MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Aurin, Michael Barton, Kellie Bischoff, Adam Brown, Adam Davis, Jake Fishman, Beau Michael, Scott Zwiezinski, Amy Hamilton, Tracy Thien, Jasmine Rausch, Sarah Channell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janel Chapman, James Pleasant

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Negley, Lindsay Altizer, Dr. Randi Bargo-Smith, Kathryn Tummino, Halle DuMoulin-Camella, Holly Zweizig, Allison Bruner

STAFF ABSENT: MacKenzie Poling

GUESTS ZOOM: Kasey Bisch, Denise Casto, Julli Griesheimer, Beth Miller, Holly Novak

GUESTS PRESENT: Vanessa Humphrey, Jennifer Rigano, Hattie Tracy, Amanda Wattenberg, Andrea Weaver

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT: Rausch read the MHRBUC Mission Statement.

BOARD TRAINING – Levy update with Andrea Weaver, County Auditor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Brown asked members to review the minutes from the January Board Meeting and asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

> ***Michael moved; Zwiezinski seconded to accept the January minutes as presented. Motion carried. No discussion.***

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – Brown asked members to review the minutes and asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

> ***Thien moved; Rauschi seconded to accept the Executive Committee minutes as presented. Motion carried. No discussion.***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – Casto reviewed the financial dashboard as of the end of January. The Board's cash balance was $3,168,250, with $131,977 in receivables and $132,125 in liabilities. Revenues totaled $7.9 million, while expenses were reported at $7.1 million, resulting in a surplus of $874,068. Year-to-date revenues are trending ahead of the calculated year-to-date budget, and expenses are also trending slightly ahead of budget. The contract status section for SFY26 showed most contracts between 60–70% utilization, with some in the 90% range; the overall total stands at 60%, with comments provided for those contracts currently behind in billing. Casto next reviewed the QuickBooks balance sheet, which supports the dashboard figures, including the $3.1 million cash fund and total equity. The January

budget-versus-actual report reflects overall income above budget, with most revenue line items in the high 40% range or slightly above 50%. Expense line items showed salaries at 61% and provider service agreements and grants, the largest spending category, at 52%. Recognition of reserve funds aligns the surplus back to $874,000. Casto noted the remaining pages of the report included the QuickBooks reconciliation showing all January payments and deposits, followed by an accounting system printout verifying alignment with the fund balance.

Hamilton moved; Channell seconded to accept the Financial Report as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion

APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Rausch reviewed that the Financial Committee held a meeting in February. Members noted that the process for reviewing dashboards, specifically the red, yellow, and green indicators, has become streamlined and effective. The committee reviewed several key items that will come before the Board for resolutions later today, including the provider application and budget worksheet for funding requests, as well as the provider contract template. The committee also discussed upcoming 120-day notices.

Zwiezinski moved; Fishman seconded to accept the Finance Committee minutes as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-52 – Coleman Health Services Contract $444,314 - Negley presented a resolution and draft contract with Coleman Health Services, noting that staff have worked closely with Coleman over the past month to develop a menu of services that will largely replace the adult services currently provided by Maryhaven. A draft contract and corresponding budget, included as Attachment 1, have been prepared as a starting point. Negley emphasized that the budget reflects the best estimates at this time and that the Board will monitor Coleman's expenses as services ramp up, to have reliable data by the contract expiration on June 30 to inform fiscal year 2027 funding allocations. The contract has been reviewed by the County Prosecutor and includes updates for FY27, particularly the removal of the 120-day notice provisions per recent statutory changes; otherwise, it mirrors the standard contract used with other providers. Negley invited questions for either himself or Hattie Tracy, Coleman's CEO. Brown expressed appreciation for Coleman's willingness to step in and work within an expedited timeline, and Ms. Tracy affirmed their commitment to ensuring clients do not fall through the cracks.

BIschoff moved; Hamilton seconded to approve the contract as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-53 – OhioGuidestone Attachment 1 Amendment SFY $196,340 FFY $132,156 – Negley presented a contract amendment for OhioGuidestone for Fiscal Year 2026 and thanked Amanda Wattenburg from OhioGuidestone for attending. He noted that this amendment differs from the previous item because the Board holds both a state fiscal year contract and a federal fiscal year contract with OhioGuidestone. The resolution seeks approval to amend both Attachment Ones to reflect the funding increases indicated. The state fiscal year increase includes additional dollars for fee-for-service reimbursement as well as operational subsidy funds intended to support OhioGuidestone during its ramp-up period. The federal fiscal year amendment reflects the transition of the School Navigation Program, which will move from SAMHSA federal grant funding into this contract. Mr. Negley also noted

that both Coleman Health Services and OhioGuidestone will require one-time startup funding to establish local office space, which may include computers, desks, phones, and minor facility modifications. In response to a question from Mr. Fishman, Mr. Negley clarified that startup costs cover essential equipment and any necessary workspace adjustments. He expressed appreciation to OhioGuidestone for stepping up to support local service needs.

