

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
September 27, 2021
Minutes

Present: Jim Bertrando, Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Anna Howells, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

Absent: Marilyn Burns (on zoom), Rocco DiGennaro, Chief Bob Gavalier, and Bishop C.M. Jenkins

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Jessica Makosky (on zoom)

Guests (all on Zoom): Carrie Baun, Vince Brancaccio, Joe Caruso, Lee DeVita, Angela DiVito, Darla Gallagher, Jionna Gillans, Crystal Jones, Christina Lloyd, Brian Macala, Suzette Miller, Joe Shorokey, and Michelle Werth

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

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler conducted a swearing in ceremony for Victor Daprile, and Rachel Chmielewski.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- Anne Cobbin thanked board members for their hard work and congratulated the members who had been sworn in.

08 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.

- Anne Cobbin congratulated Brian Macala, Chair of Help Network of North East Ohio on the 50 year anniversary of the organization. She presented a plaque recognizing Help Network of NEO and their services to the community.

Committee Report

- Executive Committee Report
 - The Committee reviewed the information on the scholarship and the legal challenges that have prevented it from being established with the YSU Foundation. The YSU Foundation is unable to accept public funds, and the MCMHRB is unable to “fund” the scholarship through YSU due to Board members serving. The alternative of utilizing the Youngstown Links, Inc. to provide scholarships through their organization and process was reviewed and discussed

09 – 2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro– to approve giving the approved scholarship funds of \$5,000 to Youngstown Links, Inc. to allow them to provide scholarships for African American students who are attending YSU for Social Work undergraduate classes. Seconded: Bill Morvay...motion carried.

Officer Reports

B. Treasurer Report

- Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Treasurer, reviewed the July 2021 and August 2021 Treasurer's Reports and Blanket List of Bills for the Mahoning County MHR Board. *Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY22.

**10 – 2022: Motion: Anne Lally– to approve the July and August 2021 Treasurer's Report
Seconded by: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

11 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the July and August 2021 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Anne Lally...motion carried.

Committee Report

- Executive Committee Report
 - Anne Cobbin reviewed the new position description for the Community Engagement and Outreach Coordinator. Board members discussed this position and its importance to the community and the Board.

12 – 2022: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the new position of Community Engagement and Outreach Coordinator and add the position to the MCMHRB Table of Organization. Seconded by: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.

- Anne Cobbin reviewed the Employment Agreement for Duane Piccirilli. The Agreement is for 3 years from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

13 – 2022: Motion: Anna Howells– to approve the Employment Agreement with Duane Piccirilli, effective 1/1/22 to 12/31/24. Seconded by: Sylvia Scott...motion carried.

- Ways and Means Committee Report
 - Scott Fowler, Committee Chair, reviewed the allocation updates

The state awarded \$100,000.00 in Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) funding on 8/16/2021. These funds are used to support clients that are involved in Judge Durkin's Drug Court for treatment, recovery supports and transportation.

1. Meridian Healthcare	\$50,000.00
2. Flying High Inc.	\$37,000.00
3. NRKC	\$10,000.00
4. WRTA	\$3,000.00

The state awarded \$370,000.00 in specialty docket funding on 7/22/2021. These funds are used to support payroll or other costs to support their courts.

Court	Project	Judge	Allocation
Mahoning County Common Pleas Court	Drug Court	John Durkin	\$45,000
Mahoning County Common Pleas Court	Veterans Court	Anthony D'Apolito	\$35,000
Mahoning County Juvenile Court	Family Drug Court	Theresa Dellick	\$35,000
Mahoning County Juvenile Court	Juvenile Drug Court	Theresa Dellick	\$35,000
Mahoning County Juvenile Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Theresa Dellick	\$35,000
Youngstown Municipal Court	Drug Court	Carla Baldwin	\$75,000
Youngstown Municipal Court	Human Trafficking Court	Renee DiSalvo	\$75,000
Youngstown Municipal Court	Veterans Court	Carla Baldwin	\$35,000

The Commissioners have approved an allocation of \$175,000.00 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to Compass Family and Community Services for furnishings and appliances for adult care/living facility at Building 7 at the Campus of Care. The funding will be made available to the Board to cover these costs. The Board will have two sub award agreements, the first will be between the Board and the Commissioner's office and the second will be between Compass and the Board. There is no Board funding or levy funding involved with this agreement.

14 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to accept and approve allocations as presented. Seconded by: Linda Warino...motion carried.

- Mark Dunlap reviewed the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic audit report – no findings were reported.
- Mark Dunlap informed the Board that OhioMHAS has approved the requested \$1.3 million in carry over from SFY2021 to SFY2022

Executive Director Report

- A lot of new state initiatives that we will bring to the Board as they develop.
- Open Meeting Act – Our association is working on language to be introduced in the legislature for an exception to the Open Meeting Act for ADAMHS Board as volunteer Boards to be exempted from in person only meetings. If the language is introduced and passes as law we would be able to go back to virtual meetings.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Mahoning County Community Plan Update. The Board members reviewed the update report.

Board Member Remarks

- None

Agency Remarks:

- Jionna Gillans, Mercy Health, is the new Behavioral Health Navigator at Mercy Health.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare – No report
- Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services – Congratulated Jionna on her new role. Highlighted the shortage of clinicians & clinician burn-out being difficult right now. They received their 3 year CARF Accreditation for DayBreak, Swanston Home renovations are under way for 4 apartments for transition age youth.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta – Thanked everyone for the well wishes after his accident. He recognized Michelle and Lee as having strong reputations in the community & congratulated them on joining the Board. Match has been achieved for the Camp Challenge building addition.
- Christina Lloyd, Coleman – Reported that their SOR program will be continuing another year, this program serves co-occurring clients.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

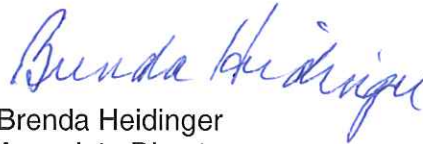
The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Anna Howells
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger
Associate Director