

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 20th, 2019
Board Meeting

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 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: Laura Amriott, Esq., Pastor Michael Bailey, Richard Bement, Barbara Desmond, Rubina Dosani, MH Committee Chair Christine Hacker, MSN, ARS Committee Chair Mathew Himm, Theodore Hunter, MD, President Wayne Mays, Kim McKinney, Cricket Meehan, PhD, Father Michael Pucke, Rev. Gary Smith, Deborah Stanton, Dave Swingoski and Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW

Recognition of Guests:

Joyce Kacherics, Lifespan

Pauline Edwards, Access Counseling

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling

Wendy L. Waters-Connell, YWCA

Diane Ruther-Vierling, YWCA

Pam Shannon St. Aloysius

Ryan Rice, St. Aloysius

Maria Laib, Sojourner

Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Lori Higgins, Envision Partnership

Dana McDonald, Community Behavioral Health

Sharon Bartels, TLC

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. BH Redesign / Managed Care Carve In Update

Dr. Rasmus shared that the Board staff has been meeting with our provider system over the last 18 months or so to discuss BH Redesign & Managed Care Carve In. There has been good dialogue about issues like lack of good communications by Managed Care Organization (MCOs), provider complaints not being addressed, and lack of form standardization. Dr. Rasmus continues to take the information provided in these meetings and present it to our Board Association, The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA).

II. State Budget Updates

Dr. Rasmus shared Governor DeWine's FY2020-2021 budget was presented and now is headed to the Ohio House of Representatives and the Senate. He indicated that the collaborative Withdrawal Management Center & Crisis Stabilization Center funds and \$75,000/county in flexible mental health & addiction funds would continue as a part of the new governor's budget. Still he indicated these flexible county funds maybe decreased \$50,000/county. Finally, Dr. Rasmus indicated the Board might receive as much as \$18 million additional funds in K-12 prevention dollars.

III. Lorain ADAS & MH Board Merging

Dr. Rasmus indicated that Lorain County ADAS & MH Boards were merging as of March 19th. This is the last county with separate Boards to merge in Ohio.

IV. *Mexican Meth Fuels an American Crisis* (Article)

Dr. Rasmus discussed an article regarding the rise in Meth in the U.S. including its manufacture in Mexico and some treatment modalities for this drug.

V. *Fewer Hospital Programs Address Opioid Abuse as Resources Decline* (Article)

Dr. Rasmus presented an article that indicated that hospital addiction treatment programming was on the decline despite the expanding needs from the current opiate epidemic.

VI. NAMI & BCMHARSB Awards Event is April 11, 2019.

Ms. Lombardo shared if Board members are interested in attending this awards event that they contact by phone call or email Board Staff member Denise Boyd.

VII. Ben Ogles Training

Dr. Rasmus indicated that Dr. Ben Ogles, a psychologist from Brigham Young University will be presenting on outcomes to Board Members on Tuesday afternoon, April 30, 2019. A provider outcome presentation will occur in the morning on that same day.

VIII. OACBHA: Opiate and other Drug Conference: Promoting Solutions for Addictions Throughout Ohio

Dr. Rasmus indicated that our Board Association (OACBHA) is sponsoring an Opiate and other Drug Conference promoting solutions for addiction throughout Ohio on June 10th and 11th. Dr. Rasmus stated that if any Board members are interested in going, to let him know as soon as possible.

IX. Miscellaneous

Dr. Rasmus and President Mays indicated that the Board has three board members retiring at the end of the fiscal year so we are now seeking applicants. There will be a needed for the BCMHARSB's Board Development meeting to address this in the near future.

3. Consent Agenda

3.01 Consent Agenda Items

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

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

4. Review of Committee Meetings

4.01 Month – MH Committee Meeting Review

Ms. Hacker gave a brief update to the MH Committee Meeting activities. Ms. Hacker shared about Board personnel updates that the new director, Joanna Lowry, will be starting Thursday, March 21st, 2019. A new executive assistant, Jennifer Coats will be starting Thursday, March 28th.

4.02 Month – ARS Committee Meeting Review

Mr. Swigonski gave a brief update on the ARS Committee meeting activities.

5. New Business

5.01 **December Financial Report**

- a. Mr. Rhodus provided an overview of the December financial reports indicating we are now 50% of the way through FY2019. As of December, 40% of the revenue were collected. Administrative costs are under budget by 4%. Contracts entered into by various providers are at 38%, which is under the 50% target percentage.

