

MINUTES

Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board March 21, 2022

The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board met in a rescheduled session on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM. This meeting was held over the Zoom platform and in person.

Board President Mr. Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and asked for a roll call of members and staff in attendance.

Board Members in attendance: Mr. Matthew Crawford, Board President; Rev. John Werner (Virtual), Board Vice-President; Ms. Pat DuPuy; Ms. Susan Deak, Board Secretary; Ms. Shonene McLaughlin (Virtual); Mr. Jeff Wheeler (Virtual), and Mr. Joseph Loftus (Virtual).

The following Board Members were not in attendance: Ms. Deborah King and Ms. Megan Brunarski.

MHRS Board Staff in Attendance: Ms. Miriam Walton, Director, Ms. Bridget Sherman, Ms. Kaitie Park, and Ms. Lisa Battaglioli.

Visitors: Mr. Paul Bolino, Community Counseling Center (Virtual); and Mary Ann Hill, Internet Marketing Solutions (Virtual).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Minutes of the February 2022 MHRS Board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Crawford noted that his name was spelled incorrectly. Ms. Walton apologized for the error, and it will be corrected on the minutes. Ms. Deak moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote.

Mr. Crawford, yes; Rev. Werner, yes; Ms. DuPuy, yes; Ms. Deak, yes; Ms. McLaughlin, yes; Mr. Wheeler, yes; and Mr. Loftus, yes.

Ayes were seven. Nays were zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

FISCAL REPORTS—Ms. Walton asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the financial reports. Ms. Walton pointed out the new line on page six with the code 99 in the revenue section. This is where Ms. Casto has placed the carryover funding so that it can be more easily tracked. Ms. Walton stated that this is the largest carryover of state funds the Board has ever had and that we were not the only Board in the state that experienced less expenditures by our Providers due to COVID.

Motion to Accept Financials:

After some discussion, Mr. Wheeler moved that the February 2022 Board financial reports be approved as submitted. Rev. Werner seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote.

Mr. Crawford, yes; Rev. Werner, yes; Ms. DuPuy, yes; Ms. Deak, yes; Ms. McLaughlin, yes; Mr. Wheeler, yes; and Mr. Loftus, yes.

Ayes were seven. Nays were zero. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Crawford stated that the Executive Committee met on March 17th for an update on the property situation and some personnel issues but that no decisions were made that can be brought forward to the full Board at this time. No action was taken.
2. Mr. Crawford informed the Board members of the State Opiate Summit, June 6 & 7. Please let Ms. Walton know if you are interested in attending the Summit. Ms. Walton informed the Board that Mr. Sam Quinones will be one of the keynote speakers at the Opiate Summit this year. Ms. Walton explained the different options for attending the Summit. Ms. Walton also announced that Board staff will be involved with a presentation about our stigma survey and the HRSA/PIRE/OU Consortium work we have done.
3. Mr. Crawford reminded Board Members to get the Executive Director evaluation done and returned to Pat Wagner by April 1st.

A. DIRECTOR: Board Director's Report

1. Ms. Walton asked if anyone had any questions about her Executive Director's Report.
2. The KSU Regional Campuses are offering Police Officer training at regional campuses to help officers get the ongoing training required by the State. Ms. Walton has been asked to provide a one-day training for officers in our local community at KSUAC on Sept. 9th. Ms. Walton has agreed, and she has also contacted the local law enforcement officer to make sure that they know about the training. Ms. Walton also linked the Sheriff's Department to the KSU office overseeing the training.
3. NAMI Ashtabula is requesting \$3000 to go to NAMI Ohio so our local organization can access the funds through NAMI Ohio for local programming. NAMI Ashtabula is also struggling with their website. Ms. Walton stated that she spoke with Mary Ann Hill, the Board's webmaster, prior to tonight's meeting to discuss if she had the time to assist us with securing their domain and getting the website back up and running. Ms. Hill can help, and she gave Ms. Walton an initial estimate that is between \$850-\$2000 depending on how detailed Ms. Hill's work would need to be. Ms. Walton stated that our Board provides much less financial support to our local NAMI than most Boards in the State. Ms. Deak described the difference between Model A and Model B NAMI organizations. Ashtabula's NAMI Chapter is a Model B, and all their funding must run through the State NAMI and locally they do not have a Board but a committee. Ms. Walton stated that she would like the Board's approval to move forward and allocate around \$5,000 for financial support and to get the website back up and running for the group. Rev. Werner moved that the Board allocate \$5,000 to assist the NAMI Ashtabula group and that any additional assistance be included in the SFY 2023 budget for Board approval. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote. Mr. Crawford, abstain; Rev. Werner, yes; Ms. DuPuy, yes; Ms. Deak, abstain; Ms. McLaughlin, yes; Mr. Wheeler, yes; and Mr. Loftus, yes.

