

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
June 22, 2015  
Minutes

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**Present:** James Bertrando, Ken Cooper, Mike Cretella, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Edgar Manning, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, and Eric Ungaro

**Absent:** Marilyn Burns (excused), Rocco DiGennaro (excused), Maurina Hanna (excused), Anne Lally (excused), Ruth Mastriana (excused), and Linda Warino (excused)

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Michelle Petrello, and Aimee Schweers

**Guests:** Bill Alcorn, Vindicator, Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Community Care, Matt Kresic, Homes For Kids, Angela McClellan, Coalition DFMC, Jamie Miller, D&E Counseling, and Cindy O'Keefe, TRAVCO

Scott Fowler, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

**Executive Director Report**

Duane Piccirilli reviewed his Director's report:

- Budget Hearings
- Judicial Symposium on Addiction and Child Welfare
- May is Mental Health Month
- CIT Training
- Call a Counselor Event on TV 27
- Levy
- 2015 School - Justice Partnerships Certificate Program: Fostering Success for Youth At Risk

Edgar Manning, Chair arrived and assumed chair of the meeting.

**44 – 2015: Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

**Officer Reports**

**A. Chair Report**

No Report

**Committee Reports**

**A. Program and Policy Committee (June 1, 2015)**

- Jim Bertrando reviewed the updated list of Health Officers

**45-2015 Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve the updated list of Health Officers seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Jim Bertrando discussed the State Fiscal Year 2016 Provider Contracts. These require the approval of the Prosecutors office. The Committee is recommending

allowing the staff to develop the language for the Agency contracts and submit to Prosecutors office.

**46-2015 Motion: Bishop C.M. Jenkins – to approve for the Staff to develop the language for the SFY2016 Agency contracts and submit to the Prosecutors office. Seconded: Patricia Sciaretta...motion carried.**

- FYI: Matt Kresic, Executive Director, Homes For Kids, explained Multi-Systematic Therapy (MST).
- FYI: Angela McClellan, Coalition DFMC/MCMHRB Child Navigator, reviewed Strong Families, Safe Communities.

**B. Ways and Means Committee (June 15, 2015)**

- Nomiki Tsarnas discussed the new supportive housing project being developed by Compass Family and Community Services, Help Hotline and Meridian Community Care and the need to earmark \$150,000.00 to be reserved for operating expenses.

**47 – 2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to reserve \$150,000.00 for potential operating expenses and allow the Executive Director to write a letter of support. Seconded: Mike Cretella...motion carried.**

- Nomiki Tsarnas discussed the need for new carpet and an updated security system at the Help Hotline Community Center not to exceed a total of \$21,279.00.

**48 – 2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to authorize an amount not to exceed \$21,279.00 for replacement of carpet and installation of security system. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.**

**C. Community Relations and Marketing Committee**

- No Meeting in May

**Officer Reports**

**B. Treasurer Report**

Bill Gambrel reviewed the Balance General Leger reports:

- May 2015 Mahoning County MH Board in the amount of \$7,189,466.99
- May 2015 Mahoning County ADAS Board in the amount of \$107,689.63

**49 – 2015 Motion: Nomiki Tsarnas – to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Jim Bertrando...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills

**50 – 2015 Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the blanket list of bills. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

- Eric Ungaro stated that the Marketing and Public Relations Committee first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 10 a.m. He discussed with Board and Staff some ideas about the Marketing and Public Relations Committee and their role in the MCMHRB.

**Board Member Remarks**

- none

**Provider Remarks**

Cindy O'Keefe, TRAVCO

- Explained that TRAVCO is a behavioral health agency that services adults and children with mental health/addiction issues. TRAVCO is a for profit agency that has multiple locations.

Darla Gallagher, Meridian Community Care

- Provided information regarding an upcoming comedy show on July 12, 2015.
- Stated that they purchased a building on South Ave. in Boardman and will be re-locating their administrative offices there.

Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline

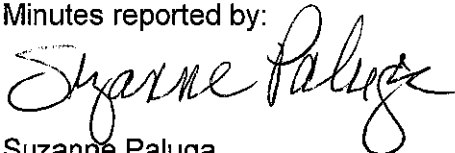
- Explained that they have approved their subcontractors and can begin to move forward with construction of new housing.
- Talked about the Suicide Coalition Training. Three counties (Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana) were involved in bringing the three speakers in for the training.

Jamie Miller, D&E Counseling

- Explained that Camp Challenge is a five week program for clients of D&E to work on social skills. The camp is run for two sessions (total of 10 weeks), 80 kids total can attend; 80%-90% of attendees are transported by D&E.
- Stated that they are working with Akron Children's Hospital to provide crisis intervention services.

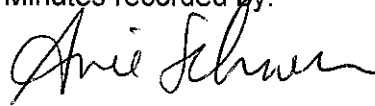
The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Suzanne Paluga  
MCMHRB Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers, OCPS I  
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer