



Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 Board Meeting

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, May 18th, 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 Vice President Mathew Himm 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; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Mother Suzanne LeVesconte; Rev. Gary Smith; Dave Swigonski; Richard Bement; Rev. Cummings, CAPP; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II (via Webex).

Recognition of Guests via Webex:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
Lynn Harris, Access Counseling
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Pam Mortenson, Catholic Charities
Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health
Kelly Hibner-Kalb, Community Health Alliance
Lori Higgins, Envision
Joyce Kachelries, LifeSpan, Inc.
Susanna Lozano, Modern Psychiatry & Wellness, LLC
Brandy Desenberg, NewPath
Rachel Costello, Sojourner
Jillane Holland, Transitional Living
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA
Jacqueline Jackson, YWCA

1.04 Correspondence

Effective January 16th, 2022, Forensic Evaluation Service Center hired a full-time director, Dr. Erin Nichting.

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. Board Update: gym policy, tuition reimbursement policy, and financial director search status

The BCMHARS staff gym policy has not been updated for quite a while. It will be addressed in New Business.

After consulting with a CPA, tuition reimbursement paid under \$5,250 is tax free. The staff is working to address reimbursement which will extend that amount.

There are two final candidates for the finance director position and are currently doing second interviews. Salaries will be discussed and references are being checked.

C. Local BH updates – CSU, One Ohio Opiate Settlement, & Housing

There has been discussion that the Board may be able to obtain \$3 million in American Rescue Funds for CSU capital funds. The care facility has been identified as the site location.

Dr. Rasmus was nominated to be the chair of the One Ohio Board. There is a potential amount of \$54,456,170.78 through Region 14 which includes 7 southwest Ohio counties. Hopefully Butler County will be receiving a quarter to a third of the funds. Butler County will also be receiving a direct payment of \$5,416,137.24.

D. Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) 2021 Final Document

Dr. Rasmus presented the final draft report of the SIM (Sequential Intercept Mapping).

E. State BH (Behavioral Health) Update – H.B. 523

H.B. 523 is a proposed plan that provides for county commissioners to decide board size. OhioMHAS (Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services) appoints 1/3 of members and the commissioners appoint 2/3. The appointing authorities must ensure that half of the Board is comprised of persons who are receiving or have received MH (Mental Health) services or be family members of persons who are receiving or have received services. Newly established boards have staggered terms of 2, 3 and 4 years. It removes the prohibition on the family member of a county commissioner being a member of the board. After being informed in writing and afforded the opportunity for a public hearing, a board member may be

removed by the appointing authority at will. The new H.B. removes the 120-day notice requirement in full. It also removes the county opiate hub reporting requirement. It repeals the wait list section in its entirety.

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

- F. Ollove, M. (2002, March 23) *Many Medicaid recipients could lose coverage as pandemic ends*. Disability Scoop. <https://www.disabilityscoop.com/2022/03/23/many-medicaid-recipients-could-lose-coverage-as-pandemic-ends/29769/>
- G. Li, P., Zhao, Y, Fan, X, Wang, J, Lu, W, & Zhen ,X, (2022). Independent Association of serum 24-hydroxyvitamin D3 and D2 with depressive symptoms in females. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 296, 342-349. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0165032721010612>
- H. Callahan, D.G. (2022, May 10). Butler County Care Facility to close due to worker shortage. *Journal News*, pp. A1-A5.
- I. *Governor DeWine announces proposal for \$85M investment to grow Ohio's behavioral healthcare workforce*. Governor DeWine Communications. (n.d.) Retrieved May 13, 2022 from <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHIOGOVERNOR/bulletins/3175ea4>
- J. 2022 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference: Helping People Recover June 6 – 7
The 2022 Ohio Opiate and Other Drugs Conference is June 6th and 7th at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. Two BCMHARS board members and two staff will be attending.
- K. Executive Director Self-Evaluation and FY22 Goals
Dr. Rasmus will be finalizing his self-evaluation, which will be sent to the Board members for review upcoming.
- L. Miscellaneous
Dr. Rasmus, along with board members Wayne Mays and Kelsey Wargo, will be meeting the director of operations at UTS and touring the facility on June 3.

3. Review of Committee Meetings

3.01 May – ARS Committee Meeting Review – Mat Himm

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

3.02 May– 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. April Board Meeting Minutes
- B. April Executive Committee Meeting minutes
- C. May ARS Meeting minutes
- D. May MH Meeting Minutes

Dave Swigonski motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes. Wayne Mays seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.02 Organizational Chart

The organizational chart was updated to reflect recent staff changes. The Fiscal Specialist position, Lori Herbers, was added. The receptionist has been changed to Stephanie Boling.

Mother Suzanne motioned to approve the Organizational Chart. Lonnie Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.02 Financial Report

The March Financial Report (75% through the fiscal year) shows that the Board has budgeted \$18,575,444 and has collected \$15,825,934 which is 58.585% of its revenue so far. Year To Date Administration costs are \$1,154,987 with a budget of \$1,753,108 that is 67%. The Board has currently paid out 62% of its budget. Current cash balance as of 3/23/22 is \$22,953,327.

Lonnie Tucker motioned to approve the Financial Report. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.03 System of Care Grant Awards

Big Brothers Big Sisters – This one time grant in the amount of \$35,000 will fund engagement services for mentors for the Big Futures Program and support staff training and development.

Butler Behavioral Health – This one time grant in the amount of \$20,250 will fund staff training and development to increase competency and capacity for treating adolescents with substance abuse disorders.

