



MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Brown, Beau Michael, Adam Davis, Michael Aurin, Kellie Bischoff, Sarah Channel, Janel Chapman, Amy Hamilton, Jake Fishman, James Pleasant, Tracy Thien, Scott Zwiezinski

MEMBERS VIA ZOOM: Jasmine Rausch

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Negley, Holly Zweizig, MacKenzie Poling, Halle DuMoulin-Camella, Kathryn Tummino

STAFF VIA ZOOM: Randi Bargo-Smith

GUESTS PRESENT: Vanessa Humphrey

GUESTS VIA ZOOM: Denise Casto, Kasey Bisch, Rick Skilliter, Jullie Griesheimer, Bethan Miller, Holly Novak

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

MISSION STATEMENT: Fishman read the MHRBUC Mission Statement.

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

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – Casto presented the updated Financial Report ending February 28, 2026. Year to date the cash balance was reflected as \$2,875,010 with year-to-date revenue of \$8,296,780 and \$7,489,530 in total expenses, resulting in a year-to-date net income of \$807,249. Casto reviewed the Balance Sheet highlighting the operating fund balance at \$1,319,658.90 and the surplus at \$807,249.20. Supporting documents included the balance sheet, budget vs. actual report, QuickBooks reconciliation, and verification that the balance aligns with the county.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-69 – Service Agreement – The Village Network – \$96,390 – DuMoulin-Camella presented a service agreement with The Village Network to provide clinical staffing for the Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT) at North Union Middle School for an amount not to exceed \$96,390 as presented. This agreement includes one full-time clinical coordinator to support students experiencing

significant behavioral health challenges that impact their ability to access learning. This will allow North Union Middle School to offer BRYT for the 2026-2027 school year.

Chapman moved; Aurin seconded to accept the Service Agreement as presented.

Motion carried. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-70 – Service Agreement – Mighty Crow Media, LLC – \$260,985 – DuMoulin-Camella presented a service agreement with Mighty Crow Media, LLC, to provide comprehensive evaluation services for the Building Strong Foundations (BSF) grant. This agreement supports the transition to a new evaluation partner and will result in significant cost savings for evaluation services. A notice of termination was issued to the current evaluation services provider and services with MCM will begin on April 1, 2026. DuMoulin-Camella confirmed this service agreement is for 2.5 years and will cover the remainder of the grant period through FFY28.

Zwiezinski moved; Bischoff seconded to accept the Service Agreement as presented.

Motion carried. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-71 – Suite H Lease Agreement – NAMI Mid-Ohio – Negley presented a lease agreement with NAMI Mid-Ohio to provide office space at 131 N. Main St., Suite H, as presented. This will provide NAMI Mid-Ohio with the opportunity to have a physical presence in Union County. Negley stated that this is a short-term agreement and space at THRIVE, to be co-located with behavioral health providers, will be explored as a long-term location for NAMI Mid-Ohio. This model is currently being used in the Delaware-Morrow region and has been successful. Negley confirmed that the Lease Agreement begins on April 1, 2026.

Hamilton moved; Thien seconded to accept the Lease Agreement with the corrected start date of April 1, 2026.

Motion carried. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-72 – Resolution of Support – 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline – Negley presented a Resolution of Support for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline as the universal access point for crisis services in the State of Ohio. He explained that Union County currently operates two crisis hotlines, including one managed by Maryhaven, and that as part of the ongoing provider transition, the goal is to transition all crisis service requests to be routed through 988. Negley shared that current hotline providers are informing callers of the planned transition and encouraging use of 988 moving forward. He further noted that ProtoCall will begin forwarding calls to 988 at a later date and expressed hope that Helpline will implement a similar process. In response to a question, Negley clarified that 988 responses are regionalized, with Helpline in Delaware County serving as the regional call center for Union County. He also confirmed that Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) are currently accessed through 988. Negley shared that adult mobile crisis is dispatched through law enforcement in Union County.

Fishman moved; Barton seconded to accept the Resolution of Support as presented.

Motion carried. No discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-73 – FY25 O4O Actuals Report – Negley presented the FY25 O4O Actuals Report. He noted that this report is due to the State of Ohio on April 3. Negley explained that the report informs the State of Ohio how state dollars are being spent, while also requiring detailed reporting on all other funding sources received by MHRBUC. Casto shared that the report reflects a modified cash basis, with treatment, prevention, and housing services reported on an accrual basis, while salary, fringe, and operating expenses are reported on a cash basis.

