

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
November 28, 2022  
Minutes

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- Present: Anne Cobbin, Rachel Chmielewski, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavallier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Brent Kelley, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, Pat Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari, Linda Warino, Robert Yallech, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun
- Absent: Bill Morvay, and Sylvia Scott
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, Lee DeVita, Michelle Werth, and Jessica Makosky
- Guests: James Troup (Gateway Rehab), Dean Monteleone (Gateway Rehab/Neil Kennedy Recovery Center), Hasheen Wilson (New Vision BH), Joe Shorokey (Alta), Darla Gallagher (Meridian), Tom Sanborn (Neil Kennedy Recovery Center)

Anne Cobbin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### Officer Reports

- **Chair Report**

- Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic Update
  - Duane introduced Tom Sanborn, Chairperson from NKRC
    - Tom discussed the recent events occurring at Neil Kennedy with the Board.
    - The roof at 2151 Rush Blvd needs fully repaired.
    - Client services will end on December 31, 2022.
    - Neil Kennedy is working to ensure all clients be placed locally in an agency that will provide them with proper care, and all staff have opportunities with other local employers
    - Fellowship Hall will remain open and recovery meetings will continue there.
    - Neil Kennedys Board will meet on December 7, 2022.

**13 – 2023: Motion: Tom Vasvari– If Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic informs Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board staff that they are unable to fulfill the contract, the MCMHR Board Staff can enter into a contract with Meridian Healthcare or a similar agency to provide like services to the community. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

**14 – 2023: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- **Treasurer Report**

- Tom Vasvari reviewed the October 2022 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.

15 – 2023: Motion: Bishop Jenkins– to approve the October 2022 Treasurer’s Report.  
 Seconded by: Rob Yellech...motion carried.

16 – 2023: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the October 2022 Blanket List of Bills.  
 Seconded by: Bishop Jenkins...motion carried.

**Committee Report**

- **Ways and Means Committee- November 21, 2022**

- Scott Fowler reviewed the Ways and Means Committee minutes.
  - Mark submitted the 2023 County Budget (calendar year) and it has been approved by the Board of Commissioners.
  - New Funding and allocation of funding-

Award - FPC Prevention Carryover	\$ 79,870.00
YUMADAOP	\$ 79,870.00

Award - Community Transition	\$ 10,000.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10,000.

Award - Criminal Justice Community Medication	\$ 44,025.00
Sheriff's Department	\$ 44,025.00

Award - Community Investments MH Court	\$ 5,475.00
Judge Sweeney's Court	\$ 5,475.00

Award - SOR 2.0 NCE CCP - RSP	\$ 150,640.88
WFMJ	\$ 54,213.63
WKBN	\$ 48,213.63
Clever	\$ 48,213.62

Award - MH Crisis Stabilization Carryover	\$ 155,450.02
Compass	\$ 155,450.02

- Mark submitted the 2023 County Budget (calendar year) and it has been approved by the Board of Commissioners.

17 – 2023: Motion: Scott Fowler– Motion from Committee to approve the new funding and the allocations described. Committee no second required..Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report**

- See attached report

**Old Business**

- Diversity Update-Valerie attended a domestic violence symposium on October 25<sup>th</sup> with Compass Family and Community Services. The symposium explored healthy and unhealthy relationships, relationships based upon power and control, sexual assault and harassment, and resources available to help. Valerie hosted the Women

of Worth program from November 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. She is continuing her training for Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist. Valerie's 2023 is quickly filling up with local events and trainings around the community. She is getting a lot of requests to speak at churches in the community.

**New Business**

- None

**Board Member Remarks**

- None

**Agency Remarks:**

- Joe Shorokey, Alta, no comments at this time.
- Darla Gallagher, Meridian is at capacity with their residential clients. They are working with the state to increase the number of residential beds. TASC is moving to the Meridian Road location.
- Hasheen Wilson, New Vison Behavioral Health, he is happy to be here and is looking forward to reengaging with the community.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:



Anna Howells  
Secretary

Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk

**Directors Report**  
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**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**

The Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, Mahoning County Public Health, and Youngstown City Health District were contacted by representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that they would be conducting key informant interviews in our county with the goal of assessing suicide-related knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs within our community. They conduct two informant interviews as part of a larger effort from CDC and Ohio State agencies (ODH, OhioMHAS) to investigate potential increases within our county. Emily Clegg our Regional Coordinator from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services also attended. Five counties were selected in Ohio.

**Cold Weather Awareness Walk:**

Working with the other organization involved with homeless services, we decided to postpone the walk until there is a plan developed for the homeless during the cold weather months. Recently we had as many as 7 men sleeping on the sidewalk in front of our building. The mission was either at capacity or some of these men are on the do not admit list. I have scheduled a call with the Housing Staff at OhioMHAS to see how other community are addressing this population. Joe Caruso, Nancy Voitius, Vince Brancaccio, Youngstown Mayor Tito Brown and his staff members, Representatives from the County Homeless Continue and others are working on developing a plan of action to address the homeless during the winter months. I will update the board at the meeting.

**Crisis Text Line Mini-Grant OACBHA:**

We requested \$2,500.00 to promote the crisis text line on WRTA Buses. "Text 4Hope to 741741" will be advertised on the outside and inside of the buses beginning in January 2023 and run until June 30, 2022

**Annual Holiday Event:**

The Holiday event this year will be held at the B&O on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. In addition to our Board, Board Staff, Agency Directors and their Board Presidents, we also invited the county commissioners, judges, our state elected officials and other systems directors.

**NAMI Ohio Board of Directors established the Terry Russell Housing Initiative:**

Brenda, Lee and I will be meeting with Terry Russell former director of NAMI Ohio to talk about an opportunity to increase housing in Mahoning County. NAMI has obtain \$300,000 set aside to help any community start thinking about housing opportunities. We are also inviting two adult care facility operator to talk to them about adding more units.

**Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program (SURWSP):**

Mark Dunlap and Jessica M have been directly involved in a program with the bureau of worker compensation. The program provides reinvestment for enrolled employer(s) that are willing to work with people in recovery. The program was very successful in Mahoning County, but very time consuming to administer. Workers Comp is going to transfer the program in house, so our Board staff will no longer have to be directly involved in this reinvestment program.

**Save the Date:**

CIT Class - March 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2023