Rausch moved; Aurin seconded to approve the attachment 1 amendments as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-54 – Residential Administrators Attachment 1 Amendment $116,338 – Negley presented an amendment to Residential Administrators' Attachment One. He reported that, following review of options for transitioning the housing program, Residential Administrators submitted a proposal that staff recommend for approval. He noted that Residential Administrators can assume operations on a short timeline, which is necessary due to Maryhaven's 60-day transition notice, and they anticipate being prepared to take over by early March. Mr. Negley further explained that allocating all HUD housing dollars to a single entity will create a more efficient structure for coordinated management, oversight, and resident support across the T House, the on-campus permanent supportive housing units, and the scattered-site permanent supportive housing program. Based on these considerations, he recommended approval of an additional $116,338 for Residential Administrators to assume responsibility for the full housing program, including the transitional house currently operated by Maryhaven.

Zwiezinski moved; Barton seconded to approve the attachment 1 amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-55 Reliant Mechanical ~ Service Agreement - $30,000 – Negley presented a service agreement with Reliant Mechanical for work on the air-conditioning and heating units in the individual rooms of the new building. He reported that two quotes were received, one from Reliant and one from Eller and Sons. Although Eller's quote was slightly lower, Negley recommends contracting with Reliant due to the higher quality of the proposed equipment. Eller's quote included Hotpoint units, while Reliant proposed installing Friedrich units, which are already used in several of the building's newer rooms and are currently maintained by Reliant. Reliant also completed testing on all fourteen units previously identified by Eller and determined that some may only require cleaning, retesting, or repair rather than full replacement. For that reason, the agreement is structured as an "up to" amount, with the expectation that the final cost will be lower than the estimated $30,000 and that fewer than fourteen units will need replacement. Negley noted that this work will not delay occupancy, as the building has a forced-air system in place, though air-conditioning will be necessary by summer. In response to a question from Barton, he confirmed that a separate maintenance contract with Reliant will need to be established.

Channell moved; Hamilton seconded to approve the service agreement as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-56 FY27 Provider Application and Budget Worksheet and FY27 Provider Contract – Zweizig presented the updated provider application materials, noting that the Excel-based document

remains fillable and user-friendly. Zweizig reviewed the first three instructional tabs and highlighted a new addition prompted by the Board's fall retreat discussions regarding Michael Gillette's "ethics of scarcity" framework. A statement and signature section has been added to affirm that providers understand their applications will be reviewed through an equity lens and with consideration of maximizing impact amid limited resources. Additional required information is outlined on the subsequent page. Altizer reviewed updates to the budget section, explaining that highlighted allocation lines now include revenue-source fields, Medicaid, private insurance, and other, to provide a clearer financial picture for each service area. A totals tab compiling revenue categories is also included. Zweizig noted that applications will be distributed shortly and will be due April 10. In response to a question from Zwiezinski, Altizer acknowledged that references to "Ohio MHAS" and an incorrect date in the funding source header have been corrected in the final application. Negley then reviewed the FY27 template provider contract, which will be included in a single resolution covering all FY27 contracts. He noted that the revised language, also reflected in the Coleman agreement, removes the former 120-day notice requirement. Updated termination timelines and appeal procedures appear in Article 8 on page 18. Negley noted that the contract was drafted by legal counsel at OACB and reviewed locally by the Prosecutor's Office to ensure compliance. Negley confirmed that the template must be approved before issuing the required 120-day notices to providers.

Rausch moved; Zwiezinski seconded to accept the FY27 Provider Application and Budget Worksheet and FY27 Provider Contract as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-57 FY27 120-Day Notice - Council for Union County Families– Negley noted that this is the final year the Board will issue 120-day notices, as the requirement expires on March 30, at which time all notices approved today will become null and void. However, legal counsel has advised the Board to proceed in order to remain compliant during the transition period prior to the statutory changes taking effect. Negley explained that the notices contain two components: notification of any contract language changes, and notification of any proposed changes to funding allocations. All providers the Board intends to continue contracting with will receive notice of the contract updates previously described, and allocation changes vary slightly by provider. Negley reviewed the notice for the Council for Union County Families, indicating the Board's intent to contract with the organization again in the upcoming fiscal year. Negley noted uncertainty surrounding the continuation of the Family Peer Support allocation due to an expiring grant at the end of the current state fiscal year and the lack of clarity on potential renewal. The same notice was issued to the Council last year for this reason.

