



# Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board

## Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 Board Meeting

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 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 Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN, called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Pastor Michael Bailey; Dr, Theodore Hunter; Wayne Mays; Tara D'Epifanio; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Deborah Robertson; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Mother Suzanne LeVesconte; Rev. Gary Smith; Dave Swigonski; Richard Bement; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; Rev. Cummings, CAPP; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II.

#### **Recognition of Guests via Webex:**

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling  
Lynn Harris, Access Counseling  
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Pam Mortenson, Catholic Charities  
Kelly Hibner-Kalb, Community Health Alliance  
Kimberly Back, DeCoach  
Joyce Kachelries, LifeSpan, Inc.  
Julie Herrmann, NewPath  
Dr. Rachel Costello, Sojourner  
Jillane Holland, Transitional Living  
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA  
Jacqueline Jackson, YWCA

### **2. Board Communication & Announcements**

2.01 **Executive Directors Report**

A. COVID Update  
Dr. Rasmus gave a COVID update, including Butler County General Health District's reported cases.

- B. State Update (Temporary Authority for Remote Meetings)  
As of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Governor DeWine signed emergency legislation (HB51) providing temporary authority for public bodies to meet by means of teleconference or video conference until June 30, 2022.
- C. OACBHA Salary Survey  
OACBHA (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Authorities) requested the Ohio County Board the 2022 Biennial Salary Survey to staff, board members and executive director to fill out. The findings will be shared this spring.
- D. OACBHA Legislative Day Status  
OACBHA Legislative Day scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- E. Ohio Crisis Task Force Update (Ohio BH Crisis Service Taskforce – Data Findings)  
The Performance Metrics and Data Committee is a subcommittee of the Ohio Behavioral Health Crisis Services Task Force. Various data was collected and compiled from a survey that was sent to the Ohio County Boards including: crisis data, call line information, jail data, ER data, and Mobile Crisis information.

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

- F. Bethune, S. (2022, March 10). Inflation, war push stress to alarming levels at two-year Covid-19 anniversary. *American Psychological Association*. Retrieved March 16, 2022, from <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2022/03/inflation-war-stress>.
- G. Callahan, D. G. (2022, February 21). Butler County closer to making mental health crisis center reality. *Journal News*. Retrieved March 16, 2022, from <https://www.journal-news.com/news/butler-county-closer-to-making-mental-health-crisis-center-reality/AJJULZ2IBFEGTC2NHMNZYEPVAM/>.
- H. Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) and Stepping Up Updates  
The SIM that was done in December is close to being finalized. It will be posted online for viewing. Key areas that are being addressed is crisis stabilization, housing of the homeless, jail services, and coordination of discharges from the jail.  
  
Retired Justice Evelyn Stratton will be doing a Webex in May for the Stepping Up committee to look at resources and funding.
- I. Butler County Overdose and Suicide Data – Observations (Coroner’s Office)  
Dr. Rasmus reviewed the Butler County suicide and drug overdose data from the coroner’s office. There were six overdoses and 2 suicides in March so far, which totals 30 drug overdoses and 18 suicides in 2022.

- J. NAMI Annual Awards Dinner  
The Annual NAMI Awards dinner is Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hamilton, Ohio. If any Board member is interested, please let Jennifer Coats know.

**3. Review of Committee Meetings**

**3.01 March – ARS Committee Meeting Review – Mat Himm**

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

**3.02 March – MH Committee Meeting Review – Kim McKinney**

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

**4. New Business**

**4.01 Meeting Minutes**

- A. February Board Meeting Minutes
- B. February Executive Committee Meeting minutes
- D. March ARS Meeting minutes
- E. March MH Meeting Minutes
- F. March CSU Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

*Mat Himm motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**4.02 Financial Report**

The January Financial Report (58% through the fiscal year) shows that the Board has budgeted \$18,008,273 and has collected \$7,820,177 which is 43.43% of its revenue so far. Year To Date Administration costs are \$900,142 with a budget of \$1,753,108 that is 51%. The Board has currently paid 51% of its budget. Current cash balance as of 1/31/22 is \$19,240,342.

