



Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 Board Meeting

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 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; Dr. Theodore Hunter; Wayne Mays; Tara D'Epifanio; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Sandra Smith; Christine Hacker, MSN; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rev. Gary Smith; David Swigonski; Richard Bement; Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings; Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II; and John Silvani, RN, CARN, CAS, LCDC-II.

Recognition of Guests via Webex:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
Brandy Slavens, Access Counseling
Becky Perkins, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Erin Day, Community Behavioral Health
Lori Higgins, Envision
Ivy Voynovich – Hamilton Treatment Services
Jillane Holland, Sojourner
Julie Hermann - St. Joseph's Orphanage
Sheri Bartels, Transitional Living
Diane Ruther-Vierling, YWCA
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA

- 1.02 Public Comments on the Agenda
- *No comments*

2. Swearing in of Board Members

- 2.01 Tara D'Epifanio
Tara D'Epifanio was sworn into office by Judge John Holcomb.

3. Board Communication & Announcements

3.01 Executive Directors Report

- A. State Budget Update – FY22 & FY23 State Budget Negotiations Status
The FY22-23 biennium budget was discussed which included three key amendments.

The Board Association petitioned for 15 million dollars, which included 9 million for student wellness and 6 million for recovery supports and address systematic racism. There will be no increases and no losses in this biannual budget for FY22-23.

There were three key behavioral health amendments. One was the 120-day meeting language in the ORC (Ohio Revised Code). The Association wanted to delete or update the language. That has been removed and will not change.

The second amendment was concerning data, to assist in statutory requirements to do strategic planning, needs assessing, monitor our subsidy clients, and to evaluate services provided. There has been resistance to the request for data. It passed the House and is currently in the Senate.

The third amendment was concerning board size. Currently boards are either 14 or 18 members. Representatives in Erie and Ottawa, Ohio counties are requesting to change board membership requirements. Currently the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires that 6 of the 18 board members fall into the following categories: mental health consumer, AOD (Alcohol and Other Drugs) consumer, mental health family member, AOD family member, mental health clinician, and a AOD clinician. Erie County wants to remove this condition and change board membership to 5 to 9 members.

- B. COVID Updates & BH Focus
Dr. Rasmus gave a brief update concerning COVID-19 and the governor's new orders concerning mask restrictions.

Dr. Rasmus provided summaries of the following articles C - E:

- C. Denworth, L. (2021, May 1). Age of Opportunity. *Scientific American*, 324(5), 57-61
- D. Callahan, D. G. (2021, May 10). Butler Mental Health Crisis Center Possible. *Journal News*, pp. A1, A6
- E. Leeb, R. T., Bitsko, R. H., Radhakrishnan, L., Martinez, P., Njai, R., & Holland, K. M. (2020, November 13). *Mental health–related emergency department visits among ...* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6945a3.htm>

- F. **Board Member Annual Training Opportunities**
There are six board members who are still in need of their annual training by June 30th. The Board Association has offered an ethics and state of the State training via Zoom. Dr. Miller, the BCMHARS Board's Chief Clinical Officer (CCO), has volunteered to do a training. Please reach out to Jennifer Coats concerning availability.
- G. **Encompass Training, Friday, May 21, 2021 Webinar**
The virtual 8-hour training session on May 21, 2021 is for adults who want to learn more about addiction and how to respond. If interested, sign up at <https://bit.ly/3wmZ9xE>.
- H. **Miscellaneous**
The Executive Director's Evaluation will be finished soon and will be sent to the Board via email to review. Pat Deis-Gleeson and Jennifer Coats will create a Survey Monkey, which will be sent out to the Board members to complete.

4. Consent Agenda

4.01 Consent Agenda Items

- A. May ARS Meeting Minutes
- B. May MH Meeting Minutes
- E. April Board Meeting Minutes
- F. April Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

5. Review of Committee Meeting

5.01 May – MH Committee Meeting Review – Christine Hacker

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

5.02 May – ARS Committee Meeting Review – Mat Himm

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

6. New Business

6.01 Board Resolution of Board Members

Two board members, Kim McKinney and Chris Hacker, petition to the commissioners for another four-year term on the BCMHARS Board, starting July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2025.