Envision Partnerships – This one time grant in the amount of \$35,000 will fund the Edgewood Peer Mentoring Camp, Hamilton Freshman School Wellness Start-Up, and

AOD Education Prevention group services for adolescents at high risk of substance abuse.

Rev. Bailey motioned to approve the System of Care Grant Awards. Dr. Hunter seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.04 New Proposed Meeting Schedule 2022 - 2023

The proposed 2022-2023 Board meeting calendar was introduced. ARS and MH meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The Executive Committee and Board meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. It was noted that there will be a few exceptions where the ARS and MH meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday and the Executive Committee and Board meetings on the 4th Wednesday. Additionally, the Board does not have meetings in July, August and December unless needed.

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the 2022 – 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule. Father Pucke seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.05 Gym Membership Policy

The gym membership policy has been updated. The reimbursement rate will not exceed the amount of a single rate which is available through the Mercy HealthPlex membership. Annually, the Mercy HealthPlex rate will be verified and the Board's reimbursement rate will be changed as needed. Reimbursement will be provided only for a Board employee for membership expenses for a single membership only.

Kim McKinney motioned to approve the Gym Membership Policy. Rev. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.06 HRSA Grant – Talawanda School District Contract Amendment

The amendment is for the Talawanda School District HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) grant, Oxford Area Coalitions for a Health Community. Talawanda overspent their original grant. Grant funds are available to increase the contract by \$200. The total compensation under this agreement will not exceed \$24,700.

Rev. Cummings made mention that the word executive should be changed to executed.

Deborah Robertson motioned to approve the HRSA Grant – Talawanda School District Contract Amendment. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.07 Hamilton Joe's MOU

The BCMHARSB will enter into a financial partnership with Hamilton Joe's in the amount of \$1,000. The Board will provide an outfield 6'x15' banner at their cost. Hamilton Joe's will provide 2 season passes to all regular season home games, 150 single game tickets at any regular season game, a public announcement of the BCMHARSB's partnership at all home games, and a commercial on their live broadcast network. Hamilton Joe's will place the BCMHARSB's logo on their website. They will also allow

the Board to have a reserved night at the ballpark with the first pitch, national anthem, First Responders getting in free, and an advertisement as an upcoming event honoring First Responders.

Rev. Cummings mentioned that paragraph F. Payment should read, “The Hamilton Joe’s will invoice BCMHARS for up to the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a one-time payment at the start of this agreement period.”

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the Hamilton Joe’s MOU. Rev. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.08 **Cordata Contract Renewal**

Cordata is a software package that is currently being used in support of the county quick response teams. The presented contract is a three year agreement in the amount of \$45,600.

Mother Suzanne motioned to approve the Cordata Contract. Lonnie Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.09 **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 1st, 2022 to June 30, 2023 with a case by case rate of \$250 per examination with in-court testimony to not exceed \$10,000.

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the Eastway Contract. Kim McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.10 **Community First Pharmacy Agreement**

The purpose of the agreement with Community First Pharmacy is to facilitate payment for subsidized substance use disorder treatment medication. The term of this agreement is from July 1, 2022 through June 30th, 2023 with total compensation not to exceed \$30,000.

Rev. Cummings noted that paragraph 2. Scope of Program should read, “CFP shall have access to substance use disorder treatment medications for subsidized clients.”

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the Community First Pharmacy Agreement. Mother Suzanne seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.11 **Michael E. Miller, M.D. Agreement**

Dr. Miller has been retained as the chief clinical officer for the Board. The agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2022 through June 30th, 2023 in the amount of \$24,804.

Rev. Smith motioned to approve the Michael E. Miller, M.D. Agreement. Dr. Hunter seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.12 Atrium Agreement

Atrium provides psychiatric acute care to Butler County residents who are considered medically indigent. This agreement is from July 1st, 2022 through June 30th, 2023 in the amount of \$125,000.

Richard Bement motioned to approve the Atrium Agreement. Mother Suzanne seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion

4.13 Fair Avenue

The food service is back at Fair Avenue as of April 25th. Rent is being discussed. Clients are also now back at Fair Avenue. The Board staff are currently having discussions concerning the lease and payments.

The staff looked at alternatives to the stand-up freezers for Fair Avenue. There are two providers that have given quotes for a replacement. It currently is a walk in freezer. The condensing unit and evaporator are failing. There is no space for an external stand up freezer. Board member Richard Bement offered to assist in finding other quotes on the Board's behalf.

4.14 State Hospital Report

Mr. Fourman reviewed the April State Hospital Report. There have been 2.4 civil beds and 17.9 beds on average for FY22. For the month of April, there were 21 forensic beds and 3 civil beds used. It was noted that all forensic beds are felony cases.

4.15 Board Self-Evaluation Review

David Swigonski reviewed the April Survey Monkey Board Self-Assessment results. The report is for information only. 11 out of the 17 board members answered the Survey Monkey.

4.16 Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction

Dr. Rasmus discussed the current voucher approvals and direct deductions.

Father Pucke motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Lonnie Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5. Guest and Board Comments

5.01 Guest/Board Comments

Board members would like to have an opportunity to acknowledge Marion Rhodus retirement. It will be added to the June Board meeting agenda.

The City of Hamilton is having a Service of Remembrance on Wednesday the 25th at 6:30 located at 1763 Hamilton Cleves Road. It is to reflect and recognize those whom have been lost to COVID and pay tribute to those loved ones by signing their names on a butterfly that will then be attached to a memorial wall. The memorial wall will later be displayed at Kettering Health Hamilton.

6. Adjournment

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.