



**Butler County  
Mental Health & Addiction  
Recovery Services Board**

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 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: President Mat Himm, Pastor Michael Bailey; Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Dr. Theodore Hunter; Wayne Mays; Tara D'Epifanio; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Pucke; Deb Robertson; Vice President Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Mother Suzanne; Bishop Smith; Richard Bement; David Swigonski; Rev. Cummings; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II; and Judge Joyce Campbell.

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 Martina Weber, LISW.

**Recognition of Guests:**

Dr. Quinton Moss, Modern Psychiatry and Wellness, LLC

**Recognition of Guests via Webex:**

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling  
Daryl Hams, Access Counseling  
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Pam Mortensen, Catholic Charities  
Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health  
Bob Tucker, Community Behavioral Health  
Kimberly Back, DeCoach  
Joyce Kachelries, LifeSpan, Inc.  
Carolyn Flynn - NewPath  
Jillane Holland, TLC  
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA

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

### 2.01 **Executive Directors Report**

- A. **Latest Update on State Crisis Landscape \$90M ARPA Funds**  
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) federal funds are the first installment of crisis supports. It will be coming in two pieces. \$45 million for Adam and Amanda extended stay Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers in each of six Ohio behavioral health regions. Butler County is in the SW region. There will also be \$45 million in crisis service supports. These funds will be available in a multi-county regional area to support intervention support services.
- B. **OACBHA Legislative Day**  
The OACBHA Legislative Day is Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Columbus, Ohio beginning at 10:30 a.m. Board members are welcome. All are encouraged to stay for the reception at 4:30 p.m. at the Statehouse Museum Gallery.
- C. **Burges & Burges Update**  
Burges & Burges has conducted a two year media review to address the Board and the community health system, and has identified a number of things. They have also looked at levies over the past 15 years across Butler County. They have been given a 100 person list from the Board staff. They are targeting interviewing 30 from this list of stakeholders and will be calling and setting up 30 minute interviews. They will also be polling 500 Butler County residents through a polling vendor.
- D. **New 3 Year Strategic Plan Update**  
Dr. Rasmus is working with Alyssa Putman, the representative from Brown Consulting. He stated this will be the most comprehensive Strategic Plan to date. It will be ready for approval at the June board meeting.
- E. **Board New & Reinstated Provider Checklist**  
Dr. Rasmus reviewed the draft of the new or reinstated provider checklist that was created by the BCMHARSB staff. There are currently 19 items on it.
- F. **New Funding Requests for BH Providers – FY24**  
Each provider is required to petition for new funding or a rate increase for the current fiscal year by letter in December. If providers are requesting funding or a rate increase in the next fiscal year, a letter of petition needs to be sent in January. Dr. Rasmus reviewed the provider requests for new funds in FY23 and FY24 indicating requests have doubled for FY24 compared to previous years.

G. Dr. Rasmus provided summaries of the following articles 1 – 2:

1. Empowerment Docket Aims to Help Homeless find housing supports.

2. Schools Increasing Focus on Mental Health of Students

H. NAMI Dinner

Butler County NAMI's Annual Dinner is Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If attending, please email Jennifer Coats dinner choices.

I. Miscellaneous

### **3. Review of Committee Meetings**

#### **3.01 March – ARS Committee Meeting Review – John Silvani**

John Silvani gave a brief update on the March ARS Committee meeting activities (see ARS March minutes).

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

Ms. McKinney gave a brief update on the March MH Committee meeting activities (see MH March minutes).

### **4. New Business**

#### **4.01 Meeting Minutes**

A. February Board Meeting Minutes

B. February Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

C. March ARS Meeting Minutes

D. March MH Meeting Minutes

*Pat Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **4.02 Financial Reports**

The January 2023 Financial Report shows that the current cash balance as of January 31, 2023 was \$20,866,208. For FY2023, the Board had budgeted \$18,436,148 and has collected \$9,972,519, which was 54.1% of its revenue. Year to date administration costs were \$1,026,447 with a budget of \$1,921,953, which was 53.4%. Total expenditures year to date were \$10,904,519 with a budget of \$19,781,551, which was 55.1%%. The Board had spent \$10,904,516 and collected \$9,972,519, which was a balance of \$931,997.

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

*Lonnie Tucker motioned to approve the Financial Reports. Pat Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion*

**4.03 Budget Revision and Program Narrative**

Access Counseling Services to receive budget increase for the Engagement Center, in the amount of \$39,000 from levy funds to keep the Center open through FY23. This funding is to bridge the period while the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County are being secured. As ARPA funds are received before the end of FY23, Access will curtail the use of Board funds. The Engagement Center offers access as a day shelter for individuals with substance use and/or mental health diagnoses who are experiencing homelessness. Access Counseling's contract not to exceed \$1,702,805, with program narrative.

Butler Behavioral Health's budget is revised to move \$60,000 in the Uplift Program from Coordination Support services to Psychotherapy. This funding allocation update provides additional funding for the therapy service in the Uplift Program for the 2023 fiscal year. Uplift is based on an evidence based model which uses an approach to provide services to older adults with mild to moderate depression. Contract amount not to exceed \$1,889,238, with program narrative.

Butler County NAMI is supported with levy funds for the purposes of promoting education and training program and services. The new NAMI grant is an increase by \$15,000 to expand the Board's support of NAMI activities. The new total allocation amount is now \$60,000.

Transitional Living will receive a Board facilitated budget increase in the amount of \$39,920 to increase levy funding for mental health residential services. The increase allows Transitional Living to continue to receive funding per person, per bed, at the current unit rate, for residential services through FY23. The new contract not to exceed amount is \$2,115,087, with program narrative.

