

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
June 22, 2020  
Minutes – via Zoom video/conference Call

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

**Absent:** Bishop C.M. Jenkins

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, and Mark Dunlap

**Guests:** Joe Shorokey, Vince Brancaccio, Larry Moliterno, and Audrey Tillis were on Zoom.

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**54 – 2020: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

**Officer Reports**

**A. Chair Report**

- None

**B. Treasurer Report**

- Bob Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's reports for May 2020 for Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for May 2020. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

**55 – 2020: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the May 2020 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by: Pat Sciarretta...motion carried.**

**56 – 2020: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the May 2020 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Pat Sciarretta...motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee (June 15, 2020)**

- Ann Lally reviewed the information from the meeting:
  - Proposed Table of Organization adding the position of Clinical Specialist. The Board members discussed what affect any budget cuts may have on this position addition. Duane Piccirilli stated the position would be budgeted in the proposed budget only if it would not mean any cuts in funding for services.

**57 – 2020: Motion: Atty. Scott Fowler – to approve the proposed Table of Organization adding the position of Clinical Specialist. Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried**

- Mark Dunlap gave a brief updated on the SFY2021 budget preparation, and the budget process.
- Ann Lally requested Board members complete the self-evaluation forms and return to Brenda Heidinger. She also requested they complete the

employee performance evaluation of Duane Piccirilli and return those forms to her. Both evaluation inputs will be tallied for the July 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **Executive Director Report**

- See attached report

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Anne Lally reviewed Declaration – Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Board members discussed the proposed declaration based on the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities.

**58 – 2020: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the Declaration – Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Seconded by: Sue Paluga...motion carried**

- Anne Lally reviewed additional Regional Crisis Stabilization allocation. Mark Dunlap presented the \$89,205 would be allocated to NKRC in the amount of \$41,392.00, Compass in the amount of \$37,813.00 and meridian healthcare in the amount of \$10,000.00

**59 – 2020: Motion: Marilyn Burns – to accept the Regional Crisis Stabilization funds in the amount of \$89,205 and allocate them as presented. Seconded by: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried**

- Anne Lally reviewed the 2020 CORSA Memorandum of Coverage.

### **Board Remarks**

- None

### **Provider Remarks**

Joe Shorokey – stated that the FIRST program rules have been changed so that Alta can contract for employment services, rather than create their own services. He offered that Camp Challenge location is available for CIT if the Board would like to utilize it. They are beginning a modified summer camp next Monday. There will be no busing available and only ½ the number of campers will participate this year. YDC project is still progressing.

Vince Brancaccio – stated Help Network of North East Ohio was considered essential during COVID-19 so they have been mostly operating with business as usual. The number of calls to 211 have leveled out over the past month or two, with the majority of calls being mental health reassurance calls. One think that had changed was closure of the Community Center, it is currently being reopened with scheduled time slots, and strict cleaning measures to attempt to reduce contact between clients.

Larry Moliterno – had no report at this time for Meridian healthcare

Ann Lally reminded Board members to please complete their Board Self-Evaluations and return to Brenda Heidinger, and complete the Employee Evaluation of Duane Piccirilli and return it her. The next meeting will be July 27, 2020 via Zoom, the August meeting will be a virtual training. Hopefully the September meeting can be held in person.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger  
Associate Director