

Board Minutes September 18, 2024

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Mary Early, Robert Warren, Jody Shaw, Kim Everhart, Tyler Smith, Amber Martin, Barb Link, Jim Bronder, Tracy Wright, Matt Manns, Arlette Pollock-Evans

Members Absent: Mark Huber, Amy Freymuth, Brooke Featheringham, Chad Dunlap, Aaron McLaurine

Staff: Tammie Colon, Kelly Monroe, Sheri Strawn, Trisha Terry, Dan Faraglia, Katie Walker, Amy Morman

Visitors: Brook Sites, Lighthouse; John Bindas, Amy Miller, Larry James, FRC; Phil Birkey, SAFY; Melanie Woods, St. Rita's; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Beth Miller, PASS; Melissa Shepler, Mercy OBOT

Tyler Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tyler Smith made a motion to accept the August 21, 2024, minutes with Tracy Wright seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: The Dear Nicholas Foundation (Kim Bader, Thomas Bader, Ali Bader, Elisa Bradley, and Chad Stearns) presented a check to the board for \$7,500 that was raised at their Bow Tie Event in June 2024. The foundation held the event to raise awareness around mental health and suicide. The Board will work together with the foundation to find a way this money can be spent to benefit the community.

Executive Committee:

State Opioid Response: OHMHAS has changed the way it will award funding for the SOS Grant. Local Boards will not receive the money directly. The Boards as well as agencies/providers can apply for the funds. The Board will not compete with providers for the funding. The Board communicated this information to our partners and directed them to apply directly to OHMHAS for the money. The one service the Board will apply for is Recovery Housing for Russ Thomas (WCRQRH). The Board will support Child Protective Services with a smaller amount of money.

Executive Director Performance Evaluation: Tyler Smith reminded the board members to complete the survey monkey.

Levy: The levy on the ballot in November is a tax renewal. No increase in the rate. Some of the levy materials for the campaign are yard signs, buttons, billboards, a segment on WLIO, and interviews with local stakeholders. The Board staff are willing to speak at events about who the Mental Health Board is and what they do.

Finance Committee:

Mary Early made a motion to approve Fiscal Policy 722 Donations. Tammie Colon and Sheri Strawn attended fiscal training and were made aware that we needed to add a donation policy to our fiscal policies. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to approve Fiscal Policy 723 Set Aside Programs. This went into effect in 2021. Boards are to set aside a percentage of funds for goods/services to be spent on companies that belong to Edge (Minority Business Organization) as well as a percentage of funds to be used in construction projects that require the services to be put out for bid. If there are no companies available, the board must apply for a waiver. There are currently 5 businesses in Edge and the board has contracted with two of the companies. Barb Link seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to accept the Fiscal Policy updates. The Board attorney has reviewed and approved the policies. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY25 Wings contract by adding \$10,000 for ATP (Addiction Treatment Programs). Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY25 PASS contract by adding \$45,000 to Program Subsidy for Recovery Housing Support Position. Robert Warren seconded the motion. The funding for this operates on a fiscal year beginning on September 30th. The first three months were added to the contract in July, and this money will be for the remaining nine months. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to amend the FY25 Lighthouse contract by moving \$5,000 from Transportation (Cost Reimbursement) to Fee for Service. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made the motion to approve the FY24 and FY25 August monthly board reports as presented. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

New Business:

The Ascend Notify Text Alert is operational. The members have tripled in the last month. Dan Faraglia encouraged board members and any visitors attending the meeting to share the information. It is for community members, clients, providers, and anyone else who will benefit from this information.

Allen County Children Mental Health Initiative: This is a 4-year federal grant that the Board received directly from the federal government. This is the 1st federal grant we have received since Tammie Colon has been Executive Director. The grant will help families involved with the court system in domestic violence, mostly child against parent violence. This is a community system grant that will include several providers/agencies and community partners.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of August 20, 2024 – September 9, 2024.

Legislative Report:

Levy: Signs are available for pick up.

CSU Expansion: Westerheide Construction Company was awarded the bid for the CSU Expansion project. The project will be under contract by the end of September and groundbreaking in October or November.

Upcoming Events

Auglaize County Overdose Awareness- Thursday, September 26th, 12- 3 pm in St. Mary's at Agape Ministries.

Allen County Suicide Awareness "Growing Seeds of Peace" Saturday, September 28th, 10-2 pm, 129 S. Pierce Street, Lima.

Auglaize County Suicide Awareness "Out of the Darkness Walk"- October 12th, Heritage Park, Wapakoneta. Check-in begins at 9:00 am.

2024 Human Trafficking Symposium, October 16, 2024, 9-1 pm Mercy Health - St. Rita's Graduate Medical Education Center, 751 W. Market Street, Lima.

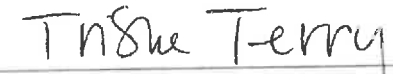
Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on October 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

Jim Bronder made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. with Tyler Smith seconding. Motion passed.


Board Member


Reporting Secretary