

MINUTES

Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board April 17, 2023

The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board met in a special session on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:00 PM. This meeting was held in person with a Zoom option for the public.

Secretary Susan Deak called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and asked for a roll call of members and staff in attendance.

Board Members in attendance: Ms. Susan Deak, Board Secretary; Mr. Alan Block; Ms. Pat DuPuy; Ms. Megan Brunarski; Ms. Deborah King; and Mr. Joe Loftus.

The following Board Members were not in attendance: Mr. Matthew Crawford, Board President on Leave (on virtually); Rev. John Werner, Acting Board President; and Ms. Shonene McLaughlin

MHRS Board Staff in Attendance: Ms. Miriam Walton, Executive Director; Ms. Kaitie Park Hart; and Ms. Bridget Sherman. Board contractor Ms. Mary Ann Hill.

Visitors: Mr. Paul Bolino, Community Counseling Center (virtual); Mr. Jamie Dials, Signature Health (virtual); and Ms. Angi Daugherty, Family Pride (virtual).

Ms. Deak announced that Rev. Werner was absent due to the loss of his Mother. The Board expressed their sympathy.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Ms. Deak asked if the Board had an opportunity to review the minutes from the March 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Block moved that the minutes of the March 2023 Board meeting minutes be approved. Ms. Brunarski seconded the motion. Ms. Deak called for a vote. Six, yes; Zero No. Motion passes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Ms. Walton reviewed the March 2023 financial reports. There were no further questions.

MOTION TO APPROVAL FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Block moved to approve the March 2023 financial reports be approved as submitted. Ms. Brunarski seconded the motion.

Ms. Deak called for a vote. Six yes; Zero No; Zero Abstentions. Motion passes.

REPORTS:

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ms. Deak had no report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR's REPORT

- A.** Ms. Walton discussed the state Opiate Summit and encouraged Board members to let her know if they are interested in attending the conference this year.
- B.** Ms. Walton stated that HUD would be at the Board at the end of April and the beginning of May for a fiscal/program review. Ms. Walton will report to the Board HUD's conclusion after the review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD GRANTS: Ms. Walton stated that the Board is waiting for the Office of Criminal Justice Services Justice Assistance Grant to drop in May. The Board staff will be working with the new Conneaut Municipal Court Substance Abuse Mental Health (SAMI) Specialized Docket.

B. QUARTERLY AND COALITION REPORTS: No quarterly Reports. Ms. Sherman reported that QPR training was held April 13th at the Ashtabula District Library with 13 participants. QPR was also held for the staff of After School Discovery with 23 participants. Two more are scheduled for May. No venues identified currently.

C. CRISIS EXPANSION: Ms. Walton stated that we are moving forward with expanded mobile crisis. Additionally, the Board staff is working regionally to develop regional crisis facilities. Ms. Walton stated she will have more detail next month.

D. OFFICE SPACE: Ms. Walton stated that she has a meeting with the County Commissioners on May 2nd and will hopefully have more information for the Board at the May Board meeting. Mr. Block asked if the Board would need to do anything to move the process along. Ms. Walton stated that the Board would need to approve the lease and she would also like to make sure the Board members get a chance to see the space at some point during the process. Ms. Walton is hoping to have that happen soon.

E. SFY 2024 BOARD BUDGET (Community Services)—Ms. Walton walked the Board members through the initial Board Community Services budget. Mr. Block asked if the Board would need to provide any overlap for Ms. Walton as she retires. Ms. Walton stated that she did not think so but that she would check and let the Board know as we move through the process. Mr. Block also asked about any recruitment costs. Ms. Walton stated that there is no cost for the Association assistance and any assistance from Ms. Wagner would be inside her current contract costs. The Board also discussed initial moving costs placed in the budget. Ms. Walton also brought up the concern about the COVID emergency changes for Medicaid folks and any implications in any changes in Medicaid expansion. After further discussion concerning how the Board wanted to proceed with this first half of the budget, Ms. King moved that the Board approve the Community Services budget as presented. Mr. Block seconded the motion. Ms. Deak called for a vote. Six, yes; Zero No. Motion passes.

NEW BUSSINESS:

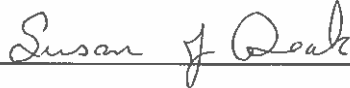
- A. NONE.**

COMMUNICATION: Ms. Deak announced that NAMI Ashtabula moved to an office in the Club House next to Community Counseling Center. Classes will be starting soon. Check the NAMI Ashtabula or the Board website for more information address. The address for NAMI Ashtabula is www.namiashtabula.org.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Brunarski moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. King seconded the motion. Ms. Deak called for a vote. Six, yes; Zero No; Zero Abstentions. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for May 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Susan Deak, Board Secretary



Minutes Prepared by Miriam Walton