Ayes were five. Nays were zero. Two abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Ms. Walton updated the Board on the Stakeholder Assistance Review (SAR). The process is almost finished, and we are hoping to have our exit interview soon. We will have some type of corrective action plan to complete at the end of the process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. GRANT SEARCHES**—Working on getting ready for the next cycle of grants for the specialty dockets and a few possibilities through the Substance Abuse Leadership Team but nothing immediately on the horizon.
- B. QUARTERLY REPORTS—No Reports.**
- C. COALLITIONS—**

Suicide Prevention—

Ms. Sherman informed the Board of the QPR trainings scheduled and that she is willing to schedule with organizations for either QPR or MHFA. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she has two law enforcement officers who frequently approach her about additional training. Ms. Sherman stated that they are welcome to attend the trainings. Ms. McLaughlin will connect them to Ms. Sherman.

Prevention Coalition—

Ms. Park no report currently.

Housing Coalition—Shelter Plus Care grant was renewed for the 18th year of the grant.

- D. CRISIS EXPANSION WORK**—Ms. Walton reported that the expanded mobile crisis has begun, and feedback so far has been good. Ms. Walton stated that we are continuing to move forward with CIT training, but not until early fall. Trying to add dispatcher training as well. Dispatcher training is a three-day training. Trying to coordinate the smooth transition to 988 system.
- E. MULTI-SYSTEM ADULTS PROGRAM**—Ms. Walton and Ms. Sherman discussed the program. It is moving slowly but referrals are coming in.
- F. QUICK RESPONSE TEAM**—Ms. Walton review the parameters of the grant. The grant is \$50,000 a year. There will not be any action on making the move from Conneaut Police Department to the Board until the grant is released in May. At that point we will have a meeting between all parties to determine the best path forward.
- G. REMOTE AREA MEDICAL**—Ms. Walton stated that the Board will have a table at RAM and the Board staff will be discussing scheduling to staff the table for both Saturday and Sunday. We have purchased a lot of materials and we have also received materials from the VA Clinic. The VA has also gifted the Board with 200-gun locks as part of their suicide prevention campaign. Ms. Walton stated that she would like the Board's thoughts on staff handing out the gun locks. Each lock comes with a suicide prevention message. Rev. Werner voiced his support for handing out the locks. All the Board members present agreed and thought it would be helpful considering the data we have on suicides in Ashtabula County. Ms. Walton thanked the Board, and the gun locks will be added to the MHRB Board table at RAM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **PRIDE EVENT**—Rev. Werner pointed out that the Board has not yet secured a table at the PRIDE event in June. Ms. Walton stated that this was not because we will not have a presence. Ms. Sherman stated that the issue was with getting to the correct person and to get registered. Ms. Walton assured the Board that we had a table last year and we will have one this year. Rev. Werner reminded members that the event will be at the Fair Grounds in Jefferson this year and informed the Board that Geauga County cancelled their event to attend the event in Ashtabula County.
- B. **CIT AND HEALTH OFFICER**—Ms. McLaughlin asked how we are determining who gets to participate in the CIT training. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she has many law enforcement officers that approach her, and she would like to know who to point them to. Ms. Walton discussed the current process, and those officers are welcome to attend the gatekeeper trainings we offer while they are waiting for next steps. The Chiefs have been very receptive as she has met with them, and they want as many officers to get training as possible. Therefore, we are discussing multiple trainings. The final decision as to which officers attend when will be up to the Chiefs. Ms. McLaughlin also asked about Health Officer training/pink slipping. Ms. Walton stated that we do the training once a year for our Providers who would like Health Officers appointed by the Board. We also include law enforcement, hospitals, attorneys, and anyone else interested in the information. Mr. Loftus stated that he knew some attorneys that would be interested in attending the training, not to be Health Officers, but to be better familiar with the process. Ms. Walton stated that it is usually in November and the Board staff will make sure that it is distributed widely so as many folks as are interested in attend the training can do so.
- C. **BRIGHTVIEW**—Mr. Loftus mentioned that he had an unannounced visit from Brightview last week. The representative mentioned that Brightview would like to get more involved with the MHRS Board. Ms. Walton explained that Brightview has been involved with our prevention coalitions, have been included in our website and are listed in our local resource lists, even though they are not one of our contract Providers. Ms. Park mentioned that Brightview has experienced a couple of staff turnovers and that the new outreach person has been in touch with us but may not have all this information. Ms. Walton stated that we add most OhioMHAS certified Providers in our materials and on our website, even if they are not contract Providers, so Ashtabula County residents know all the certified resources available to them. Ms. Walton stated that some Boards in other Counties only include contract Providers. Ms. Walton stated that we will make sure that information continues to be available.

COMMUNICATION: None

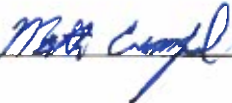
ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Deak moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. DuPuy seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote.

Mr. Crawford, yes; Rev. Werner, yes; Ms. DuPuy, yes; Ms. Deak, yes; Ms. McLaughlin, yes; Mr. Wheeler, yes; and Mr. Loftus, yes.

Ayes were seven. Nays were zero. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for April 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Matthew Crawford, Board President



Minutes Prepared by Miriam Walton