Three board members, Dr. Ted Hunter, Father Michael Pucke and Tara D'Epifanio, petition to the State for another four-year term on the Board, starting July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2025.

Mr. Tucker motioned to recommend to the pointing authorities. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.02 **Financial Report**

The March Financial Report (75% through fiscal year) shows that the Board has budgeted \$16,312,668 and has collected \$9,600,399, which is 58.85% of its revenue so far. Year To Date Administration costs are running at 67% with a budget of \$1,730,484. The Board has currently paid 59% to its providers for completed service commitments that are reflected in their billings and budgets with a current cash balance of \$16,504,798.

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the Financial Report. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.03 **Annual Report**

Dr. Rasmus and Tiffany Lombardo gave a review of the FY20 annual report. The projected total number of people served, including non-Medicaid clients in FY20 was approximately 40,462. Based on 2019 projected Census data, BCMHARSB supported system services for more than 10% of Butler County's total population of 383,184. Cases by city of residence: 54% were from Hamilton, 26% were from Middletown, 7% were from Fairfield/Fairfield Township, 5% were from West Chester/Liberty Township, 3% were from Trenton, 3% were from Oxford, 1% were other and 1% were out of county. Cases by primary diagnosis at admission: 27.77% substance use disorders; 27.11% mood disorders; 9.63% anxiety disorders; 8.47% no diagnosis; 8.34% adjustment disorders; 8.32% psychotic disorders; 6.61% other mental health disorders; 2.64% childhood disorder; .98% personality disorders; .13% dementia and related disorders. Substance use disorders by substance: 41% opioid use disorders; 22% stimulant use disorders; 22% stimulant use disorders; and 21% other.

Mr. Mays motioned to approve the Annual Report. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.04 **Health Officer Approval**

TLC, BBH and CBH approached BCMHARS Board staff concerning some key new hires that needed health officer training for specific programs. Dr. Miller, Cassandra Kiesey and Scott Fourman held a health officer training on May 7th, 2021.

Health officer training was postponed during the pandemic. There will be 2 to 3 trainings during the summer to get the veteran health officers up to date.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Health Officer Approval. Rev. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.05 **New Proposed Meeting Schedule**

The proposed 2021-2022 Board meeting calendar was introduced. ARS and MH meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Board meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., with a few exceptions where the ARS and MH meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday and the Board meeting on the 4th Wednesday (e.g. September 2021). Additionally, the Board does not have meetings in July, August and December, unless needed.

Mr. Swigonski motioned to approve the New Proposed Meeting Schedule. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.06 **Interact for Health Grant**

The BCMHARS Board was awarded the Interact for Health Grant in the amount of \$75,000 to support the implementation of a Butler County harm reduction program.

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

6.07 **Notice of Grant Award for Access Counseling Services**

Access Counseling was awarded a \$40,000 grant to assist with the operation of the Butler County harm reduction team, as a part of the Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative. This award supports the purchase, outfitting, and start-up costs of a Butler County Harm Reduction vehicle.

Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Access Counseling Services Grant. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.08 **HRSA Grant Update – Oxford Area Addiction Response Initiative**

The ECS (Epiphany Community Services) Agreement in the amount of \$40,000 from September 1, 2021 to August 30th, 2022. ECS is the evaluator and consultant for the HRSA grant year two.

Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Epiphany Community Services Agreement. Mr. Mays seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

The BCMHARS, as fiscal and administrative agent of the Coalition for a Healthy Community – Oxford Area (Coalition) enters into an agreement with Talawanda School District (TSD) Board of Education in the amount of \$24,500 from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. TSD will coordinate and train in support of prevention programming within the school and community.

