



**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17th, 2020
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its Board meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio via teleconference.

1. Call to Order

1.01 Board President Wayne Mays called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present via teleconference: Pastor Michael Bailey; Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; President Wayne Mays; Deborah Stanton; Lonnie Tucker, CH, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Christine Hacker, MSN; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rubina Dosani; 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 teleconference:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Christy Weber, Community Behavioral Health
Kaleb Barrows, DeCoach
Lori Higgins, Envision
Joyce Kachelries, Lifespan
Jilland Holland, Sojourner
Julie Herrmann, St. Joseph Orphanage
Meredith O'Neill, Talbert House
Sheri Bartels, Transitional Living
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA
Diane Ruther-Vierling, YWCA

1.02 Agenda Review
- *No changes*

1.03 Public Comments on the Agenda
- *No comments*

2. Board Communication & Announcements

2.01 Executive Directors Report

- A. Two trainings will be available for board members for the end of 2020 fiscal year. Free 3 hour Ohio Sunshine Law Training will be available online <https://sunshinelaw.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/>
- Board members still needing training hours are: John Silvani, Kelsey Wargo, Kim McKinney, Mathew Himm, Rev. Gary Smith, Rev. Vanessa Cummings, and Sandra Smith.
- B. July 1, 2020 is the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board fifth anniversary since the merger of the ADAS and Mental Health boards.
- C. June Board Member Appreciation Month will be postponed due to board meetings being via phone conference and Webex.
- D. Dr. Rasmus proposed a special board meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., if necessary. A roll call was taken and there will be a quorum.
- E. New Board Member Update: Mother Suzanne was approved by the board at the June meeting. It is being reviewed and the commissioners are scheduled to endorse her on Monday, June 22nd.
- F. COVID-19 & Board Funding Update: Beckett Springs will be receiving a FEMA ISP Grant, Immediate Services Program Grant. Due to COVID, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) has been asked to come up with two budgets, one with a 10% reduction and another with a 20% reduction for FY21.
- G. Levy Update: The commissioner's vote to endorse the levy is on Monday, June 22nd. The county auditor's office will then have 10 days to respond with levy costs.
- H. Declaration – Racism is a Public Health Crisis: A statement from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities.
- Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Declaration. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*
- I. *Impact of children's loneliness today could manifest depression for years to come.* (2020, June 1) Sciencemag: Latest Science and Health News. <https://sciencemag.com/impact-of-childrens-loneliness-today-could-manifest-in-depression-for-years-to-come/>

The Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry published research which draws on over 60 pre-existing, peer-reviewed studies into topics spanning isolation, loneliness and mental health for young people ages 4 – 21. According to the review, young people who are lonely might be as much as three times more likely to develop depression in the future, and that the impact of loneliness on mental health could last for at least nine years.

- J. *'Deaths of despair' are projected to spike as a result of COVID-19.* (2020, June 5). Scary Mommy. <https://www.scarymommy.com/deaths-of-despair-covid-19/>
A report jointly published by the Well Being Trust and the Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care estimates that “deaths from despair” (drug use, alcohol use, and suicide) could increase by 75,000 as a result of COVID-19. NPR recently published a list of suggestions for handling mental health: connect online, adjust medications if necessary, seek out teletherapy, make a safety plan, and seek financial help.

- K. *FDA data shows numerous drugs in shortage, including a leading antidepressant.* (2020, June 10). USA TODAY
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2020/06/10/coronavirus-and-fda-drug-shortage-list/5330491002/>

A USA TODAY analysis found 28 generics in 405 dosages in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s list of drugs currently in shortage from January through May. 17 of the years 28 new drug shortages are directly or indirectly related to COVID-19.

- L. Community Update – Tiffany L. and Scott F.
Family Treatment Drug Court will be resuming live docket Monday, June 22nd. The Board has been working with the Butler County coroner to get weekly updates on overdose deaths and suicides. There was a recent spike the week of June 8th. There were eight deaths in a one week period, which included two double overdose events, two deceased at the same time and location. This is being attributed to fentanyl laced cocaine. There was not an anomaly or alert issued by the health department during this time because the ER visits did not spike.

Hamilton County Public Health will be returning with the syringe exchange mobile service July 7th. It will be returning to the Fairfield and Middletown sites.

There were 181 calls and 4 texts for the Hotline in May. The average length of call was 10 minutes. 15 of the calls came from Mental Health or AOD providers. The MRSS or mobile crisis team was called by the hotline 38 times. Out of the 38, 7 were taken to the hospital for evaluation. Ranking number one causes: suicidal ideation, psychotic and deteriorating behaviors.

