



**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 21, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janell Alexander, Michael Aurin, Michael Barton, Kellie Bischoff, Adam Brown, Janel Chapman, Adam Davis, Jake Fishman, Dr. Amy Garbrecht, James Pleasant, Jassie Rausch, Scott Zwiezinski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Annette Doughty, Beau Michael

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lindsay Altizer, Allison Bruner, Halle DuMoulin-Camella, Adam Negley, MacKenzie Poling, Holly Zweizig

**STAFF ZOOM:** Kathryn Tummino

**STAFF ABSENT:** Dr. Randi Bargo-Smith

**GUESTS ZOOM:** Robyn Aurnou, Kasey Bisch, Denise Casto, Melissa Ebling, Katie Meeker, Holly Novak, Rick Skilliter, Amanda Wattenberg

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Julli Griesheimer, Vanessa Humphrey, Jennifer Rigano, Chad Kelly, Andrew Kruppa

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Chapman read the MHRBUC Mission Statement.

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

***Zwizinski moved; Brown seconded to accept the October minutes as presented.***  
***Motion carried. No discussion.***

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT** – Casto presented the updated Financial Report ending October 31, 2024. Year-to-date cash balance was reflected as \$5,504,587, with year-to-date revenue of \$3,705,486 and \$3,169,323 in total expenses. The year-to-date net income was \$536,163 for the month. Casto reviewed the Balance Sheet as well as the Budget vs. Actuals and stated the new revenue includes OhioMHAS Q2 Allocation, Strong Families, Project Aware, HUD, DOJ, and SOS.

***Pleasant moved; Brown seconded to accept the October Financial Report as presented.***  
***Motion carried. No discussion.***

**APPROVAL OF FINANCE MINUTES** – Rausch asked members to review the Finance Committee minutes and asked for a motion to accept the minutes presented.

***Aurin moved; Zwiezinski seconded to accept Finance Committee Minutes as presented. Motion carried. No discussion.***

***RESOLUTION 2025-26 Suspension and Debarment Policy*** – Altizer presented a new policy based on a recommendation from the County Auditor. The policy requires specific language to be added to all contracts and agreements. Contracted providers will be reviewed for compliance twice a year. Rausch asked if all providers were checked and cleared. Altizer indicated that they were.

***Pleasant moved; Garbrecht seconded to approve the Suspension and Debarment Policy as presented. Motion carried. No discussion.***

***RESOLUTION 2025-27 Prevention Awareness and Support Services ~ Attachment 1 Amendment - \$534,610*** – Negley reported that funding will be provided as a stop-gap measure to support a staff position until the SOS 4.0 funds become available. An increase of \$20,621 will be allocated for this purpose.

***Chapman moved; Pleasant seconded to accept the PASS Attachment 1 Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No discussion.***

***RESOLUTION 2025-28 Ohio GuideStone ~Attachment 1 Amendment - \$307,500*** – DuMoulin-Camella discussed an increase of Ohio Guidestone funds from the Building Strong Families grant for Early Childhood Mental Health Services. An increase of \$285,000 will be allocated for this purpose.

***Rausch moved; Aurin seconded to accept the Ohio GuideStone Attachment 1 Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion.***

***RESOLUTION 2025-29 Wings Support and Recovery ~ Attachment 1 Amendment - \$533,734*** – Altizer discussed the reduction in Wings Support and Recovery operating expenses and the corresponding increase in funding for activities in the amount of \$3,250 to ensure food costs were only billed in the activities line. Rausch inquired about the meaning of "staff retention activities," to which Griesheimer explained that it referred to costs such as a monthly employee attendance reward lunch. Brown questioned the discrepancy between Griesheimer's explanation and Altizer's previous description. Griesheimer provided specific examples to clarify. Brown also pointed out differences in language used for allocations between Wings Support and Recovery and the MHRB. Chapman asked if the allocations were final or if further adjustments were needed. Altizer confirmed no further adjustments were necessary at this time. Alexander stated that if adjustments were required later, the Board could revisit and amend the budget. Brown noted the recurring issues with Wings Support and Recovery invoicing, and indicated that the same concerns were expressed previously.

***Chapman moved; Fishman seconded to accept the Wings Attachment 1 Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion.***

***RESOLUTION 2025-30 – Union County Behavioral Health Response Disaster Plan ~ Amendment*** – Zweig shared that this update included outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County (MHRBUC) and its contract agencies in providing mental health and substance use services during a disaster. The amended plan incorporates the Western Ohio CISM Team into the plan for

critical incident stress management activities. MHRBUC will update the approved plan with the Union County EMA.

***Brown moved; Bischoff seconded to accept the Behavioral Health Response Disaster Plan Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion.***

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT*** – Negley reviewed highlights from the Director's Report provided in the Board packet. Among the items detailed, he emphasized the State Opioid and Stimulant Response 4.0 program and the tentative 35% cut in our initial request. Negley also discussed the recent ban on marijuana dispensaries by the City of Marysville and the deployment of the Happy or Not survey kiosks at two of our provider agencies to track consumer satisfaction.

***OLD BUSINESS – October Board Evaluation-*** Alexander discussed the following training topics the Board would like to explore including financial support for crisis patients, concerns about bullying in local schools, and related school efforts to address bullying before it leads to mental health challenges.

***NEW BUSINESS*** – Zweizig reviewed highlights from the MHRBUC Community Plan FY23-FY25 Q3 provided in the packet.

***PROVIDER UPDATES – Freedom Recovery*** – Chad Kelly, Executive Director & Co-Founder provided a presentation along with Andrew Kruppa on the history of their organization and scope of services provided in Union County.

***ADJOURNMENT*** –

***Zwiezinski moved; Pleasant seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 AM.  
Motion carried.***