

MINUTES
Ashtabula CO. MHRS Board
June 17, 2024

The Ashtabula County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board met in a regular session on Monday June 17, 2024 at 5:00pm. This meeting was held in person with a zoom option available for the public.

Board President, Ms. Brunarski, called the meeting to order at 5:01pm and asked for a roll call of members and staff in attendance.

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Susan Deak, Ms. Pat DuPuy, Mr. Alan Block (Secretary), Ms. Deborah King (Vice President), Mr. Joseph Loftus, Ms. Megan Brunarski (President).

The following Board Members were not in attendance: Mr. Joseph Owens

Board Staff in Attendance: Ms. Kaitie Hart (Director), Ms. Bridget Sherman, Ms. Christy Fisher

Visitors: In Person: Richard Trice (Glenbeigh), Paul Bolino (Community Counseling Center)

Virtual: Kalee Peterson (Signature Health), Sherry Sullivan (Family Pride)

Approval of May Minutes:

Board Members reviewed the May Meeting Minutes. Ms. Deak Moved to accept the May Minutes, Ms. King Seconded. Ms. Brunarski Called for a vote:

3 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions due to not attending the May meeting. Motion passed.

May Financial Reports

Financial Reports were reviewed by Board Members. Ms. King moved to accept the May Financials, Ms. Deak Seconded. Ms. Brunarski called for a vote:

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passed.

Board President Report

Ms. Brunarski explained that Ms. Deak is the current Board Levy Treasurer, but her term to serve on the Board expires at the end of June; therefore, a new Levy Treasurer needs to be appointed. Mr. Block has volunteered to become the next Board Treasurer. Ms. King moved to appoint Mr. Block as the next Board Levy Treasurer for the remainder of his tenure on the MHRS Board. Ms. Brunarski seconded. Ms.

Brunarski called for a vote:

5 Yes, Zero No. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report:

- Ms. Hart discussed the state-level calls regarding Medicaid data that she has attended in the past month. Discussions have been ongoing about Board's access to Medicaid data.
- A lot of Ms. Hart's time has been handling cases of individuals in crisis this past month.
- Crisis stabilization center meetings continue to happen regularly, and the workgroup will be sending out some questionnaires for those to signed up to be a part of the focus group to get community opinions.
- Ms. Hart has also discussed LOSS Team re-establishment with the Coroner's office. Ms. Sherman described the LOSS Team model and our history with the LOSS Team.

- Ms. Hart reported that we were able to finalize the Road Trip to Wellness page(s) on our website. Tungsten did the design, and we are working on getting all of the resources linked to the page. We continue to work with Mary Ann Hill (our web designer) to clean up the loose ends and older information on the website.
- Two weeks ago Board Staff attended the OACBHA Conference, Ms. Sherman presented at the conference with our R-CORP partners on the Maternal Mental Health Hotline campaign.
- Ms. Hart reported on attending the May Crime Clinic meeting of which we coordinated Jeff Futo to present on CIT. We have interest from Law Enforcement and will continue conversations with local law enforcement to get CIT in our county off the ground. Board Members discussed the importance of getting Law Enforcement trained in CIT.
- Melissa Fields started working today as Director of Quality and Clinical Operations.

Unfinished Business

- Ms. Hart discussed the Board Evaluation results. Discussed having Denise Casto attend the meetings more frequently to discuss financial concerns (once quarterly, etc). Discussed Coalitions that Board Members could contribute to if they are interested. We will, in the coming months, need to establish a Levy Committee.
- Office Space Updates: painting and flooring are done, old furniture that is going up for auction on the county website needs to go up now. Ms. Hart discussed getting obsolete items destroyed appropriately. Internet has been set up in the new office, Security Technologies will be installing key fobs in the next couple of weeks.
- Levy: Ms. Hart and Ms. Battaglioli met with Matt Hebebrand from the Prosecutor's Office and Lisa Hawkins from the Commissioner's Office at the county to discuss the levy and what next steps are. The Levy will likely go on next May's ballot.

New Business

Agency Contracts- Since Board Members approved the Board's Budget at the May Meeting, Agency contracts do not need to be approved. However, Board members reviewed the Attachments A & C-2 for each provider. No questions or concerns were raised.

Communications

None.

Other

Ms. Hart mentioned that the Board, in the past, has cancelled the July meetings if possible.


Ms. Brunarski moved to cancel the July meeting. Ms. DuPuy seconded. Ms. Brunarski called for a vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. Motioned passed.

Questions or Comments from Board Members

None

Adjournment

Mr. Loftus moved to adjourn, Ms. Brunarski Seconded. Approved Unanimously.

 9/16/24
 Margaret Brunarski Date
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