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

Miami University Subaward Amendment in the amount of \$204,330 from September 1, 2021 to August 30, 2022 for the Oxford Area Addiction Response Initiative. The purpose of the amendment to the subaward is to not only fund the full time project director but also fund the activities and services in year two of this three year grant.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Miami University agreement. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.09 OACBHA Vista MOU

The Board is currently looking for a Vista worker. Dr. Rasmus has currently been looking for and evaluating candidates. The goal is to have this individual begin in July. The MOU is with the Board Association, who is the project lead and the BCMHARSB, who is the project host site. This would be for a one-year timeframe. OACBHA pays the salary for the Vista worker and the board pays expenses only as well as offers an office.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the OACBHA Vista MOU. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.10 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.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Community First Agreement. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.11 Hamilton Joe's Agreement

Hamilton Joe's MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) in the amount of \$1,000 is from May 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Hamilton Joe's will provide: 2 season passes; 150 single game tickets; a public announcement for the Board; a commercial on their live broadcast network; the BCMHARSB logo which contains a link to the Board website; game day business sign; a 6'x15' banner in the outfield; and a reserved night in the ballpark for the Board.

Dr. Hunter motioned to approve the Hamilton Joe's MOU. Rev. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.12 Council on Aging Uplift Agreement

The MOU between the BCMHARS and COA (Council on Aging) is for the purposes of supporting Butler County Senior Behavioral Health Initiative comprised of the program called Uplift that is based on PEARLS (Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives for Seniors) for late life depression. This project is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Funding will consist of \$250,000 from the BCMHARS Board and \$125,000 from the Butler County Elderly Services levy administered by the Council on Aging (COA).

Ms. McKinney motioned to approve the Council on Aging Uplift MOU. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.13 Belflex Agreement

The Board receptionist has left the BCMHARSB office. The receptionist duties has expanded to include accounts payable and support for new federal grants. Due to immediate need, Dr. Rasmus worked with Belflex Staffing Network, LLC, to find a candidate who has experience being a receptionist, accounts receivable, grants support and data entry skills. She is due to start Monday, May 24th.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Belflex Agreement. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.14 Geisler Agreement & Business Associate Agreement

Mike Geisler is the Board's GOSH consultant. GOSH is the Board's claims processing software. The FY22 contract is from July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 in the amount of \$120 per hr for consultation, pre-paid 24 hour blocks in the amount of \$108 an hour, and after hour rate of \$169 if needed. The total not to exceed for this agreement is \$20,000.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Geisler Agreement. Rev. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Business Associate Agreement. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.15 Dean Langevin Agreement

Dean Langevin is the Board's campaign consultant. The agreement is from July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 in the amount of \$85/hour, with a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the Dean Langevin Agreement. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.16 Board Self-Evaluation Review

David Swigonski reviewed the Survey Monkey Board Self-Assessment results. 15 out of the 17 board members answered the Survey Monkey. Jennifer Coats is working on an excel spreadsheet to do a running average to find a running cumulative total for the evaluations.

6.17 State Hospital Report

Mr. Fourman reviewed the April State Hospital Report. There have been 4 civil beds and 12 forensic beds budgeted. For the month of April there were 23 forensic beds and 1 civil bed used. Year to date, the average is 1 civil bed and 18.8 forensic beds.

6.18 Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction

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

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

7. Guest and Board Comments

7.01 Guest/Board Comments

Ivy Voynovich, Director of Hamilton Treatment Services introduced herself. Hamilton Treatment Services opened on March 18th, and provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). It is located at 8500 Bilstein Boulevard, Hamilton, Ohio 45015. All Medicaid and Medicare is accepted. Intakes are Tuesday and Thursday. Their phone number is (513) 285-9583.

Oxford is having an Oxford Mental Health Workshop on Monday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is open to the greater Oxford community. Rev. Cummings will email the information to Jennifer Coats, who will forward to the Board members.

Mat Himm will not be able to attend or chair the June ARS committee meeting. He made a request of the other ARS members, if one of them could step in and facilitate the June meeting for him.

8. Adjournment

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday June 16th at 6:00 p.m. via Webex unless Dr. Rasmus indicates the need to change this date and time.