***Zwieszinski moved; Michael seconded to accept the FY25 O4O as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

RESOLUTION 2026-74 – Governance Policy Updates – Negley presented a summary of updates to four sections of the Board’s governance policies: Consumer Protection, Provider Agencies, Psychiatric Hospitalizations, and Safety. He expressed appreciation to those who participated in reviewing the policies. Key updates included:

- Removal of *Policy 09.07.01 – 120 Day Notice*, as the requirement is no longer reflected in Ohio law
- Revisions to *Policy 09.07.05 – Provider Financial Audit* to allow the Board to consider audit waiver requests on a case-by-case basis, utilizing the waiver process established by DBH
- Updates to *Policy 09.08.04 – Health Officers* to clarify that independent licensure (LISW or LPCC) is required for appointment, with an exception for dependently licensed clinicians serving as pre-screeners at the Board’s designated agency, provided appropriate supervision is in place
- Addition of a new *Policy 09.08.05 – Authorization of Board-Funded Residential Treatment for Youth*, establishing criteria for when the Board may authorize and fund residential mental health or substance use treatment

Negley also shared that the Ohio Department of Medicaid has indicated that Multi-System Youth (MSY) funding is expected to be paused for the remainder of FY26. As a result, the Board anticipates an increased need for local funding requests for residential treatment. The addition of this policy provides a consistent framework for decision-making in these situations.

***Thien moved; Hamilton seconded to approve the governance policy updates as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

DIRECTOR’S REPORT –

Negley provided an update on the ongoing provider transition, noting that the process continues to move forward smoothly. Residential Administrators has assumed management of the housing programs, and Coleman Health Services continues to recruit and onboard staff. He shared that Tara, a prescriber from Maryhaven, is transitioning to Coleman, along with Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) staff in the near future. Additional staff transitions are anticipated in the coming weeks, though there remains a need for crisis and office-based outpatient therapists.

Negley reported that OhioGuidestone has developed a coverage plan for school navigation services for the remainder of the school year. One current school navigator is transitioning to OhioGuidestone, and a decision is pending from another. OhioGuidestone continues to assess community needs and adjust its staffing plan accordingly.

Negley also provided a facilities update, noting that progress continues at 715/717 S. Walnut Street. Sprinkler system and fire inspections are scheduled, and once electrical work is complete, the Board anticipates applying for an occupancy permit. He shared that HVAC units have been delivered and are ready for installation, and that additional units were purchased in anticipation of future needs. Negley added that Coleman may temporarily operate out of the Mill Center in April, if needed, while awaiting final occupancy approval.

In response to a question from Thien regarding communication with current Maryhaven clients during the transition, Negley shared that clients are receiving transition information sheets during appointments with Maryhaven staff, and that additional information is available on the front page of the Board's website.

Fishman noted observed damage to the siding at the 715/717 building. Negley acknowledged awareness of the issue and stated that Board-owned properties fared well during the recent storms, with the siding damage being the only issue identified.

Negley shared that the state capital improvement fund application is in process, with final approval pending the Director of DBH, and is expected to go before the Controlling Board in April or May.

Negley also noted that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and the Board is planning a ribbon cutting and open house for the 715/717 S. Walnut Street building, in addition to other awareness activities.

Negley invited Poling, Clinical Outcomes Director, to provide an update on the recent Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. Poling reported that the 40-hour training was a collaborative effort between MHRBUC, Champaign and Logan counties, and local law enforcement. The training included more than 30 participants from 17 agencies and covered topics such as mental illness, substance use disorders, officer stress response, veterans in crisis, de-escalation techniques, and site visits to local community agencies. The training was hosted at the Marysville Division of Police.

Negley concluded the report with a review of Board member terms. Three Board member terms will expire on June 30. Barton is term-limited, Rausch is eligible to serve an additional term, and Fishman, who assumed an unexpired term, is eligible for reappointment for two additional terms. Negley noted that he is not currently aware of eligible candidates from prior recruitment efforts and encouraged members to share potential candidates.

In response to a question, Negley clarified that Barton's position is appointed by DBH and that his replacement should be an individual with lived experience in addiction.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PROVIDER UPDATES – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Reason:

- To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

***Zwiezinski moved; Hamilton seconded to enter Executive Session at 8:05 a.m.
A roll call vote was held. All members present voted to enter Executive Session.***

At 9:10 a.m., Zwiezinski moved; Hamilton seconded to exit the Executive Session and return to open session.

A roll call vote was held. All members present voted to return to open session.

RESOLUTION 2026-75 – Administrative Leave of Executive Director

Zwiezinski moved; Channell seconded to place the Executive Director on paid administrative leave pending internal review.

Motion carried. No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT –

Fishman moved; Michael seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Motion carried.