*Richard Bement motioned to approve the Financial Report. Mother Suzanne seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**4.03 Budget Revisions and Program Narratives**

**Access Counseling Services, LLC-** Provider facilitated budget revision to reduce the contract amount by \$45,643.59 due to the SOR (State Opiate Response) Year 2, use it or lose it funding. The total of the modified contract will not exceed \$1,574,454, with program narrative.

**Butler Behavioral Health** - Provider facilitated budget revision in the amount of \$35,369 to reduce funding and reallocate the balance. Butler Behavioral is seeing more Medicaid and Subsidy paying clients in the crisis program in the amount of \$60,694. The Medicaid increase is offsetting the firehouse costs by \$35,369. The subsidy increase is offsetting the firehouse costs by \$25,325. The total of the modified contract will not exceed \$2,338,888, with program narrative.

**New Path** – Provider facilitated contract increase in the amount of \$49,000, in support of Transitional Youth Program, the new amount is \$100,000. This amount includes \$11,000 being reduced from General Services to transfer to the Transitional Youth Program. The total of the modified contract will not exceed \$458,000, with program narrative.

**Transitional Living** – Provider facilitated contract increase in the amount of \$18,795 in support of residential care services, the new amount is \$900,305. Additionally a room and board rate increase by \$2.50 to \$72.50 effective March 17, 2022. The total of the modified contract will not exceed \$2,035,241, with program narrative.

*Mother Suzanne motioned to approve the Budget Revisions and Program Narratives. Dave Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.04 **Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan was created for 2019 – 2021 but the implementation was delayed due to COVID. It has been updated. 92% has been completed and is ongoing. Dr. Rasmus made a motion to extend the current Strategic Plan to the end of this calendar year, December 2022.

*John Silvani motioned to approve the Strategic Plan. Mother Suzanne seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.05 **Fair Avenue**

CertaPro stated that the dish room will be done after one coat of paint and two epoxy coats for the floor. The goal is that the room will be completed the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The roofing vendor has been identified. The current cost is \$51,000. The Board is currently in the process of creating a PO (Purchase Order) but will only have to pay for the deductible cost since the insurance company will pay for the rest.

The boiler has a burner on the side that is too big for the area. The burner is being custom resized. There is currently a temporary boiler in the building.

Dr. Rasmus is requesting additional spending authority in the amount of \$38,000.

*Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the spending authority request. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.06 **BH Redesign Codes**

Since the State has made changes to the manual, the BH (Behavioral Health) Redesign Codes have been updated, pages 1 – 16. The newest codes were effective January 1, 2022.

*John Silvani motioned to approve the Budget Redesign Codes. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion*

4.07 **Health Officer Appointments**

Per ORC 5122.01 and 5122.10, the Board offered the 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.

*Mat Himm motioned to approve the health officer appointments. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.08 **State Hospital Report**

Mr. Fourman reviewed the February State Hospital Report. There have been 2.4 civil beds and 17.4 beds on average for FY22. For the month of February, there were 16 forensic beds and 2 civil beds used.

4.09 **Board Self-Evaluation Review**

David Swigonski reviewed the February Survey Monkey Board Self-Assessment results. The report is for information only. All 17 board members answered the Survey Monkey. It was mentioned that most of the responses as a whole were worse than average.

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

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

*Lonnie Tucker motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Wayne Mays seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**5. Guest and Board Comments**

5.01 **Guest/Board Comments**

Lonnie Tucker made a suggestion of having a non-voting youth council who would come to the Board meetings.

*Richard Bement motioned to approve to table and refer the discussion to the mental health committee. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

The Board members received a letter from the president of Community Health Alliance's Board requesting that some of the rent of Fair Avenue be excused. He also requested that the Board consider selling the building to Community Health Alliance.

Butler County Faith Summit (Connecting Our Youth with Faith) is May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 12 – 3 p.m. at Fairfield YMCA. Special guest is Congressman Warren Davidson.

Butler County Youth Summit is June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center. The coalitions are collaborating county wide. They are looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact Lori Higgins.

Pat Deis-Gleeson's term as president is ending in June. If anyone is interested in being the Vice President, please talk to Dr. Rasmus.

**6. Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.