*Deb Robertson motioned to approve the Budget Revisions and Program Narratives. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. Judge Campbell abstained. The vote carried the motion.*

**4.04 Attorney's Fees for Title Search**

The Board staff is looking for documentation for the Board's ownership of the North Fair Avenue building. Staff are vetting three different legal organizations. Dr. Rasmus is requesting spending authority in the amount of \$600 to support the search.

*Judge Campbell motioned to approve spending authority in the amount of \$600. Dave Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**4.05 FY24 Fee for Service Contract**

Dr. Rasmus requested the Board to endorse the Provider Fee for Service contract for Fiscal year 2024. He stated the only change to the contract is on attachment #10, which includes the Board's Field Audit Protocol.

*Judge Campbell motioned to approve the FY24 Fee for Service Contract. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.06 **FY24 BCFC Collaborative Agreement and Wraparound MOU**

The Butler County Family and Children First Council consists of: Butler County Children Services, Jobs and Family Services; Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Butler County Juvenile Court; and Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board. The Memorandum and Fee Agreement establishes an agreement among the parties to provide funding and support for the needs of children enrolled in the Butler County Community Wraparound program.

*Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the FY24 BCFC Collaborative Agreement and Wraparound MOU. Bishop Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.07 **Ben Ogles Agreement**

The Ben Ogles Agreement is from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$150 / hour for a maximum of 20 hours for a total compensation not to exceed \$3,000. The Board will retain Ben Ogles as a consultant to provide expertise and assistance in programming to address behavioral health outcome measurement inclusive of mental health and addictions.

*Pat Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve Ben Ogles Agreement. Father Pucke seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.08 **Community First Pharmacy Agreement**

Community First Pharmacy is a licensed pharmacy by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. The purpose of the \$30,000 agreement is to facilitate payment for subsidized substance use disorder treatment medication for clients who are incarcerated or who are unable to pay.

*Pastor Bailey motioned to approve Community First Pharmacy Agreement. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.09 **Dean Langevin Agreement**

Wallace Dean Langevin is the promotional campaign consultant for the Board. His services are effective from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$85 an hour, total not to exceed amount is \$5,000.

*Judge Campbell motioned to approve the Dean Langevin Agreement. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

4.10 **Eastway Contract**

The Board is responsible for presenting cases for the involuntary civil commitment proceedings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code chapter 5122. To assist the designated

attorney, the Board needs licensed clinical psychologists to provide examinations of respondents for initial, full and in-patient civil involuntary commitment hearings. The presented contract agreement is from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with a case by case rate of \$250 per examination with in-court testimony with an annual not to exceed amount of \$10,000.

*Deb Robertson motioned to approve the Eastway Contract. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.11 **King Consultation Agreement**

King Consultation Services, LLC shall provide consultation services for Ohio behavioral health financial management from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$600 per day for onsite, \$65 per hour for off-site, total not to exceed amount of \$2,000.

*Judge Campbell motioned to approve the King Consultation Agreement. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.12 **PATH Program Update**

PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition for Homelessness) provides outreach services in Butler County to persons experiencing homelessness and living in places not meant for human habitation. These individuals have also been diagnosed with mental illness or are dually diagnosed. The PATH team provides short-term intensive outreach engagement and case management services, connects clients to resources for food, housing, social security, medical care, substance use treatment, and longer term mental health services.

The current Board match is \$30,885.33 and they are requesting \$31,740.33, which is an increase in the amount of \$855. The current federal match is \$92,656. They will be requesting a federal match in the amount of \$95,221, which is an increase of \$2,565. The current program total is \$123,541.33. This will bring the new program total to \$126,961.33, an increase of \$3,420.00.)

*Judge Campbell motioned to approve the King Consultation Agreement. John Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### 4.13 **State Hospital Report**

Mr. Fourman reviewed the February State Hospital Report. There were 20 forensic beds and 2 civil beds. Year to date, the average is 18.4 forensic beds and 2.6 civil beds.

#### 4.14 **Board Self Evaluation Review and Update (For Information Only)**

Dave Swigonski reviewed the updated February Board Survey Monkey results. 9 out of 18 board members answered and the results were discussed. The score comparison excel spreadsheet needed to be amended since it was not working correctly. It was not on BoardDocs. It will be revised and added to the April Board meeting agenda.

#### 4.15 **Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction**

Darrell Burton discussed the current voucher approvals and direct deductions.

*Pat Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Judge Campbell seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

### **5. Guest and Board Comments**

#### 5.01 **Guest/Board Comments**

Dr. Moss from Modern Psychiatry and Wellness announced a new group called Strong Connections sponsored by, among others: Suicide Prevention Coalition; Interact for Health; and Kettering Health Network. The goal is to bring clergy together to talk about mental health. Education will be provided, specifically about depression and suicide. There will be QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) training. Breakfast and lunch will be offered. It is a free event but you must RSVP. May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in West Chester. This will be an ongoing collaborative between health providers, possibly semi-annually.

Modern Psychiatry and Wellness has begun offering TMS (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation) in their Fairfield office. It is a noninvasive procedure that is used to improve symptoms of depression. TMS is typically used when other depression treatments have not been effective. Modern Psychiatry and Wellness is providing it for individuals who have commercial insurance, but also those who have Medicaid.

Richard Bement, Pat Deis-Gleeson and Judge Campbell volunteered to be on the Mission and Vision ad hoc committee for the Board. Date is yet to be determined.

### **7. Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.