

Board Minutes December 20, 2023

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

**Members Present:** Mary Early, Barb Link, Robert Warren, Tyler Smith, Jim Bronder, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Arlett Pollock-Evans, Chad Dunlap, Tracy Wright, Amber Martin, Matt Manns, Kim Everhart, Priscilla Burt, Brook Featheringham,

**Members Absent:** Jody Shaw

**Staff:** Tammie Colon, Kelly Monroe, Sheri Strawn, Amy Morman, Katie Walker, Trisha Smith

**Visitors:** Brook Sites, Lighthouse; Jody Shaw, Board Member; Christina Shaynak-Diaz, OACBHA

Amy Freymuth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chad Dunlap made a motion to approve the November 20, 2023, minutes with Tyler Smith seconding. Motion passed. (See attached)

**Presentation:** N/A

**Executive Committee:**

As a result of the audit, a political party policy is being added to the staff policy manual. This is a new policy.

Jim Bronder made a motion to approve Policy 115 Political Activity. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Barb Link made a motion to amend the Board By-Laws to include the requirement for all Board Members to attend an annual ethics training and sign a Conflict-of-Interest statement each year. Aaron Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

**Finance Committee:**

Barb Link made a motion to accept the November 2023 Monthly Board report for FY24 as presented. Jim Bronder seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Sheri and Tammie met with the CEO of FRC. They have had turnover in their finance department, which has put their billing behind. They will begin invoicing in January.

Tracy Wright made a motion to add the Zepf Center to the FY24 Purchase of Service vendor list. The Zepf Center will provide the treatment services for gambling addiction required by the state. Kim Everhart seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Sheri reported that the FY23 audit has been submitted to the state and we should have the results in January or February. This will be presented to the board when it is received. The Board did have one

non-compliance with then and now. No invoice should be paid before the funds have been secured. The audit overall was un-modified which was a clean audit.

**New Business: N/A**

**Reports**

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of November 14, 2023 – December 16, 2023.

Legislative Report: N/A

The commissioners have appointed a new Board Member, Mark Huber who an Auglaize County resident.

**Next Meeting**

Next board meeting will be held on January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

**Adjourn**

Mary Early made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. with Aaron McLaurine seconding. Motion passed.

  
Board Member

  
Reporting Secretary