



Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 Board Meeting

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio and via Webex.

1. Call to Order

1.01 President Mat Himm called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Vice President Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Dr. Hunter; Wayne Mays; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW (via email); Father Pucke; Deb Robertson; Bishop Smith; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II

Staff members present at the meeting were the following: Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC-S, IMFT; Jennifer Coats, SWT; Cassandra Kiesey, Esq.; Scott Fourman, MS, LPCC-S; Darrell Burton, CPA; and Joanna Lowry, MA, LPCC-S, LICDC-CS.

Recognition of Guests:

Steve Telford, Executive Director, Sojourner

Recognition of Guests via Webex:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling

Daryl Hams, Access Counseling

Scott Stephens, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health

Matt Brashear, DeCoach

Joyce Kachelries, LifeSpan

Carolyn Flynn, NewPath

Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA

2. **Board Communication & Announcements**

2.01 **Executive Directors Report**

- A. **BH Medicaid Rate Increase Update**
Medicaid has endorsed an increase, which will result in a 10 to 13% change in rates. Board staff ran a query, which will be provider-wide. It will go into effect January 2024. Currently the BCMHARSB billings are approximately \$2 billion annually. It has been estimated that this may increase billings in the amount of \$200,000.
- B. **BH CSU Updates: RFP, Meetings with BC County, City of Hamilton and Others**
The Board endorsed an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the CSU (Crisis Stabilization Unit). Once the RFP is finalized and publicized, the provider would need to identify the site location and building to be used. They would address any zoning considerations. Dr. Rasmus has been working with the commissioners to set aside ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, which are COVID federal funds that have been issued and potentially can be used for capital and/or operational costs. There are also ODMHAS (Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services) capital funds from the State in the amount of a billion dollars, with a billion dollar match. Those funds can be specifically used for capital as a part of the RFP process. It is projected that the RFP will be released in November, with a two to three month process before proposals are submitted, followed up with an ad hoc committee.

Dr. Rasmus met with Hamilton's Mayor Moeller and Bill Woeste on Wednesday, October 11th to discuss the ability to use the Care Facility and other matters related to the CSU (Crisis Stabilization Unit).

- C. **Latest BC MH Tax Levy Status Update**
The half mil 10 year issue levy is expiring in FY24 November. The 1 mil levy, which was endorsed in 2006, is expiring in November 2025. Staff are currently reviewing Board reserve levels. There was discussion about potentially having a levy on the ballot in March 2024. The process would be for a board endorsement November 2023 and then an approval of the commissioners at the end of November and/or beginning of December. It was discussed that the challenge with the March levy date is that the property tax increases due to the current county property reevaluation process will go into effect before March 2024.
- D. **Dr. Rasmus provided summaries of the following articles 1 – 3:**
1. **Take Tax Windfall From Schools** [Take tax windfall from schools? - Journal-News](#)
 2. **A Meta-Analysis of the Effect of Physical Activity on Depression and Anxiety in Non-Clinical Adult Populations**
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25739893/>

3. NY Times: How Do We Feel About Global Warming: It's Called Eco-Anxiety <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/16/world/europe/italy-greece-eco-anxiety.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>
- D. Recognition of Those Retiring: Cheri Walters Director of OACBHA & Denise Callahan Reporter Local Journal News Newspaper
Cheri Walters of OACBHA (Ohio Association of Count Behavioral Health Authorities) is retiring. She has served as the Chief Executive Officer for 15 years, since its Board association's inception.

Senior associate reporter for the Butler County Journal News, Denise G. Callahan, is retiring soon. She began her career as a freelance writer in the suburbs of Chicago in 1987. She has worked at numerous newspapers in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.
- E. Board Appointments
Two Board appointments, Leslie Berssenbruegge and Ashley Glass, have been recommended by the Ad Hoc committee, approved by the Board and submitted to the County. They are expected to be sworn in at the November Board meeting.
- F. Dr. Rasmus Out of the Office
Dr. Rasmus will be out of the office from Thursday, October 12th and will return Monday, October 30.
- G. NAMI Walks
Butler County will be having their annual walk on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts, 101 South Monument Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013. To register, please go to namiwalks.org/butlercounty

3. Review of Committee Meetings

- 3.01 **October – ARS Committee Meeting Review – John Silvani**
John Silvani gave a brief update on the October ARS Committee meeting activities.
- 3.02 **October – MH Committee Meeting Review – Judge Campbell**
Dr. Rasmus and Scott Fourman gave a brief update on the October MH Committee meeting activities.

