

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
April 26, 2021  
Minutes – via Zoom video/conference Call

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Present: Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sue Paluga, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: Jim Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrell, Chief Bob Gavalier, and Sylvia Scott

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Jessica Makosky

Guests: Daryl Alexandar, Joe Caruso, Stacia Erdos, Darla Gallagher, Christina Lloyd, Suzette Miller, Joe Shorokey, and Nancy Voitus

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**43 – 2021: Motion: Anne Cobbin– to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **A. Treasurer Report**

- In the absence of Bob Gavalier, Treasurer, Mark Dunlap, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for March 2021 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for March 2021. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY21.

**44 – 2021: Motion: Bill Morvay– to approve the March 2021 Treasurer's Report and March 2021 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Report**

- Anne Cobbin reviewed the Youngstown State University Scholarship plan. The scholarship will be \$1,000 annually for a full time student or \$500 annually for a part time student. The following criteria apply:
  - African American male or female
  - Mahoning County resident attending a public, charter, or parochial school
  - Planning to attend YSU for social work or counseling
  - Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher
  - Must be in financial need
  - Must provide 3 letters of recommendation
  - The student will be required to write an essay on why they want to study social work or counseling.
  - A group of MCMHRB members will review the essays and choose the scholarship recipients.

**45 – 2021: Motion: Anne Cobbin – to approve the Board allocates \$5,000 in the SFY22 budget for Youngstown State University scholarships for African American students, from**

**Mahoning County, with financial need, a minimum 2.5 GPA, and wishing to study social work or counseling. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

#### **Executive Director Report**

- See attached report.

#### **Old Business**

- MCMHR Board members discussed requiring agencies to provide the Board with annual diversity and inclusion reports.

#### **New Business**

- Anne Lally and Duane Piccirilli reviewed the request for a resolution to approve acceptance of Alta Care Groups State Capital request, and appoint signatories for the documents. This is a capital grant that requires a 30 year contract mortgage, and note be executed between OhioMHAS, Alta Care Group and the MCMHRB. This capital grant requires no matching funds from MCMHRB.

**46 – 2021: Motion: Eric Ungaro – The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board approves this project with an assurance of intent to support and to fund the Applicant’s program consistent with the application and, in addition, to annually monitor the program and operations of the facility to assure compliance. The MCMHB authorizes Anne Lally, Board Chair, and Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director to execute the contract and other necessary documents to complete acceptance of these funds. Seconded by: Anna Howells...motion carried**

The next Board meeting will be held on May 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Board Member Remarks**

- Anne Cobbin, as a member of 300 Sisters in Red, invited everyone to watch the clubs virtual health fair that is being broadcast on Fox-WYFX on Saturday afternoons through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Agency Remarks:**

- Cristina Lloyd, Coleman, reported that the lower floor has been leased beginning June 1, 2021. The lower floor will be used for technical skill training and development. She introduced the Board to their new Regional Development Executive for Mahoning, Trumbull and Jefferson Counties, Stacia Erdos.
- Stacia Erdos, Coleman, introduced herself to the Board. She is currently transitioning into her new position and is working on building relationships with local agencies and the Boards and is learning to address the needs of the mentally ill and addicted in the community.
- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, reported to the Board that they have seen a recent influx in dual diagnosed patients. They are looking for employees trained to deal with dual diagnosed patients. During May is Mental Health Month they will be more active on social media. They are hosting a DBT training for all residential and outpatient employees. Joe has a concern for the lack of workforce and the need for social workers. He has contacted Kent State University and Youngstown State University to get reports on the number of students who are attending and soon will be graduating with social work degrees

to have a better idea on how many social workers will be on the workforce in the near future including the number of POC. Compass is holding a fundraiser raffle to raise money for Sojourner Houses 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. First prize is an all-inclusive trip to Mexico for 7 days and 6 nights. Second prize is \$2500. Tickets will be \$100 each and 300 tickets will be available.

- Joe Shorokey, Alta reported like most providers they are struggling to keep a full staff and are looking for dependable employees.
- Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities, reported that they opened their women/family shelter is full with a waiting list. Their goal is to house women and children within 30 days and they are currently averaging a 45 day wait. Many of the women are dealing with mental health issues and they are working to get them assistance. They received Cares Act money and it will be used to provide rental and utility assistance to those in need in the county.
- Suzette Miller, Mercy Health, reported that they have had an average of 42 patients a day in March. The number of patients is increasing. Mercy has hired a new psychiatrist, Dr. John Sorboro who also specializes in treatment of substance use disorders.
- Daryl Alexandar, YUMADOAP, is working with Carmelo Williams on a youth entrepreneurship program to place youth into the work world. YUMADOAP will hold a youth leadership conference on May 20<sup>th</sup> working with children from Youngstown Christian School, and open enrollment Youngstown students who attend Liberty schools.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk