

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 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, Matt Manns, Arlette Pollock-Evans, Mark Huber, Amy Freymuth, Brooke Featheringham, Chad Dunlap, Aaron McLaurine

**Members Absent:** Jim Bronder, Tracy Wright

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

**Visitors:** Brook Sites, Lighthouse; John Bindas, FRC; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Beth Miller and Rick Skilliter, PASS; Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT

Tyler Smith called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Amy Freymuth made a motion to accept the September 18, 2024, minutes with Barb Link seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to amend the May 15, 2024, minutes with Amber Martin seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

**Presentation:** We Care Heroes Recognition, Tammie presented the Board members with a plaque thanking their employers for allowing them to be a part of the Board and to dedicate time away from their job to having a seat on the Board.

**Executive Committee:**

**Authorization for Health Insurance:** Kim Everhart made a motion to authorize the County to pay the Board's insurance premiums through automatic withdrawal. During the open enrollment period this year, the Board was informed by our insurance company that they would no longer accept paper checks. Through researching other agencies, it was discovered that only 2 agencies were willing to accept paper check payments, but it would cost the Board an additional \$8,000 extra per month on premiums. The county worked with the Board to allow us to continue with our current insurance company by using automatic withdrawal payments. Robert Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote. (See attached)

**Board Policy Manual Updates:** Kim Everhart made a motion to approve the updates to the Board Policy Manual. The updates were reviewed by the Board's attorney and the Board staff. Amber Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote. (See attached)

**Table of Organization:** Kim Everhart made a motion to approve the change in structure to the Table of Organization. The Crisis Infrastructure position will now be directly supervised by the Executive Director instead of the Associate Director as listed on the previous table. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote. (See attached)

**County Commissioner Presentations:** During the presentations to the county commissioners in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties, the Board received a tremendous amount of support for the work that is being done. The Board will schedule events in Auglaize and Hardin Counties, like the May is Mental Health Month Breakfast in Allen County. This will give the Board an opportunity to share with the communities who the Board is and what work they do.

**Finance Committee:**

Amber Martin made a motion to amend the FY24 Coleman contract by adding \$32,148 to Program Subsidy for ACCESS. \$14,308 was moved from Fee for Service and the remaining \$17,840 was added. The \$17,840 will come from the Mercer, Van Wert, Paulding Mental Health Board. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY25 Lighthouse contract by adding an additional \$55,000 to Program Subsidy for an Activities Coordinator. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart made a motion to approve the Purchase of Service vendor list. Tango Rewards was added to the list. The Board works with Tango Rewards for incentivizing the employees who participate in the EAP offered by the Board. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amy Freymuth made a motion to approve the FY24 September monthly board report as presented. Chad Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the FY25 September monthly board report as presented. Arlette Pollock-Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mark Huber made a motion to approve the monthly FY24 October board report as presented. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the FY25 October monthly board report as presented. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Barb Link made a motion to approve adding fund #625 for the SOS 4.0 Grant. Mark Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

OhioMHAS opened the application process for SOS 4.0 to include agencies/providers to apply for the funding. The Board lost a significant amount of funding for services. No awardees were fully funded for their applications.

Mary Early made a motion to approve adding fund #626 for the CMHI Federal Grant. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

This grant is a direct SAMSHA grant. It is a four year system of care grant with \$1,000,000 in funding each year. Coleman, Juvenile Court and other agencies will be included in the operations of this grant.

Robert Warren made a motion to approve the addition of fund #627 for the CIT Grant. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote.

This grant is a criminal justice grant for 2 years for a position to increase CIT training for officers in our community through the various academies. PASS is helping to implement this grant.

Amber Martin made a motion to add fund #686 for the OneOhio Grant. Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

2 new programs were awarded through this grant, Lighthouse and Juvenile court will implement the programs. The Mayor of Lima and the Allen County Commissioners will add match funding to this grant to help with the funding of the programs.

Chad Dunlap made a motion to approve adding fund #723 for the ARPA 1 Grant. Mark Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Amy Freymuth made a motion to approve the CY25 Budget of revenue and expenditures. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

### **New Business:**

**CSU Expansion:** Groundbreaking took place on November 19, 2024. Dan shared there will be 2 phases to this project. The need to update the existing CSU to meet safety and security requirements will require additional funding. The hope is to add to the existing project to keep the board from having to provide a match for this phase of the project.

**BAR Review:** Sheri informed the Board that on November 21, 2024 the Board will have an exit interview for BAR Review. In an initial meeting, the Board was notified of 5 recommendations and 1 finding. The Board will write a corrective action plan for each of these. The BAR Review includes fiscal and program pieces. The board will receive a good report when all is finalized.

**Yearly Audit:** The Board should receive the report sometime in December.

**Levy Report:** MODO gave a presentation sharing the passage of the levy in Allen and Auglaize Counties. The Hardin County report had not been released by the Board of Elections. The levy passed in all 3 counties.

### **Reports**

**Bills for Payment:** Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of September 16, 2024-October 8, 2024 and October 8, 2024-November 13, 2024.

**Legislative Report:** N/A

**Vacant Board Positions:** The Board currently has 2 open positions. These can be filled by people in any of the 3 counties.

### **Upcoming Events**

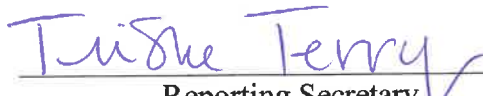
#### **Next Meeting**

Next board meeting will be held on December 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person. Annual Board member training will take place at this meeting from OACBHA.

### **Adjourn**

Mark Huber made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. with Mary Early seconding. Motion passed.

  
Board Member

  
Reporting Secretary