4. New Business

4.01 Meeting Minutes

- A. September Board Meeting Minutes
- B. September Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. October ARS Meeting Minutes

D. October MH Meeting Minutes

Wayne Mays motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes. Bishop Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.02 **Budget Revisions**

Butler Behavioral Health Services is making a clarification from the September Board meeting budget revision. The \$18,000 transfer from Medical and Related to Assessment and Evaluation within the Uplift Program was intended to be retroactive to July 1, 2023. The total allocation for FY24 is unchanged at \$2,245,337.

Community Behavioral Health will be transferring levy budget funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Medical and Related to Coordination and the Support Service budget line. This transfer will go into effect October 12th, 2023. The total allocation for FY24 is unchanged in the amount of \$3,653,669.

Dr. Hunter motioned to approve the Budget Revisions. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.03 **Financial Report**

The August 2024 Financial Report represents 17% of the 2023 fiscal year. The current cash balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$20,962,633. One month budgeted expenses for FY24 is \$1,503,537. For FY2024, the Board had budgeted \$18,067,216 and has collected \$1,495,250, which was 8% of its revenue. Year to date administration costs were \$285,677 with a budget of \$1,879,635, which was 15.2%. Total expenditures year to date were \$2,920,400 with a budget of \$18,042,450, which was 16.2%. The Board had spent \$2,920,398 and collected \$1,495,250, which was a negative balance for the year of \$1,425,148.

*It was noted that the financial reports are presented un-audited, no professional attestation procedures were performed on these reports.

Pat Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the Financial Report. Deb Robertson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion

4.04 **Calendar Year Budget**

Dr. Rasmus and Darrell Burton discussed the calendar year budget from January 2024 to December 2024. Both will be presenting the BCMHARSB CY budget in an open meeting to the Commissioners on October 30, 2023.

Deb Robertson motioned to approve the Calendar Year Budget. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion

4.05 **BCM HARSB Reserves**

Dr. Rasmus requested to move the BCM HARSB's minimum reserve level from 3 to 6 months.

Pat Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve BCM HARSB's reserve level change from 3 to 6 months. Bishop Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.06 **2022 BC Annual Financial Report**

Darrell Burton reviewed the 2022 Butler County Annual Financial Report which can be found on the Butler County Auditor's website at https://ohioauditor.gov/auditsearch/Reports/2022/Butler_County_21_Butler_FINAL.pdf
This was provided to the Board for information only.

4.07 **Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction**

Darrell Burton discussed the current voucher approvals and direct deductions.

Wayne Mays motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.08 **COSSUP Grant Acceptance**

The BCM HARSB staff were awarded the COSSUP (Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use Program) Grant with a total amount of 1.3 million dollars issued over three years from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The project aims to increase access to treatment and recovery support services for residents of Butler County through engagement, data collection, and recovery support enhancement. There will be four key objectives: expand the use of data collection for the county-wide data dashboard, including cross-sector analysis and integration of data from other sources, to inform strategies and policies; assess the needs of under-served populations across Butler County and increase engagement in services amongst those groups; decrease the number of individuals who are incarcerated to improve post substance abuse use/overdose outcomes; and improve comprehensive care to residents of Butler County impacted by substance use.

John Silvani motioned to approve the COSSUP Grant. Kim McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.09 **Mission and Vision Statement**

The proposed revised Mission and Vision statement is as follows:

Mission: To faithfully secure, administer, and monitor the public funds provided by the Federal, State, County governments and grants. Additionally, the Board through partnerships, collaboration and the convening of stakeholders will use this funding to support its county providers. These designated programs and services will address

prevention, treatment and recovery of Mental and Addiction Health for individuals, families and communities in need of such local services.

Vision: To be a valued trustee of public moneys in order to provide a stable and up-to-date mental and addiction health service network to improve the quality of life for all in need in Butler County.

John Silvani motioned to approve the Mission and Vision. Wayne Mays seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.10 Health Officer Approval

Per ORC 5122.01 and 5122.10 the Board offered a Health Officer training, which outlines the duties of a Health Officer in the State of Ohio. The Board must approve the list of health officer candidates that have successfully completed the training in order to provide crisis holds in Butler County.

John Silvani motioned to approve the Health Officer Training Candidates. Dr. Hunter seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.11 State Hospital Report

Scott Fourman reviewed the September State Hospital Report. There were 20 forensic beds and 2 civil beds. Year to date, the average is 20 forensic beds and 2 civil beds.

4.12 Board Self Evaluation Review and Update (For Information Only)

Mat Himm reviewed the September Board Survey Monkey results. 6 out of 16 board members answered and the results were discussed, including trends seen in the data.

5. Guest and Board Comments

5.01 Guest/Board Comments

6. Adjournment

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.