Fishman moved; Thien seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Council for Union County Families as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-58 FY27 120-Day Notice - Lighthouse –Negley requested the board approve a 120-day notice for Lighthouse, noting that it includes the standard contract-change language. Negley explained that staff is recommending the removal of two smaller state fiscal year allocations. The first is the recovery housing allocation, which was tied to new state grant funding with specific eligibility requirements that do not align with the population served in Lighthouse's recovery housing program, making the allocation impractical to administer. The second is a small transportation allocation that had been piloted over the past year to explore subsidized transportation options; due to high costs and significant administrative burden, staff recommend discontinuing this allocation in the upcoming fiscal year.

Aurin moved; Michael seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Lighthouse as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-59 FY27 120-Day Notice – Lower Lights –Negley requested the board approve a 120-day notice for Lower Lights Christian Health Center, noting that it differs from the standard notice. He explained that the Board intends to end its state fiscal year contract with Lower Lights because the organization has fully transitioned to the federal fiscal year funding cycle and now receives only federal dollars. He clarified that this notice does not indicate an end to the Board's relationship with Lower Lights; rather, it reflects the shift in funding structure. Should federal grant funds remain available, the Board's intent is to continue contracting with Lower Lights under the federal fiscal year cycle.

Zwiezinski moved; Thien seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Lower Lights as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-60 FY27 120-Day Notice – Maryhaven – Negley presented the 120-day notice for Maryhaven, stating that the notice is a straightforward non-renewal. He noted that no additional changes or clarifications were needed.

Zwiezinski moved; Rausch seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Maryhaven as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-61 FY27 120-Day Notice - NAMI –Negley requested the board approve a 120-day notice for NAMI Mid-Ohio, noting that this is their first, and last, 120-day notice since being transitioned to full provider status at the beginning of the fiscal year. The notice reflects the standard contract language changes previously discussed, and it communicates the Board's intent to offer generally the same allocation amount as in Fiscal Year 2026, contingent upon the availability of funding.

Hamilton moved; Channell seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to NAMI as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-62 FY27 120-Day Notice - OhioGuidestone – Negley reviewed the 120-day notice, indicating that the standard contract language applies. Negley noted that the only update pertains to the cleanup of Attachment One, specifically the removal of federal fiscal year dollars previously listed for FY26. He explained that those funds have fully transitioned to the federal fiscal year contract cycle, and this update aligns the documentation accordingly. This is the same standard language applied to all providers operating under the federal fiscal year structure

Rausch moved; Hamilton l seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to OhioGuidestone as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-63 120-Day Notice- Prevention Awareness and Support Services – Negley presented the 120-day notice for Prevention Awareness and Support Services (PASS), noting that it includes the standard contract-change language along with several allocations that remain uncertain for the upcoming fiscal year. He explained that these uncertainties are primarily due to the potential expiration

and likely non-replacement of the federal Project AWARE grant. Staff have already discussed this with PASS, and the organization is aware that, at this time, the Board must indicate that reductions may occur in senior prevention services (which have already been reduced), school-based prevention, and overall prevention services. These reductions could be significant if the federal grant funding is not renewed.

Zwiezinski moved; Aurin seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Prevention Awareness and Support Services as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-64 FY27 120-Day Notice – Residential Administrators – Negley presented the 120-day notice for Residential Administrators, noting that it includes the standard contract-change language. Negley explained that the only modification in the allocation section is the removal of federal dollars, as Residential Administrators now receive only SOS funding. Should SOS funds be available in the next federal fiscal year, the Board's intention is to continue supporting the program.

Hamilton moved; Thien seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Residential Administrators as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2025-65 120-Day Notice – Wings Support and Recovery – Negley presented the 120-day notice for Wings Support and Recovery, noting that it contains the standard contract-update language. He explained that the only adjustment involves removing federal fiscal year funds from their state fiscal year, Attachment One, as those dollars will no longer apply moving forward**.**

Barton moved; Channell seconded to accept the 120-Day Notice to Wings Support and Recovery as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-66 Approval of New Health Officers– Zweizig presented an updated list of the Board's designated Health Officers, noting that these licensed mental health clinicians are authorized to conduct emergency mental health evaluations and to initiate involuntary holds when necessary. He reported that two individuals are being added to the list: Benjamin Stark, representing Veterans Affairs and serving with the new Veterans Treatment Court, and Chelsea Hill from Coleman Health Services, who will serve as the Board's new Adult Mobile Crisis Clinician.

