

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
November 25, 2019  
Minutes

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**Present:** Carl Alexander, Jim Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, William Morvay, Sue Paluga, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

**Absent:** Anne Cobbin, Bill Gambrel, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, and Patricia Sciarretta

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, Jessica Makosky, Marla Ogan, and Jillian Rouse

**Guests:** Darla Gallagher (Meridian HealthCare), Joseph Caruso (Compass Family and Community Services), Darryl Alexander (YUMADAOP), Vince Brancaccio (Help Network of NEO), and Nancy Voitius (Catholic Charities Regional Agency)

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**15 – 2020: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried. Linda Warino – abstain.**

**Officer Reports**

**A. Chair Report**

- Reviewed the 2020 schedule of meetings and advised members that they should call the MCMHRB office if they are not able to attend.

**B. Treasurer Report**

- Robert Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2019 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$7,958,735.47. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

**16 – 2020: Motion: Tom Vasvari – to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by: Bill Morvay...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for October 2019

**17 – 2020: Motion: Tom Vasvari – to approve the blanket list of bills for October 2019. Seconded by: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**

**Ways & Mean Committee (November 18, 2019)**

- Eric Ungaro reviewed the information from the meeting:
  - Eric stated Carolyn Givens, Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic provided an update on the regional detox. Due to some issues with previous pharmacy September & October census was down, but is rebounding in November, as 24/7 access has been restored. They continue to work to increase the daily census, by making admissions easier.

- o The committee reviewed the requested increase to the Family and Children First Council Shared fund contribution.

**18 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the MCMHRB contribution to the FCFC Shared fund be increased to \$15,000. Seconded by: Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- o The committee reviewed the staff request to increase hours for the administrative assistant/trainer position to full time beginning in January of 2020.

**19 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve increasing the administrative assistant/trainer position to full time. Seconded by: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

- o Eric Ungaro reviewed the information provided to the committee by Mark Dunlap and Audrey Tillis on the YDC Project. They highlighted inclusion of Boundless, a DD provider from Columbus, and the request of the BMCC for \$250,000 in capital funding

**20 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the following: After reviewing the documents prepared by the staff we support funding services for residents of Mahoning County, but do not agree to provide capital funding for the YDC Project. Seconded by: Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

#### **Executive Director Report**

- See attached report
- Met with BWC and Agency Directors to discuss BWC program for employers who allow second chance employment.

#### **Old Business**

- None

#### **New Business**

- The Board reviewed the resolution for business travel reimbursement.

**21– 2020: Motion: Ruth Mastriana – to approve the resolution: The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board approved a request for blanket approval of 2020 mileage reimbursement for all board staff and board members for business related travel. Mileage will be reimbursed per the IRS rate as stated in our personnel policies. Seconded by: Jim Bertrando...motion carried.**

- Preferred Network of Care  
**Criteria for Preferred Care Network**
  - 1) Agency agrees to all sections of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Provider contact's that is relevant to their services
  - 2) Received Funding from the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board for five (5) years
  - 3) Service provided must be consistent with the Boards community plan
  - 4) Preferred Care Network membership is contingent on available funding
  - 5) The Board agrees to the need of the new program/agency requested service
  - 6) The Board reserves the right to remove a member based on finding from a financial or program audit

**22 – 2020: Motion: Tom Vasvari – to approve the Preferred Care Network Criteria as presented. Seconded by: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.**

**Board Remarks**

- Happy Thanksgiving
- Jillian Rouse announced she has provide Mental Health First Aid training to 22 county employees.

**Provider Remarks**

- Darryl, YUMADAOP stated that Congressman Ryan will be hosting a press conference to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Drug Free Communities Grant.
- Nancy Voitus, CCRA stated homeless referrals have increased, both call and walk in. Prison re-entry is also increasing. There are many housing challenges. There are 500 children on the Giving Tree this holiday season.
- Joe Caruso, Compass reported that 7 highest utilizing individuals had 272 admits to the ED last year, this year they are down to 66 days total with wrap around services. Horizon House had 1 client with 32 ED admits this year, but it was 120 days last year before admission to Horizon House. There are currently 12 clients in Horizon House.
- Vince Brancaccio, Help Network of NEO he thanked the Board for supporting the capital grant that provided both the parking lot redesign at the main office, as well as the turnaround at the community center. It has made a great difference in pulling out of main office lot. Call are increasing at hotline and Y-103, K-105 and HOT-101 will all be airing the hotline information.
- Darla, Meridian HealthCare, Happy Thanksgiving

The Community Relations and marketing Committee will review the Preferred Network of Care Commercials and Canfield Fair plans at their January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger, OCPS  
Associate Director