

Board Minutes November 15, 2023

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Office in Lima, OH.

Members Present: Mary Early, Jody Shaw, Barb Link, Robert Warren, Tyler Smith, Jim Bronder, Amy Freymuth, Aaron McLaurine, Arlett Pollock-Evans, Chad Dunlap, Tracy Wright, Amber Martin, Matt Manns

Members Absent: Kim Everhart, Brooke Featheringham, Priscilla Burt,

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

Visitors: Melissa Hauenstein, Mercy OBOT; Rick Skilliter, PASS; Larry James and John Bindas FRC; Michelle Stockwell, SAFY; Marcell King, UMADAOP; Juli Griesheimer, Wings

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

Mary Early made a motion to approve the October 18, 2023, minutes with Robert Warren seconding. Motion passed. (See attached)

Presentation: Levy

Tammie acknowledged and thanked the agencies, the board and all those who contributed to the campaign for all their hard work and involvement in making the levy a success. We have a 10-year renewal levy on the ballot in November '24. We will strategically target voters according to the data collected through this year's levy. Anybody willing to take part in a video or has a link to a stakeholder, friend or family member interested should give information to MODO.

Executive Committee:

The board would like to have a final contract in place for Tammie in January. Her current contract expires in February.

It was discussed to add an ethics training requirement to board members through the Ohio Ethics Commission. This would require an amendment to the current by-laws.

Finance Committee: No Report.

New Business:

Chad Dunlap made a motion to amend the FY24 Lighthouse Contract by removing \$50,000 for recovery housing from Program Subsidy and adding the \$50,000 to Cost Reimbursement. The contract total did not change. Aaron McLaurine seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the Purchase of Service Budget by \$25,840.

- The Clear Pathways grant funding ended and will no longer be funded, for a deduction of \$50,000.

- \$75,840 was added to Mercy OBOT (\$60,000) and HECC (\$15840) for the remaining 9 months of their contracts. These services are funded by the SOS grant that operates on a federal fiscal cycle. The federal fiscal cycle is from September 30th- September 29th.
- The vendor list will include Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Putnam County Community Action Commission

Tracy Wright seconded the motion. Motion was passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Robert Warren made a motion to amend the FY2024 Board Administration Budget by \$68,762.

- This includes the salary and benefits for a new position that the board previously approved.

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

Barb Link made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan.

- Tammie described the goals of the plan to the board.
- Tammie will contact the consultant as to how the progress will be communicated to the public and board.
- The Strategic Plan is available on our website.

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

Robert Warren motioned to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County (MHRUBC) and Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize & Hardin Counties for Strong Families, Safe Communities. The Mental Health Board of Union County is the recipient of the Strong Families, Safe Communities grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Developmental Disabilities. MHRSB of AAH is the sub recipient of the grant. We will partner with MHRBUC to expand Family Peer Support in Hardin County. This will include services, training, and administrative duties to oversee the grant. Arlett Pollock-Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Chad Dunlap made a motion to accept the October 2023 Monthly Board report for FY24 as presented. Mary early seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote. (See attached)

Sheri reported that agencies should account for approximately 33% of the funding at the end of October. We are currently at 18%.

- FRC has not invoiced anything and has agreed to catch up and bill on the 25th of each month.
- SAFY has invoiced 3 %.
- Coleman has invoiced 1 %.
- UMADAOP has invoiced 8 % but has a smaller budget.
- FRC and SAFY are still adjusting to a new billing system.

Tammie reported that there are no updates for the FY23 Audit as they did not perform an exit interview upon completion. We should have a preliminary report in December and a final report in January or February.

Reports

Bills for Payment: Bills for payment were recognized and signed off by the present board members for the period of October 19, 2023 – November 8, 2023.

Legislative Report:

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- With changes coming in the current legislation, we are waiting to see if we will have to implement future programming.
- We will have a new vender for GOSH. The billing will be month to month until a provider is established. We intend to contract with Fairfield County Mental Health Board.
- CSU Expansion Project: We are finalizing the application and will submit it for approval to obtain our official award.
- New logo/Mission statement: We will bring ideas to the board for input in future meetings.

Activate Allen County: Healthy Families Expo

- November 18th 10:00 am-1:00 pm

December 20, 2023, is the annual board required training date.

The attorney for OACBHA will be here to present ethics along with the role and responsibilities to the board. There will also be an opportunity for training in January.

Next Meeting

Next board meeting will be held on December 20, 2023, 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 Tracy Wright seconding. Motion passed.


Board Member


Reporting Secretary