

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
July 22, 2019
Minutes

- Present:** Carl Alexander, Jim Bertrando, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari
- Absent:** Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Anna Howells, and Linda Warino
- Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, Jessica Makosky, Marla Ogan and Jillian Rouse
- Guests:** Hope Haney, NAMI, John Crea, NAMI, Madison Goske, Student Case Western, Jody Klase, Valley Counseling Services, Larry Moliterno, Meridian HealthCare, Crystal Jones, Mercy Foundation, Shay Kahani-Erez, Jewish Family Services, Heidi Larew, Alta Care Group, Joe Shorokey, Alta Care Group, Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, Joe Caruso, Compass, Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Vince Brancaccio, Help Network of NEO

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. She introduced the Honorable John Durkin to swear in re-appointed members. Judge Durkin conducted the Oath of Office with members Anne Lally, Rocco DiGennaro, William Morvay.

01 – 2020: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- Anne Lally requested all Board Members review the Committee assignments as mailed. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact her.

B. Treasurer Report

- Robert Gavalier, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for June 2019 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$7,532,542.88. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

02 – 2020: Motion: C.M. Jenkins – to approve the June 2019 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for June 2019

03 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the blanket list of bills for June 2019. Seconded: Pat Sciarretta...motion carried.

Eric Ungaro and Mark Dunlap reviewed the SFY2020 Budget for the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. This budget does not reflect the new increases that we expect in the State Budget as that was not approved until 7/18/2019 and all of the specifics are not yet known. Heidi Larew, Alta was introduced to the Board as the newly hired Art Therapist Supervisor. She

will be providing direct services at Alta, but is also able to supervise other Art Therapists who may be hired. See attached SFY2020 Budget Highlights.

04 – 2020: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the SFY2020 Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Budget. Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- Duane spoke about the overlap of levy in SFY2021 and using those funds for capital requests. He reported that the Agency Budget hearings went well, and the MCMHRB Members that attended were very helpful. He also stated Mark had done a good job developing the budget and balancing all of the requests.
- Duane also asked that if an agency would like to discuss any new programs with the Program and Policy Committee to please let himself or Brenda know.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Board Remarks

- Anne Lally complimented the MCMHRB members and staff for being good stewards of the funds.
- Rocco DiGennaro stated he was happy to see an Art Therapist.

Provider Remarks

- Darryl, thanked the Board for the trust in YUMADAOP. He complimented the system in Mahoning County and the collaboration.
- Angela, announced that they have trained 27 instructors in QPR Suicide Prevention with the support of a grant from MCMHRB, OhioMHAS, and EOAHEC. She thanked the Board for their continued support
- Joe Shorokey – expressed his sincere gratitude for the funding of school mental health services expansion. Alta recently renewed their Council on Accreditation certification for 4 years.
- Hope & John thanked the board for their continued support and stated the recent growth of NAMI Mahoning Valley is only possible because of that support.
- Shay thanked the board for their support of Jewish Family Services.
- Jody Klase thanked the board for their support and stated Valley Counseling would utilize these funds to focus on seniors and those with Medicare.
- Nancy thanked the board for their continued support and expressed her appreciation for the work the board does for the community. CCRA has hired a Hispanic outreach coordinator.
- Vince thanked the board for continued funding. He stated that Crisis hotline a core service is trending higher in calls. He also thanked the board for the increase in funds for guardian services.
- Crystal thanked the board and stated we are blessed to have the board and the services they support in the community, as the community needs it now more than ever. She highlighted programs where the MCMHRB has partnered with the local Mercy Health Foundation to provide more resources, and stated the Foundation is also interested in continuing the relationship.

- Joe Caruso thanked the board members for the opportunity to earn the money from them that are used to serve the people of the community. He highlighted the ongoing collaboration with fellow behavioral health providers.

Duane introduced Jessica Makosky and Jillian Rouse, new MCMHRB Staff members.

Ann Lally reminded Board members that while there is no meeting next month, there is a board training on Monday August 26, 2019 at 5 p.m. here at the board office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Ruth Mastriana
Secretary

Brenda Heidinger, OCPS
Associate Director