

Board Minutes April 17, 2024

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Mary Early, Tyler Smith, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Amber Martin, Jody Shaw, Robert Warren, Kim Everhart, Matt Manns, Brooke Featheringham, Priscilla Burt, Chad Dunlap

Members Absent: Mark Huber, Barb Link, Arlette Pollack-Evans, Jim Bronder

Staff: Tammie Colon, Kelly Monroe, Sheri Shawn, Amy Morman, Katie Walker, Trisha Smith, Dan Faraglia

Visitors: Erin Fitzpatrick, Lighthouse; John Bindas, Larry James, FRC; Melissa Hanustein, St. Rita's Mercy OBOT; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Beth Miller, PASS; Chelisea Rue, Brightview; Julli Griesheimer, Wings; Kimberly Heffer,

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

Robert Warren made a motion to accept the March 20, 2024, minutes with Mary Early seconding the motion. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: N/A

Executive Committee: N/A

Finance Committee: N/A

New Business:

Aaron McLaurine made a motion to approve the updated by-laws, Article III: section 5: Compensation will now read: Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as defined by rules of the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Auditor of State Public Officials and Employees Expenses.

Mary Early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Kim Everhart made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy A Renewal Tax in Excess Of The Ten-Mill Limitation for the November 2024 election.

Tyer Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to amend the FY2024 WCRQRH contract by an additional \$35,200.

- The addition to the contract is funded by the Access to Wellness Grant the Board was awarded.
- The funding will be used to support residents of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties who meet the criteria. Hospitalized multiple times, incarcerated, stays in the CSU are some examples.
- Funds can be used for transportation, work clothes, food, and numerous other things.
- Russ Thomas will be the administrator of the funds and the board will determine if the individuals meet the requirements through a referral process.

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Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to accept the monthly board report for March 2024 as presented. Priscilla Burti seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Mary Early made a motion to add WOCAP to the FY24 Purchase of Service vendor list.

- WOCAP will be the administrator of the funds awarded to the board by the Landlord Incentive Grant.
 - The funds are available in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties.
 - The funds are used to incentivize landlords to rent to clients who are struggling to find housing.
 - Funds could be used for:
 - An extra deposit
 - To hold a place for someone
 - Repairs to an apartment or house
- Jody Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Nominating Committee: Volunteers are Kim Everhart, Amber Martin, Tracy Wright, and Mary Early. Nominations for office will be voted on at the June board meeting with the terms starting in July, 2024.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of March 14, 2024-April 10, 2024

Legislative Report:

Tammie updated the board with a change to Ohio law and a change to Federal law.

1. Governor DeWine announced a new change to Ohio's administrative that requires emergency departments to report non-fatal drug overdoses to the state's department of health. The rule was approved by the Joint Committee on agency Rule review and will take effect April 8, 2024.
2. Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA, 2024).
 - a. Permanently requiring states' Medicaid plans to cover all medications for opioid use disorders.
 - b. Making permanent the state Medicaid option to cover treatment at a residential or inpatient substance use disorder program with over 16 beds.
 - c. Prohibiting states from terminating Medicaid enrollment for incarcerated individuals.
 - d. Mandating guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services on improving the behavioral health workforce.

Upcoming Events

May is Be Seen with green month. MHRSB is hosting a Mental Health Awareness Breakfast on May 17, 2024 at Howard Johnson's. (flyer attached)

Scott Fisher Memorial "Breaking Silence" will be held at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta on April 27, 2024. (flyer attached)

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on May 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board office in person.

Adjourn

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


Board Member


Reporting Secretary