MINUTES
Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
May 20, 2019

The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board met in a regular scheduled session on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 PM at 4817 State Road, Suite 203, Ashtabula, Ohio.

MHRS Board President Mr. Larrie Puraty called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM and asked for a roll call of those in attendance.

Board Members in attendance: Mr. Larrie Puraty, Board President; Mr. Mathew Crawford, Board Vice-President; Ms. Lisa Summers; Mr. Chris Raab; Mr. Richard Dana Ms. Pat DuPuy an Ms. Megan Brunarski

The following Board Members were not in attendance: Rev. John Werner, Board Secretary; Ms. Susan Deak; Ms. Hattie Eisweirth and Ms. Shonene McLaughlin

MHRS Board Staff in Attendance: Ms. Miriam Walton, Director and Ms. Bridget Sherman, Program Director.

Visitors: Ms. Mihaela Burtea, Signature Health; Mr. Paul Bolino, Community Counseling Center

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the April 2019 MHRS Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Raab moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Chris seconded the motion. Mr. Puraty called for a vote. The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously with Mr. Dana and Ms. Brunarski abstaining.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. FISCAL REPORTS—Ms. Walton reviewed the April 2019 fiscal reports. Ms. Walton state that with the help of the staff at Keelsra we have been able to move some additional treatment services out of the “other SUD” category and we should be able to complete the work soon. Mr. Dana stated that the amount was still relatively large and wondered when we would be finished. Ms. Walton state that she hoped to have the work done before the end of the end of the state fiscal year. After some discussion on the expenditures and the current budget Mr. Puraty asked for a motion to approve the April financial reports. Mr. Dana moved that the April 2019 financial reports be approved as submitted. Mr. Raab seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Website—Mr. Puraty updated on the progress of the new website. Mr. Dana stated that the current website is outdated and needs some updates Ms. Walton stated that we could do that but it takes some time and the new website should be up and functional soon. Mr. Dana mentioned the old Facebook page the Board started several years ago. Ms. Walton stated that at this point we are only
updating and posting on the Prevention Coalition page and the SALT page. Facebook pages need attention and this takes time. There is a minimum of posts a week that make a page interesting to viewers and too much will send them away. Mr. Raab stated that at least 2 postings a week are needed to keep the interest going. Ms. Walton stated that is what she heard as well. There is also some liability we need to guard against when looking at public pages. Mr. Puraty also let Board members know that, if they have specific photos they would like to have used on the website, they can email them to him tor to the Board office. Levy Committee--Mr. Puraty stated that May 15th meeting ended with the Levy Committee still in the informational stage and planning for the next moves. Mr. Puraty stated that the language of the CSB levy was well written and that the Levy Committee will be interested in the language developed for the Board levy. The next Levy Committee meeting will be June 12, 2019 at noon here at the Board office.

Videographer-- Mr. Puraty introduced the proposal from Tim Koslozski to video and produce some short information videos focusing on the work of the Board. The proposal is in the Board materials. The Board then engaged in some lively discussion around the purpose of the videos, the length of the videos and alternative methods to obtain the same type of coverage. Mr. Raab suggested looking at Edgewood Media which has developed a reputation for some high-quality work for a high school program. Board members agreed that this was a great idea and should be pursued at the beginning of the next school year. Mr. Raab also agreed to have his presentation at the Recovery Breakfast be filmed. After some additional discussion with the videographer on the phone, Mr. Dana moved that the Board authorize that the videographer be engaged to film and produce a 3-5-minute information video on the Board and shoot footage at the Opiate Summit pending Ms. Walton obtaining approval from the Board Association that sponsors the conference. Ms. Summers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DIRECTOR:

1. New Board Director’s Written Report—Ms. Walton presented this month’s Director’s Report.

2. Technology Updates—Ms. Walton stated that the new copier is here and pointed it out to the Board members. Also, email addresses have been officially changed. Change going alright so far.

3. Medicaid Redesign and Managed Care Updates- No Update.

4. Additional State and Local Update—Ms. Walton reported on a variety of areas of interest:

   a. Ms. Walton informed the Board that she is meeting with the Commissioners concerning the levy this week.

   b. Ms. Walton gave the Board an overview of the Boardmanship training. Ms. Chaffee is able to do the September Board meeting date. Unless members have an objection, we will do a short business meeting and then the Board training. We will start earlier and have meal. The public attendees of the meeting we be welcome to join the Board for the event.

   c. Ms. Walton mentioned that she would no be available for the next Board meeting due to her vacation. Ms. Walton stated that it is up to the Board if they want to meet in her absence or change the meeting date. After some discussion the Board decided to change the meeting date to July 8th.

   d. Ms. Walton stated that there is a presentation of the THRIVE concept in conjunction with the Family and Children First
Council's Building Resiliency Together Committee. The THRIVE model addresses ways to look at and address community trauma to build resiliency in the community and youth. The presentation is open to the public. It is June 5th at 10 a.m. at the Ashtabula District Library.

a. Ms. Walton stated that she has been in communication with Huntington bank concerning the change of treasurer for the levy committee. The process has changed since last time and we need an official resolution by the Board to change the person from Ms. Lane to Ms. Deak. Ms. DuPuy moved that the Levy Treasurer be changed from Ms. Lane to Ms. Deak. Mr. Raab seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Ms. Walton discussed the need to add some additional funding to the Glenbeigh contract. Ms. Walton reminded the Board that the move to add more detox and residential treatment to meet a growing need in the community and address waiting lists at Turning Point. Mr. Dana asked for the number of individual clients we have served. Ms. Walton stated that she would get that exact number from the reports as she planned to have that for the Board but did not have it in front of her at this moment. Ms. Walton stated that she would like to add $50,000 to their contract to finish the state fiscal year. After some additional discussion on the difficulty in measuring outcomes for some programs Mr. Dana moved that the Board approve an additional $50,000 for Glenbeigh. Ms. DuPuy seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. GRANT SEARCHES—
   1. Ms. Walton stated that the Board and the Juvenile Court are working on a federal OJJDP grant for the Family Drug Court. Additionally, the Board is preparing a new Justice Assistance Grant that will not need any Board match funding at this time.

B. GRANT AND PROGRAM UPDATES
   1. Outcomes Reports—Ms. Walton presented the Criminal Justice Outcomes report to the Board and asked for any questions. Ms. Walton pointed out that there was a typo on the version that came out to them and the document in their materials is corrected. Ms. Summers had several questions about the work we are doing with this priority population and was concerned that we ensure enough emphasis on the mental health population as well as those with substance use disorders. She expressed a need to have as much outcome data as possible for the dollars we are investing in substance use disorder programs. Ms. Walton stated that this was just the first of a few reports grouped by topic area and there would be more information going forward.
   2. The CURES final report is pending awaiting the final reports from the agencies
   3. Adult Drug Court—Included in the outcomes report this month.
   4. Residential Substance Abuse Jail Treatment—Included in outcomes report this month.
5. Connection Center—Currently growing and serving 47. 16 with opiate use disorder. More information in the outcomes report this month.
6. Recovery Housing (SOR)—Some delays due to HVAC and other issues. Slowly moving ahead.
7. Recovery Housing Quality Standards—Ms. Sherman
8. Collective Impact—Final report. All of the deliverables have been met and we are looking at how this work will assist us in the HRSA Grant work as we identify other needs in the community and look at workforce issues as well. We did distribute all of the disposal bags we received and completed all of the PAX Tools trainings.
9. HRSA Grant—Beginning work on this grant. Developed a sub-committee of the SALT and completing deliverables. Implementation grant could bring in around $250,000 over 3 years.

C. COALITION REPORTS—
1. SUBSTANCE ABUSE LEADERSHIP TEAM—HRSA work as above and work in support of County Health Department’s application to gain access to additional supplies of Narcan.
2. PREVENTION COALITION—Working on the conference and other action plan items. Awaiting the grant to be released. Need to keep the momentum of the great prevention work we have been doing going in the community.
3. SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION—
4. HOUSING COALITION—The Board has received the 16th year of funding from HUD for the Shelter Plus Care program. The goal of the program is to house previously homeless individuals with a severe and persistent mental health disorder. We are currently serving 62 individuals.

D. UPDATE ON CAPITAL PLAN FOR RECOVERY HOUSING EXPANSION—
Ms. Walton stated that the state is fully informed and are now responsible for the project going forward. The Board has met all of its obligations.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET and ALLOCATIONS—Ms. Walton presented the documents included in the Board materials and previously sent. Ms. Walton walked the Board through the various agency allocations and service provisions. The Board discussed the color coding that Ms. Walton used to help the Board visualize the mental health and substance use disorder areas and the fact that she designed the spreadsheet to follow programs not funding sources. Mr. Dana moved that the Board approve the state fiscal year 2020 allocations as presented. Ms. Summers seconded the motion. Mr. Purdy called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION:
A. NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MHRS BOARD MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Ashtabula County MHRS Board is scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the MHRS Board office.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Dana moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Summers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.