Atrium reports an increase of clients that had no prior history of psychiatric or AOD issues. Their COVID-19 pre-screening tent has been closed but protocols are still in place.

Fort Hamilton are bringing back furloughed staff. Medical procedures are resuming to normal. Pre-screening for COVID-19 has improved. ED has been prescreening psychiatric cases and have been making referrals to southwest Ohio and Indiana. More regular psychiatric patients are reappearing

Blue Ridge Vista has a geriatric psych unit and has announced that they are opening a detox substance abuse unit for all ages

CCI Mobile Crisis Team is at full staff. They have a need for after-hours workers. They have been awarded the contract to provide crisis services for Warren-Clinton County.

The prisoners in Butler County jail are in legal limbo due to COVID-19. The evaluations at the state hospital are moving at a slower pace. The jail program is down two therapists, a regular therapist and a discharge case manager. In May the jail team saw 652 cases (contacts). Out of those contacts, 477 were Butler County residents, 73%. The other 27 % were out of county inmates, US Marshall inmates and ICE inmates.

As of 6/10/20 GMS reports having eight clients. Group homes are reporting at capacity with one or two openings a month.

3. Consent Agenda

3.01 Consent Agenda Items

- A. May Board Meeting Minutes
- B. June 9th Board Meeting Minutes
- C. Board Meeting Schedule
- D. 120 Day Meeting Minutes

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4. New Business

4.01 Committee Assignments

Ms. Deis-Gleeson reviewed the FY21 committee member assignments.

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Committee Assignments. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.02 **Appreciation – Rubina Dosani and President Wayne Mays**

Dr. Rasmus recognized President Wayne Mays and Rubina Dosani for their service provided to the Board.

4.03 **April Financial Report**

Mr. Rhodus provided an overview of the April financial report indicating the current revenue is 79.72 %. The board administration costs are 75%. Expenditures are at 71% with a current cash balance of \$20,288.955

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the April Financial Report. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.04 **Budgets**

Mr. Rhodus provided an overview of the CY21 Tax Budget and FY21 Board Budget.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the budgets. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.05 **Annual Report**

Dr. Rasmus and Ms. Lombardo reviewed the FY19 annual report. The projected total number of people served, including non-Medicaid clients in FY19 was approximately 39,262. Based on 2019 projected Census data, BCMHARSB supported system services for 10% of Butler County’s total population of 383,184.

Pastor Bailey motioned to approve the Annual Report. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.06 **Equal Opportunity Policy - LGBTQ**

The BCMHARSB has updated their Equal Opportunity Policy guidelines to include identification as LGBTQ.

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the Equal Opportunity Policy. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.07 **Wraparound – Butler County Family & Children First Council MOU**

Butler County Family & Children First Council Memorandum of Understanding outlines the rules and responsibilities for the collaborative in support of the Wraparound funds and services.

Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Wraparound Butler County FCFC MOU. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.08 NAMI Lease / Agreement

This is a similar lease from FY2020 with the addition of, “NAMI agrees to follow any Board communications and requirements regarding communicable diseases.” A total annual base rent of \$1,200, payable in monthly installments of \$100.

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the NAMI Lease / Agreement. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.09 Ohio FEMA COVID Emergency Grant

Ohio has been declared a disaster area, therefore FEMA funds have become available. The first installment is called the Immediate Service Program which will end in July. The second installment will be a nine month grant that the Board will be applying for through the state. The funds are specifically for outreach negatively impacted by the COVID emergency. There is training and data collection required to receive the grant. Ms. Lombardo will be working with the Hopeline, Beckett Springs and Envision to make sure that the Board meets these requirements.

Mr. Silvani motioned to approve the Ohio FEMA COVID Emergency Grant. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.10 Fee for Service Contracts

The FY21 Fee for Service Contract will need to be signed by 14 providers.

Ms. Dosani motioned to approve the Fee for Service Contracts. Mr. Silvani seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

4.11 State Hospital Report

Mr. Fourman reviewed the May State Hospital Report. The May average was 1 civil and 15 forensic beds. The fiscal year 2020 average was 1.5 civil and 15.6 forensic beds. As of June 16th, the state hospital census is 1 civil bed and 12 forensic beds.

Concerning COVID-19, North Coast State Psychiatric in Cleveland reported 3 staff tested positive and 19 patients who tested negative. Twin Valley in Columbus reported 2 staff and 16 patients tested positive and 126 patients tested negative.

4.12 Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction

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

Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

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5. Guest and Board Comments

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5.01 **Guest/Board Comments**

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6. Adjournment

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m. via telephone conference unless Dr. Rasmus indicates the need to change this date and time.

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