

## MINUTES

### Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board November 14, 2022

The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board met in a regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM. This meeting was held in person with a Zoom option for the public.

Board President Mr. Matt Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked for a roll call of members and staff in attendance.

**Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Matthew Crawford, Board President; Ms. Susan Deak, Board Secretary; Mr. Alan Block; Rev. John Werner, Board Vice-President; Mr. Jeff Wheeler; and Mr. Joe Loftus and Ms. Pat DuPuy.

**The following Board Members were not in attendance:** Ms. Shonene McLaughlin; Ms. Pat DuPuy; and Ms. Megan Brunarski joined via Zoom but did not count as part of the quorum and did not participate or vote ; Ms. Deborah King did not attend.

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

**Visitors:** Ms. Melissa Fields and Mr. Jamie Dials, Signature Health and Mr. Paul Bolino, Community Counseling Center; Mr. Jesse Wodrig, Lake Area Recovery Center and Mary Ann Hill, Internet Marketing Solutions.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Minutes of the October 2022 MHRS Board meeting were reviewed. Ms. Walton noted some typos that were corrected. After some review, Mr. Block moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Ms. Deak seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote.

Six Yes; Zero No; None Abstained. Motion passes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**FISCAL REPORTS—** Ms. Walton reviewed the October 2022 fiscal report. There were some questions concerning the Forensic Center and the Board's role and responsibilities as fiscal agent that Ms. Walton answered. After some discussion, Mr. Crawford called for a motion to approve.

### **Motion to Accept Financials:**

Ms. Deak moved that the October 2022 Board financial reports be approved as submitted. Mr. Block seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote.

Six Yes; Zero No; No Abstentions. Motion passes.

## **REPORTS:**

### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. Mr. Crawford stated that he had no report at this time.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. The Board had no specific questions regarding the Executive Director's written report.
2. Ms. Walton stated that the annual Board Health Officer training is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30. Board members are welcome to attend to learn more about our process based on ORC 5122.
3. Ms. Walton discussed the OhioMHAS proposed Prevention rule. This rule would directly affect the Board led coalitions and the work we do with our Providers and our community partners. Ms. Walton stated that she did provide public comment on the rule and where she felt it would hamper and harm the work we do in the community as a convener of partners. Ms. Walton also reported that OhioMHAS rescinded the rule change for now. This was done for further revisions.
4. Ms. Walton informed the Board that the Board's SAM account has been updated for the next year. The SAM account allows the Board to receive federal funding such as the funding that we receive for the HUD housing grant.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. GRANT SEARCHES**—Ms. Walton stated that the work is beginning on the Behavioral Health System Reform Grant. This is a four-year grant.

**B. QUARTERLY REPORTS**—Ms. Walton asked if there were any questions about the quarterly reports. There were no Board member questions.

#### **C. COALITIONS:**

1. **Suicide Prevention**—Ms. Sherman reported that the Hope in Artistry Art Show Artist Reception on the evening of November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8. The Coalition is also working with the Ashtabula District Library on a spotlight video on the Coalition. It is almost completed.
2. **Prevention Coalition**— Ms. Hart is on vacation so there is no report.
3. **Housing Continuum of Care**—No report.

**D. CRISIS EXPANSION WORK**— Signature Health is hoping to have for the next step soon. Current expansion continues to go well.

**E. CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS**—No Report.

**F. MULTI-SYSTEM ADULTS PROGRAM**—No Report

**G. QUICK RESPONSE TEAM**—No Report

**H. OFFICE SPACE**—Ms. Walton stated that we are getting closer to identifying new office space for the Board. Ms. Walton is working with the Commissioners on a feasibility study to be sure the space will meet our needs. The Executive Committee has seen the space and agrees it would work if the changes can be made. We are still not at a place where we can discuss this in an open meeting.

**I. OACBHA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**—Ms. Walton reminded Board members of this process and that there is no extra cost to the Board. OACBHA can help with a timeline, whether the Board wants an overlap, does the Board want to contract with the new Director, committee structure and duties, etc. Any contract will need to be developed

and included on a timeline. OACBHA is willing to start in January and would rather do it in-person, weather permitting. Ms. Walton will ask OACBHA about Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Block asked if they need an opinion from the Prosecutor's Office about whether to do a contract or not. Ms. Walton stated whether the Board does a contract or not is up to the Board, but Ms. Walton explained that if they decide to enter into a contract with the new Executive Director the Prosecutor's Office would need to review and approve it. Ms. Walton will reach out to the Commissioners to find out if other directors of county agencies work under a contract.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **SOR /SOS GRANT**—Ms. Walton has meetings with all the previous contractors. There will be a No Cost Extension as well as new funding for SFY 2023. Ms. Walton is also looking into Zero Suicide for the providers as part of the SOS/SOR 3.0.
- B. **COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND PLAN**—Ms. Walton stated that this work is going forward. The plan is to have the materials to the Board in plenty of time for the Board to review the materials and be able to discuss and approve them at the January Board meeting.
- C. **HRSA GRANT CONSORTIUM**:Ms. Walton showed the Consortium video developed by OU and PIRE for the federal HRSA staff.

**COMMUNICATION:** None

**DECEMBER BOARD MEETING:** Ms. Walton asked if the Board wanted to have a meeting in December. After some discussion, Ms. Deak moved that the Board cancel the December meeting unless business arises that needs Board action. Rev. Werner seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford called for a vote.

Six Yes; Zero No; No Abstentions. Motion passes.

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

Six Yes; Zero No; No Abstentions. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for January 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Matthew Crawford, Board President

  
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