



**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio via Webex.

1. Call to Order

1.01 Board President Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present via Webex: Pastor Michael Bailey; President Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Wayne Mays; Lonnie Tucker, CH, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Christine Hacker, MSN; Vice President Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rev. Suzanne LeVesconte; Rev. Gary Smith; David Swigonski; Richard Bement; Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings, CAPP; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II.

Recognition of Guests via Webex:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health
Lori Higgins, Envision
Joyce Kachelries, Lifespan
Suzanna Lozano, Modern Psychiatry & Wellness, LLC
Jillane Holland, Sojourner
Julie Herrmann, St. Joseph Orphanage
Sheri Bartels, Transitional Living
Diane Ruther-Vierling, YWCA
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA

1.02 Public Comments on the Agenda
- *No comments*

2. Board Communication & Announcements

2.01 Executive Directors Report

- A. Budget Update: Federal, State & Local
The SOR 2.0 funding application was submitted to the State. The State has not come out with the allocation as of yet. There is a 2 to 3 billion dollar deficit that needs to be resolved by June 30th, 2021. Locally, the general fund program has experienced a cut in the amount of \$110,000.
- B. 2020 MH Tax Levy: Final Thoughts
The 2020 MH Tax Levy passed November 3rd, 73% to 23%. There were 129,984 residents who voted for and 48,989 who voted against.
- C. COVID-19 Update
Dr. Rasmus gave a brief update concerning COVID-19, which included the current Butler County epidemiological reports.

Dr. Rasmus provided summaries of the following articles D – F:

- D. Blomstrand, P. (2020, August 8). *Effects of a single exercise workout on memory and learning functions in young adults—A systematic review*. Wiley Online Library. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/tsm2.190>
- E. Kluger, J. (2020, September 24). *How the pandemic is targeting women's mental health*. Time. <https://time.com/5892297/women-coronavirus-mental-health/>
- F. Denyer, S., & Kashiwagi, A. (2020, November 29). *Japan and South Korea see surge of suicides among young women, raising new questions about pandemic stress* — *The Washington Post*. Apple News. https://apple.news/AI6_dTKxySEesFstM8zWUiQ

3. Review of Committee Meeting

3.01 November – MH Committee Meeting Review – Christine Hacker

Ms. Hacker gave a brief update on the MH Committee meeting activities this month.

3.02 November – ARS Committee Meeting Review – Mat Himm

Mr. Himm gave a brief update on the ARS Committee meeting activities this month.

4. Consent Agenda

4.01 Consent Agenda Items

- A. October Executive Committee Meeting
- B. October Board Meeting Minutes

- C. November MH Committee Meeting Minutes
- D. November ARS Committee Meeting Minutes
- E. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5. New Business

5.01 Financial Report

The Board September Financial Report (25% through the FY21) shows that the Board has budgeted \$14,599,660 and has collected 34.53%. Year To Date Administration costs are running at 21%. The Board has currently paid 16% to the providers with a current cash balance of \$20,365,277.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Financial Report. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.02 Contract Modifications

Access Counseling – Board facilitated provider budget increase in the amount of \$5,321 for the Mental Health Court Program, contract not to exceed \$999,821, with program narrative update.

Beckett Springs Hospital– Board facilitated provider budget increase in the amount of \$11,364 for the Withdrawal Management Program. A reallocation of funds from COVID Isolation Center for homeless to Withdrawal Management Program for a total amount of \$156,058. An increase in the amount of \$55,000 for the Hopeline Coordination Services, with a combined new total of \$179,997. A new RSP-COVID FEMA Program in the amount of \$143,304.86. Beckett Springs revised contract not to exceed \$1,028,292.36, with program narrative.

Butler Behavioral Health – Board requested budget increase in the amount of \$75,000 for the Community Transition Program, with program narrative. Butler Behavior Health has increased the general contract in the amount of \$1,748,733, with no changes to MRSS and Crisis, contract not to exceed \$2,301,736.

DeCoach Rehabilitation Services – Board requested budget increase in the amount of \$20,000 for SOR Extended Care Project, with program narrative. The revised contract not to exceed \$65,000.

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the Contract Modifications and Program Narratives. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.03 **COSSAP Grant Award - \$900,000**

The BCMHARS Board has been recognized nationally by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Comprehensive Opiate Stimulant Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) as a mentor site to other grantees. The Board has received the official award packet for the COSSAP grant in the amount of \$900,000 for 3 years.

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the COSSAP Grant Award. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.04 **Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative MOU**

The Board has been working with Clermont and Brown County under SOR 1.0 through the Regional Syringe Exchange collaborative. SOR 2.0 will expand services by working with five counties through the Regional Harm Reduction. The MOU is an initial draft for review by all boards.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative MOU. Rev. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.05 **OVC Grant Update - \$700,000**

The BCMHARS Board has been awarded the OVC (Office of Victims of Crime) grant. It is a \$700,000 grant for three years. It will support the expansion of Handle with Care and prevention services targeting children and families impacted by substance abuse.

Ms. McKinney motioned to approve the OVC Grant Award. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.06 **Miami University COAP Contract Amendment**

Under the COAP program for evaluation services, the amendment will extend the Miami University contract through September 30, 2021 and an increase in the amount of \$79,000.

Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Miami University COAP Contract Amendment. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.07 **SOR 2.0 Award and Allocations**

The application for the proposal was submitted. The State received 96 million dollars of SOR 2.0 funding. The Boards will receive a total of 50 million dollars but are still in the process of making a decision concerning allocations. Dr. Rasmus requested the Board to empower him to allocate the funds when received based on our RFP and what funding amount the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) provides to our Board.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the SOR 2.0 Award and Dr. Rasmus's allocation of them. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.08 Interact for Health Grant - \$90,000

The Board has been awarded a \$90,000 Interact for Health Grant to supply the local harm reduction team with Narcan for the next year.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Interact for Health Grant. Rev. LeVesconte seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.09 TLC Lease Revision

The TLC Lease Revision was endorsed by the Board in August. It has come to the attention of the Board that the correct address is both 2052 and 2054 Princeton Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011, to include the administration office and the TAP residential facility.

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the TLC Revision. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. Mr. Mays abstained. The vote carried the motion.

5.10 Health Officer Appointment Extension

The health officer training is typically done in May but was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. There was limited training in September for new health officers only. Due to COVID-19, there will be no live training. A request was made to continue the current health officer appointment extension until June 30th, 2021.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Health Officer Appointment Extension. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.11 UPLIFT Covid Waiver

Due to COVID-19, through discussions with Butler Behavioral Health and Council on Aging, Dr. Rasmus is requesting for the Board to waive the sliding scale fee amounts for senior clients reflected in the Board's attestation, sliding pay scale statement for seniors ages 65 and above in BBH's Uplift program.

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the UPLIFT Sliding Scale Fee Waiver. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.12 Personnel Manual Gym Membership

The Board is currently supporting a monthly gym membership reimbursement for the staff in the amount of 80%, 20 visits a quarter, with reimbursable amounts and limitations. Due to COVID concerns and governor restrictions, virtual fitness programs and memberships have become available as an alternative. Dr. Rasmus is requesting the

Board to support the virtual gym accommodations due to the pandemic, subject to Dr. Rasmus review.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Personnel Manual Gym Membership virtual accommodation. Rev. LeVesconte seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5.13 State Hospital Report

Mr. Fourman reviewed the October State Hospital Report. There have been 4 civils beds and 12 forensic beds budgeted. For the month of October there were 17 forensic beds and 1 civil bed at Summit.

5.14 Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction

Mr. Rhodus discussed the current voucher approvals and direct deductions.

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6. Guest and Board Comments

6.01 Guest/Board Comments

7. Adjournment

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m. via Webex unless Dr. Rasmus indicates the need to change this date and time.