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the December Financial Report. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

b. **Budget Modification**

Access Counseling – Board & Provider requested budget revisions provided an increase of \$115,000 for expanding mental health services and for \$15,000 for State Opiate Response (SOR) funding. The new total increase is \$130,000 with a not to exceed contracted amount for the agency of \$782,500.

Community Behavioral Health – Board & Provided requested revisions were SOR funding for \$50,000, Comprehensive Opiate Addiction Program (COAP) Grant for \$18,750, and a \$125,000 increase in residential care for citizens in group homes. This reflects an overall increase of \$193,750. The new contract will not exceed \$4,331, 264.

Envision Partnerships – Board requested revision of an additional \$8,000, which is Systems of Care (formally Adolescent Treatment funds) funds. Envision has a family mediation program in partnership with the juvenile court that needs support for additional funding. The new agency contract will not exceed the amount of \$669,726.

Sojourner Recovery – Board requested revision of an additional \$3,000.00 of SOR funds. The new agency contract will not exceed amount of \$2,120,268.

St. Joseph's – Board requested revision reflects an increase of \$82,565 from State funds that needs to be used by June 30, 2019. The agency contract will not exceed the amount of \$874,958.

Transitional Living – Agency requested revision to reallocate funds within services. No new funds are requested. Total contract not to exceed \$1,799,440.

Talbert House – Provider requested revision to reallocate funds. No new funds are requested. It is the same amount of money, \$17,300. The existing not to exceed amount is still \$17,300.

Ms. Lombardo spoke about SOR’s funding total amount of \$475,000.00. Of these funds, \$250,000 is earmarked for a Regional Collaborative Syringe Exchange Project. The other \$225,000 projects that were locally funded are for Sojourner’s Recovery Services and Access Counseling for March 2019 through September 30th, 2019. The allocation is for the medication assisted treatment outpatient services and jail-based programming treatment services.

The COAP Grant funding, a CBH outreach coordinator position, which will work on doing some work in the rural areas and support services and programs for misdemeanor drug court and mental health court.

Additional SOR funding was received that will be applied to adults in housing and recovery. Both Community Behavioral Health and Sojourner’s Recovery Services will be receiving \$150,000.00 to support different programs related to housing supports and services.

Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the budget modification for Access Counseling, Community Behavioral Health, Envision Partnerships, Sojourner Recovery, St. Joseph’s, and Talbert House. Ms. Ammiott seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion. Dr. Meehan abstained from the vote.

Ms. Ammiott motioned to approve Transitional Living. Pastor Bailey seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion. Mr. Mays abstained from the vote.

5.03 Brightview Contract

Ms. Lombardo shared as a part of the SOR funding, the Board will be partnering with Brightview. The purpose is to be able to offer services to those clients at extended care facilities because of complications due to their addiction, as well as to connect clients with treatment. Their contract is from March 20th 2019 – Sept. 30th, 2019 in the amount of \$35,000.00 to support outreach services.

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Brightview contract. Mr. Swingonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.04 2019- 2021 Board Strategic Plan

Dr. Rasmus reviewed the Board Strategic Plan, affirmed the needs assessment, identified the objectives and requested an endorsement.

Ms. Stanton made a motion. Ms. Hacker made a second. The vote carried the motion.

5.05 Board Self-Evaluation

Dr. Meehan presented the February Board Meeting evaluations. The report was for information only. She mentioned she would be leaving the Board at the end of this fiscal year and is willing to make a smooth transfer of the Board's Self-Evaluation duties to another Board member.

5.06 State Hospital Report for February

Mr. Fourman reviewed the February State hospital report. He presented that he heard through a State webinar addressing governor's budget that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) funding will be kept at the current level to not increase or decrease current bed capacity.

5.07 Vouchers and Payments Made By Direct Deduction

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

Ms. Hacker made a motion to approve the vouchers and payments made by direct deduction.

Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6. Guest and Board Comments

6.01 Guest/Board Comments

Carolyn Winslow shared that the Big Brothers Big Sisters – The League of Defenders: Run for Kids Fundraiser is slated for Sunday, April 14th at Bridgewater Falls in West Chester Township, Ohio

7. Adjournment