial Reports. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.
B. **Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Proposal**

This proposal is in the amount of $45,000 to be used for 41 youth, with mental health diagnosis, to be matched with adult mentors.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the BBBS Proposal. Mr. Heroux seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

C. **Budget Revisions**

BBBS budget revision is in the amount of $45,000 for the use of matches for children with a mental health diagnosis. Catholic Charities budget revision is in the amount of $12,188 to reallocated treatment service dollars into the Early Childhood program.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Budget Revisions for BBBS and Catholic Charities. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

D. **Eastway Contract**

The Eastway contract was endorsed in June by the Board but has had several changes because Eastway no longer wants to provide forced medication services and the rate has increased to $250 per exam.

*Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Eastway Contract. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

E. **Charity Logic Invoice**

The contract in the amount of $1,214 is to pay for the cost of adding the text line to the current system being used for the hotline.

*Mr. Heroux motioned to approve the Charity Logic contract. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

F. **ATP MOU**

The ATP MOU in the amount of $273,035 is for medications, treatment and recovery supports for opiate dependent clients in Drug Court.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the ATP MOU. Dr. Willman seconded the motion. Ms. Hacker abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.*

G. **Cordata Contract**

The Cordata contract in the amount of $10,000 will support two QRT teams.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Cordata contract. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*
H. **Maryhaven Contract**
The Maryhaven contract will provide room and board at a per diem of $205.00 with a total compensation not to exceed $80,000.00 for residential adolescent treatment program in the Columbus, OH area.

*Ms. Irwin motioned to approve the Maryhaven contract. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

I. **Affirmative Action Plan**
Jim Evans from Evans and Associates will update the Affirmative Action Plan for $500.

*Mr. Mays motioned to approve the Affirmative Action Plan. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

J. **Point Factor Analysis Proposal**
Jim Evans from Evans and Associates put together a proposal in order to create a Point Factor Analysis. The analysis will review and establish the Board’s salary schedule to ensure that it is both internally equitable and externally competitive.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Point Factor Analysis Proposal. Mr. Mays seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

K. **Table of Organization**
The table of organization has changed to show an open position for the receptionist position.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Table of Organization. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

L. **Receptionist Position**
The job description for the Receptionist position has been created to replace the Administrative Assistant job description. The salary range is from $19,500 to $25,350.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Receptionist job description and salary range. Mr. Heroux seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

M. **State Hospital Report**
Mr. Fourman reviewed the June State Hospital report and pointed out that there were 4 civil beds and 7 forensic beds currently being used by Butler County residents. In July there were 5 civil beds and 7 forensic beds. In August there were 5 civil beds and 10 forensic beds.
N. **Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction**
Listed were all of the Voucher Approvals and Direct Deductions for the month of June, July and August.

*Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the June, July and August Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

VI. **GUEST/BOARD COMMENTS**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**President’s Message June 2017**

Welcome to our first meeting of the 2017-2018 MHARS Board

Board members wear many hats as we all know. We are in the levy mode and MHARS needs our help. Please come to meetings to learn what our role will be – – – placement of signs in our yards, other friends and polling places. We need people to promote our levy at the polls and think about contributing to the levy campaign. It’s not tax-deductible but it helps and is a great opportunity to publicly get and give support. The bag that you received will help you when promoting the levee or helping guide community members to the resources that we provide.

We wish Ann Elam the best of everything as she retires. Traveling to meet cousins she discovered via her interest in genealogy, Book Club, her duties as Red Hat Society Queen and whatever her heart desires. It is wonderful to not have to follow a daily work schedule! Congratulations!

Summer used to be a quieter time when the Staff could breathe a sigh of accomplishment. The merger in July 2015 changed that. Meetings with agencies continue, training continues and new initiatives created with MHARS, and levy think tank work begins. The Board appreciates all of your efforts.

We have a full 18-member board and I would like to thank Wayne Mays for helping make this happen. Mat Himm and Fr. Mike Pucke are being mentored by Dave Swigonski and Kim McKinney’s mentor is Pat Deis-Gleeson. There is a retreat planned after the first of the year.
Board members will continue to be emailed information regarding Committee Meetings, events such as the NAMI WALK, and agency visits. The calendar on our website will have information also. We hope this will help all of us to take advantage of all of the activities to learn and best serve Butler County. Thank you to Lauren Costello for helping with this.

Butler County Opiate Task Force topic “Who is Doing What to Address the Opiate Epidemic?” met 9/18. MHARS was represented by Julie Payton, Tiffany Lombardo, Chris Hacker, Dave Swigonski, Mat Himm, Lonnie Tucker, Dr. Rasmus, Marion Rhodus and myself. There will a copy of this on our website. That was followed by the Opiate Task Force. These meetings are informative and open to all.

Fairfield Opiate Task Force met 9/18 led by Councilman Bill Woeste. They are planning an event at Mercy Fairfield on 10/24. Tiffany, Dr. Rasmus, Mat Himm and myself attended. Mat will share a brief overview.

The annual NAMI WALK is 10/14. These annual walks raise much needed funds for NAMI and a public forum to inform the community and stigma bust. Laura Amiott and I are co captains of Team MHARS. Our team is composed of Board members, Staff NLD families and friends. This is the largest community mental health awareness event in Butler County. This is also a pet friendly event. Come for the fun, the exercise and to meet local consumers who are so proud of their successes. This is a very uplifting experience and very easy to do. We will have a link that you can click on and you can make your donation or you can make your donation and sign up to walk.

September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month. See the fact sheet for more information or contact Lauren Marsh Marsh1@bcesc.org. Also check out the Resource Links on the Butler County Coalition web site

National Suicide Prevention week was September 10 to the 16th