Aurin moved; Bischoff seconded to approve the New Health Officers as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-67 Approval of Federal Awards Schedule 2025 – Altizer presented the annual federal schedule that must be submitted to the County Auditor. Altizer explained that the report reflects federal dollars on a cash-basis and follows the calendar year, noting that it is not used for any internal Board purposes and is prepared solely to meet audit requirements. Although the submitted schedule appears as a single-page report, Altizer noted that a significant amount of supporting documentation must also be provided to demonstrate the grants received and expenditures made. This documentation is used by the Auditor's Office to determine which items will be selected for audit.

Hamilton moved; Rausch seconded to approve the Federal Awards Schedule 2025 as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

RESOLUTION 2026-68 Governance Policy Updates –Negley introduced Resolution 2026-68 regarding updates to the Board's governance policies. Negley explained that the updates are part of the preparation for the upcoming COQ renewal process and are required every three years under existing Board policy. This resolution represents the first of three-monthly groups of governance policy updates, which are being divided into manageable sections. Negley explained that governance policies differ from personnel policies in that they outline how the Board governs itself and reflect requirements in the Ohio Revised Code. No substantive changes were made within this set of policies. Negley thanked Fishman, Chair of the Policy Review Subcommittee, for his contributions and noted that the updates include corrections related to OhioMHAS and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services revisions. Negley also stated that one policy, the Data Accommodation and Reporting Policy, is being recommended for rescission due to the repeal of the related requirement in the Ohio Revised Code in 2023. Additionally, a new cybersecurity policy (Policy 0901-18) has been added in response to recent statutory changes requiring all government entities to implement a cybersecurity policy, including provisions prohibiting payment of ransomware without Board approval.

Zwiezinski moved; BIschoff seconded to accept the governance policy updates as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Negley provided the Executive Director's report, noting that a written report was not included in the packet due to the significant amount of time spent in recent weeks on service-transition activities. Negley reported that the transition process with Maryhaven is well underway. The Board has worked with Maryhaven to collect and distribute information to clients regarding how to access services with new providers, and each contracted provider has established its own intake process. Transition information is also prominently posted on the Board's website for public access. At this time, there has not been a major influx of transfer requests, though the volume remains uncertain. Negley highlighted staffing as the primary concern during this transition, noting that Coleman, OhioGuidestone, and Residential Administrators have all posted necessary treatment positions and are actively interviewing. Early indications from Maryhaven suggest that some staff may pursue employment outside the system, which could impact on continuity of care. Staff meet weekly with Maryhaven and maintain frequent communication with Coleman and OhioGuidestone to monitor staffing levels, identify emerging concerns, and develop contingency plans where needed, particularly for school navigation and crisis services. Negley emphasized that service continuity is essential and that backup plans will be created for all critical areas. Negley also acknowledged internal staffing challenges, announcing that Altizer has accepted a new opportunity. While expressing regret at her departure, Negley noted that transition planning is underway with Casto to ensure continuity of Board operations. Board members expressed appreciation for staff efforts during the transition and thanked Altizer for her contributions and leadership.

OLD BUSINESS – January Board Evaluation- Brown presented the Board Meeting Evaluation, noting that he had been prepared to discontinue the monthly evaluation process. Negley provided a brief reminder that the Board's COQ certification expires at the end of the year and that the evaluation tool was originally

implemented to meet a specific COQ standard. While the standard requires ongoing assessment of Board meetings and Board functioning, it does not prescribe monthly evaluations. Negley stated that the Board may consider adjusting the frequency or identifying an alternative method of meeting the requirement, as the standard allows flexibility so long as some form of evaluation is maintained. The board recommended doing quarterly evaluations moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS – Community Assessment and Plan Quarterly Update – Zweizig presented the quarterly update for the Community Assessment and Plan, noting that this report serves as the Board's tracking mechanism for the plan on file with the state. The data reflects the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025 and includes both cumulative year-end totals and quarterly averages, depending on whether clients remained active across multiple quarters. Zweizig noted that this is the final report for the 2023–2025 planning cycle, as all required final reports have been submitted to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. With the Board's approval last month of the 2026–2028 Community Assessment and Plan, quarterly reporting will transition accordingly. Beginning in April, the Board will receive a shorter report aligned with the new plan, tracking indicators for calendar year 2026.

ADJOURNMENT –

> ***Zwiezinski moved; Fishman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 AM.***
> ***Motion carried.***