

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
July 25, 2016
Minutes

Present: James Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Ken Cooper, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Patricia Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: Mike Cretella, Rocco DiGennaro, Anne Lally, and Sue Paluga

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, Bill Carbonell, Toni Notaro, Marla Ogan, and Michele Petrello

Guests Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline, Kathy Brown, Mercy Health, Angela Cameron, Center for Human Services Development @YSU, Norman Carter, Carter House, Elizabeth Cianciola, Center for Human Services Development @YSU, Judge Theresa Dellick, JJC, Carolyn Givens, Neil Kennedy, Hope Haney, NAMI, Karen Hogan, Mercy Health, Crystal Jones, Mercy Health, Brian Kennedy, Turning Point Counseling Services, Jeff Magada, Flying High, Inc., Linda McNally, JJC, Joe Shorokey, Alta Care Group, and Nancy Voitus, CCRA

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

01 – 2017: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

A. Chair Report

- Edgar Manning, Board President, stated that at the August meeting the Board may have to do business, in addition to the training

B. Treasurer Report

- Bill Gambrel, Treasurer reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for June 2016 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$6,779,945.00

02 – 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the June 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: James Bertrando...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for June 2016

03– 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the blanket list of bills for June 2016. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Executive Director Report

Duane Piccirilli discussed the following:

- Thanked Board for allowing move to the new office
- Thanked Marla Ogan for coordinating the move
- Thanked Mark Dunlap, Marla Ogan, Nick Srnec, Toni Notaro, Bill Carbonell, and Brenda Heidinger for all their work on budget.

New Business

- Personnel Policy Update; Board reviewed proposed changes to personnel policy to align with ORC.340.02 (see attachment 1)

04 – 2017: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to accept proposed change to personnel policy to align with ORC 340.02. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

- Mark Dunlap reviewed the budget highlights document (see attachment 2)
- Karen Hogan and Kathy Brown talked about the navigator position. The navigator will ensure that patients in the system get the proper care. This position will partner with Mercy Health and other agencies as needed by the patient. The MCMHRB and Mercy Foundation are splitting the cost of this position.
- Brian Kennedy stated the CSU has 16 beds. Six beds designated as sub-acute detox will open in the month of August. He believes the Mercy navigator will benefit the system to get people in right level of care.
- Judge Dellick spoke about the Early Warning System (EWS), which is county wide covering 5 school districts and 14 schools. Alta will provide screening staff and attend all of the EWS meetings. Linda McNally highlighted EWS and Joe spoke of Alta's role and this being a less reactive system and more proactive.
- Mark Dunlap stated there are unallocated dollars in DYS and adolescent funds, the Board staff is looking for ways to utilize these funds.

05 – 2017: Motion: Ken Cooper – to approve the SFY2017 budget. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

06 – 2017: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to enter into provider and special contracts, as included in budget. Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

- Eric Ungaro talked about Anti Stigma Campaign and the positive response he has seen from it.

Provider Remarks

Hope Haney, NAMI

- 201 Wick Ave., Youngstown, Ohio is address for new office (St. John's Episcopal Church)
- Stigma walk coming up September 17, 2016 at Wick Park
- Upcoming art contest will focus on creativity, not just specific "arts" (Oct. or Nov.)

Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline

- Thanked Board for approving budget; stated the budget process was painless
- Community Center programming will remain consistent. The addition of a floating peer specialist will enhance services when the peer is not in use with a specific client
- Suicide workshop will be at Colonial Catering 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016

Sam Amendolara

- Is the Board Attorney handling probate cases

Nancy Voitus, CCRA

- Thanked Board for budget approval
- The process was edifying
- Highlighted programming for those coming out of prison/jail and the homeless

Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care

- Current HUD housing cuts will affect 8 women/children and 16 single males; working with state on recovery housing dollars and PSH through continuum to mitigate these cuts
- Currently providing 8-10 assessments daily, 80% being admitted; 20% client refused
- Comedy show on Oct. 20, 2016

Joe Shorokey, Alta

- Thanked Board and echoed previous agency comments. Thanked Board staff, as well, they asked questions and helped out.
- Circle of Friends golf outing went very well
- Doing World Series of Wine (homemade wine)
- Currently provides child group for Domestic relations court. Court has requested a parent education meeting be added.

Brian Kennedy, Turning Point Counseling Services

- Thanked Board for budget
- Goal to become 1st rate Mental Health, 1st rate place
- Re-establish stability and reputation of Turning Point
- Increase Team members morale and wellness
- Have \$25,000 line of credit offer from local banking
- Seeing increased CSU bed use.
- Recently purchased a new stove, etc, to allow for preparing food for CSU clients
- Currently recruiting staff (for detox and general increase)
- EHR meaningful use being targeted
- Recent applications for grants in excess \$25,000 in capital grants application

Joe Caruso, Compass

- Opportunity with Swanston; 3 doors from Doris Burdman. Would like to do transitional housing for transition age's youth (9 units).
- Appreciate the budget process and opportunity to earn their funds
- 9/9/16 SOAP Gallery Peace Chairs auction, proceeds benefit Daybreak (40th anniversary)
- 40 unit PSH has officially broke ground, they are currently moving dirt.

Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP

- Agency licensure reviewed and renewed
- Children of Incarcerated Parents training July, August, and September, Program kick off October
- They are a licensed Day Care Facility currently through Dept. of Education working to change to JFS to allow billing Medicaid
- Mini grant from Wean Foundation to do some environmental prevention

Angela Cameron, Center for Human Services Development @YSU

- New leadership in the department. They are available to provide survey, needs assessment, grant writing and program evaluation

Carolyn Givens, Neil Kennedy

- She has been with NKRC 1 year now, 72 staff currently
- 28% increase in outpatient, currently in the black fiscally
- Focusing on what's appropriate for patient, not arbitrary days
- Currently have 2 full time recovery coaches who served 164 people last year
- Seeing 95% occupancy at clinic, predominantly white male opiate addicts

Crystal Jones, Mercy Health Foundation

- Thanked Board for most recent project. Excited that Mercy Health and the Board are working closer together.

Norman Carter, Carter House

- Thanked Board for support. Providing a new path to a new life
- Started with 8 beds, increased to 14 beds, now to 20 beds.
- Invited providers to visit and refer clients
- Boardman Art Center, 8/27/16 tribute to Michael Jackson and Prince, one half proceeds to Carter House.

Jeff Magada, Flying High, Inc.

- Thank you to Board and Board staff. Looking forward to using funding from DYS to serve more young people with job skill development. Excited to have Federal Grant to bolster employment services, skill, training and access to employment.

Karen Hogan/Kathy Brown, Mercy Health

- Thanked for providing safe room and now this assisting with navigator position
- New psychiatrist in August allows full capacity in psych unit

Edgar Manning thanked everyone for coming. Next meeting is August 22, 2016 at 5 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Minutes reported by:


Sue Paluga
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:


Brenda Heidinger
Assistant Executive Director