



**Butler County
Mental Health & Addiction
Recovery Services Board**

**Board Meeting
September 16, 2015**

The Butler County Mental and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its second Board meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 6:00 PM at the Board offices located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Vivian Crooks called the meeting to order.

A. ROLL CALL

Upon call of the roll the following Board members were present: Laura Amiott, Esq., Vivian Crooks, Pat Deis-Gleeson, Barbara Desmond, , Christine Hacker, Benjamin Heroux, Dr. Theodore Hunter, Wayne Mays, Dr. Cricket Meehan, Marianne Niese, Rev. Gary Smith, Debbie Stanton, David Swigonski, Lonnie Tucker and Dr. Kenneth Willman

Board members not present were: Jennifer Carter and Rev. John Guliano.

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

Ms. Kiesey administered the oath of office to Dr. Kenneth Willman.

B. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests present at the meeting were: Deanna Proctor, Chief Executive Officer for Access Counseling Services; Jason Maurath, Vice President for Community Behavioral Health; Bill Staler, Chief Executive Officer for LifeSpan, Inc.; Katherine A. Becker, Chief Executive Officer for Transitional Living, Inc.; Sharon Bartels, Chief Administration Officer for Transitional Living, Inc; Sherrie Bluester, Executive Director for YWCA of Hamilton, Ohio; Brian Wlodarczyk, Director of Mental Health for Catholic Charities of SouthWestern Ohio; Randy Allman, Chief Operations Officer for Butler Behavioral Health Services, Inc.; Alyssa Louagie, Associate Director of NAMI Butler County; Eric Cummins, Executive Director of St. Joseph Orphanage; Alisa Berry, Chief Operations Officer for Catholic Charities of SouthWestern Ohio; Jennifer McMonigle, Director for St. Aloysius; Tom Kelechi, CEO for Envision Partnerships; Marc Jeifert, CFO for Sojourner Recovery Services; Art Lawtman, Executive Vice President for Sojourner Recovery Services; Carolyn Winslow, Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters; and Steve Cahill, Director for Community Behavioral Health.

C. AGENDA REVIEW

-No changes.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA

-None.

2. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Rasmus provided his Executive Director report to the Board. Suicide Prevention Week was September 7-14, 2015. The Board distributed over 1,000 crisis hotline posters in all Butler County schools.

Dr. Rasmus distributed two articles concerning the deaths of two women due to mental illness and substance abuse. An 18 year old Middletown girl died of a heroin overdose, and her parents are volunteering to help educate the community about this horrible epidemic.

An article concerning the Butler County Guardianship program operated by LifeSpan, Inc. was distributed.

Finally, Board members received information regarding prevention within a Recovery-Oriented System of Care distributed by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities.

3. BOARD MINUTES

- A. Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2015**
- B. Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board Meeting Minutes June 18, 2015**
- C. BC MHARS Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2015**

Ms. Hacker motioned and Ms. Desmond seconded approval of the above listed Board meeting minutes. The vote carried the motion.

4. ADDICTION RECOVERY SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. ARS Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2015**

Ms. Desmond moved to approve the ARS Committee Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2015. Mr. Heroux seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

B. Marijuana Ballot Initiative

The Committee requested information about the amount of Boards that have taken a stance against the November Marijuana Ballot Initiative and what language they used in their resolutions. The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities’ attorney has provided a legal opinion about Boards taking a stance on this amendment. Dennis P. Will, the Prosecuting Attorney of Lorain County, Ohio, has also provided a legal opinion.

Discussion followed about the wording of the position statement and the need for the statement to be available to the public as soon as possible. It was noted that the position statement could be changed at any time at a regular meeting of the Board if additional time is required to add wording to the statement.

Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Tucker seconded the following position statement on the Use of Marijuana:

POSITION ON THE USE OF MARIJUANA

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board believes that the use of marijuana is not benign – which is consistent with major medical organizations – as studies clearly outline the physical harm of marijuana, including risk of psychotic disease, and that adolescents are especially vulnerable to its many known adverse effects.

The Board encourages people to examine the ramifications on society, including exacerbating a current problem of employers not being able to hire candidates or retain employees because of failed drug tests, decreased adolescent perceptions of marijuana’s harmful effects, and a potential increase of individuals developing addictions to marijuana and other drugs.

The Board also believes that marijuana for medicinal purposes be subject to the same research, consideration, and quality control as any other approved medication under the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The vote carried the motion.

C. ADAS Revenue/Proposal Allocations

Since the ADAS Board meeting in June, there have been changes to the AOD allocations. Flexible funding from the state has been diverted to AOD services to help backfill funding reductions on this side of the Board.

Mr. Tucker moved to approve the proposed allocations for ADAS revenue. Dr. Willman seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

D. Susan Lipnickey Opiate Task Force FY 2016 Contract

This contract is for Susan Lipnickey’s consultation services for the facilitation of the Opiate Task Force. The cost of this contract shall not exceed \$6,000.

Mr. Heroux moved to approve the Susan Lipnickey Opiate Task Force contract for FY 2016. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

E. Talbert House Adolescent Residential Treatment FY 2016 Contract

This contract is for Talbert House to facilitate adolescent residential addictions treatment through either the Passages or Alternatives residential treatment programs. The cost of the contract shall not exceed \$56,405.

Ms. Desmond moved to approve the Talbert House Adolescent Residential Treatment contract for FY 2016. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

F. Public Health Initiative – Middletown Needle Exchange Project

This public health initiative has been proven to reduce the risks of HIV, hepatitis, and serious bacterial infections. It is the recommendation of the Addiction Recovery Services Committee to approve allocating \$15,000 for the Middletown Needle Exchange Project Public Health Initiative provided that the other sources of funding for the project are realized.

Mr. Heroux moved to approve the Middletown Needle Exchange Project Public Health Initiative provided that the other sources of funding for the project are realized. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

G. Colerain Township Model- Quick Response Team

The Quick Response Team of Colerain Township is a model that provides follow-up to heroin/opiate overdose situations. The goal is to reduce overdose related death, reduce repeated overdoses per victim, increase education for victims and families on available resources, increase support network for victims

and families and increase intelligence gathering for Law Enforcement investigations. Two cities in Butler County, Hamilton & Middletown, are considering piloting this model.

5. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A. MH Program Committee Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015

Dr. Hunter motioned and Dr. Meehan seconded the motion to approve the MH Program Committee Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2015. The vote carried the motion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. State Hospital Update

Mr. Fourman presented the State Hospital Update to the Board. August's bed day usage at the state hospital was 5 civil beds and 16 forensic beds. For FY 2016, the Board is budgeted for 6 civil beds and 12 forensic beds. Year to date average is 5.5 civil beds and 15.5 forensic beds. Discussion followed regarding how the State Hospital is utilized and how the Board can work to control its bed day usage. Civil beds are actively monitored and controlled by the Board and local agencies. However, the Board has no control over the Forensic beds that are ordered by the court system.

B. Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health Linkage Grant Proposal

Dr. Rasmus presented the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Linkage Grant proposal to the Board. This grant extends the existing programs in the Butler County Jail including alcohol and addiction services group counseling and mental health crisis and case coordination services. The Board will be updated on the status of this grant proposal at a later date.

C. July MHARS Board Operating Report

Mr. Rhodus presented the July, 2015 Board Operating Report. At the end of July, the Board was 1.7% under budget or \$29,154. Due to the delay in payments from the merger, Mr. Rhodus noted that the July report is likely underrepresenting what actually was spent during that month.

Mr. Heroux moved to approve the July MHARS Board Operating Report. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

D. Levy Planning Discussion

The Levy Planning Committee has met twice and has discussed the possibility of adding a levy to fund ADAS to the ballot. After conversing with the County Administrator, the Butler County Commissioner are only considering their support for the 1.0 mill mental health renewal levy to be on the ballot in March, 2016. The Commissioners would like the Board to draft a Business Plan and request funding from the State prior to asking for a local tax levy for ADAS.

E. Brown Consulting Strategic Plan Proposal

The proposal submitted by Brown Consulting will provide an updated Needs Assessment and objectives for the Board's Strategic Plan including ADAS services.

Ms. Amiott moved to approve the Brown Consulting Proposal for an updated Strategic Plan and Needs Assessment. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

F. Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Proposal

The Board's postage machine lease is up this year. The new proposal is for a smaller machine due to the Board's decreased use of postage via the usage of BoardDocs. The new lease amount is \$135 a month for 60 months. The last machine's lease cost was \$312 per month. This proposal is only for the cost to lease the machine and not for supplies or postage which are purchased as needed.

Ms. Hacker moved to approve the Pitney Bowes Postage Machine proposal. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

G. Fast Signs Exterior Signage Proposal

This proposal is to replace the old Butler County Mental Health Board sign on the exterior of the building with one that reflects the new Board's name and logo. The cost should not exceed \$4,525 plus the city sign permit fee.

Mr. Mays moved to approve the Fast Signs Exterior Signage Proposal. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

H. Butler Behavioral Health Services FY 2016 Budget Amendment Request

Mr. Rhodus presented the Butler Behavioral Health Services FY 2016 Budget Amendment Request. This request has to do with correcting Attachment 5 of the Fee for Service Contract which details how the crisis program is paid for by the Board. The updated figures represent what was agreed on by the provider and the Board during the 120 Day Notice meeting process.

Butler Behavioral also received their actual allocation amount for Central Pharmacy, as did the other agencies receiving Central Pharmacy. The Board's "yellow sheet" has been updated to show these changes. In addition, the yellow sheet has been updated to account for the new Alma's Place contract amount should the Board approve it.

Mr. Heroux moved to approve the Butler Behavioral Health Services FY 2016 Budget Amendment Request and the updated Board Master Budget document. Dr. Hunter seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

I. FY 2016 Alma's Place Transitional Youth MOU

Since the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services eliminated funding for Hotspots projects, the Alma's place project operated by Daybreak Dayton for transitional youth services must be eliminated. The contract decreases the amount paid by the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board to \$41,498 to finish serving the youth currently in the program.

Mr. Tucker moved to approve the FY 2015 Alma's Place Transitional Youth MOU. Ms. Desmond seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

J. Mileage Policy Update

Evans and Associates provided some updates to the Board's Expense Reimbursement Policy language to help with clarification.

Ms. Deis-Gleeson moved to approve the updated Expense Reimbursement Policy. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

K. Flex Time Policy Update

Evans and Associates provided some updates to the Board’s Hours of Work Policy language to help with clarification.

Ms. Deis-Gleeson moved to approve the updated Hours of Work Policy. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

L. Update on the sale of University BLVD location to Sojourner Recovery Services

Ms. Payton provided an update on the sale of the University BLVD location to Sojourner Recovery Services. The documents for the sale of the facility have been drafted and sent to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for review. Sojourner reports their independent audit has been completed and will be reviewed by Board staff following submission.

M. Voucher Approval:

Mental Health Board (6/12/15 & 6/26/15)

ADAS Board (6/2/15, 6/3/15, 6/9/15, 6/12/15, 6/16/15, 6/18/15, 6/19/15)

BCMhARS Board (7/22/15, 7/24/15, 7/28/15, 7/29/15, 7/31/15, 8/3/15, 8/6/15, 8/8/15, 8/12/15, 8/16/15, 8/18/15, 8/20/15, 8/25/15, 9/2/15, 9/3/15, 9/8/15)

Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction: June, July & August 2015

Ms. Amriott motioned to approve the above dated vouchers and payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for June, July and August 2015. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

8. GUEST & BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Guest Comments

Mr. Bill Staler encouraged everyone to support the Elderly Services Levy renewal which is on the ballot in November, 2015. He also had fact sheets and yard signs available if anyone wanted them.

Ms. Alyssa Louagie thanked the Board for their support for the 2015 NAMI Walks for America event happening on October 10, 2015.

B. Board Comments

Ms. Reckner reminded Board members about the Beckett Springs open house and the Sojourner 5K event.

Mr. Lonnie Tucker thanked Board Members and Staff for a job well done with the merger.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hacker moved and Mr. Mays seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

**Vivian Crooks,
Board President**