**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
**August 21, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Aurin, Michael Barton, Adam Brown, Sarah Channell, Janel Chapman, Jake Fishman, Amy Hamilton, Jasmine Rausch, Tracy Thien, Scott Zwiezinski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kellie Bischoff, Adam Davis, Beau Michael, James Pleasant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Adam Negley, Lindsay Altizer, Dr. Randi Bargo-Smith, Kathryn Tummino, MacKenzie Poling, Holly Zweizig, Allison Bruner

**STAFF ABSENT**: Halle DuMoulin-Camella

**GUESTS ZOOM:** Robyn Aurnou, Kasey Bisch, Denise Casto, Julli Griesheimer, Bethan Miller, Holly Novak

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Vanessa Humphrey, Jennifer Rigano

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

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

***WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER –*** Negley welcomed Sarah Channell as a new board member. Channell introduced herself as a Family Nurse Practitioner, previously practicing in Marysville and currently working at Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefontaine, with a focus on addiction treatment and family practice. Channell shared that she has two children, a college sophomore and a high school senior, and expressed excitement about the upcoming school year. The board members and staff introduced themselves to Channell.

***NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE*** – Ms. Channell was formally sworn in as a member of the board. The Oath of Office was administered by MHRBUC administrative assistant/notary public, Bruner. Following the administration of the oath, Ms. Channell was officially seated and granted full voting privileges as a member of the Board.

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

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

***APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT –*** Casto presented the July financials, including an updated June dashboard to assist with closing out State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025. As of the end of June, Casto reported a surplus of $164,000, with SFY25 contracts collectively reaching 79% of their total value. Moving to July's dashboard, the board's cash balance stood at $5,291,000, with total equity at $4,883,000. Revenues for July were $42,000, reflecting a delay in the receipt of first-quarter state funds, which were pushed to

August. Expenses totaled $300,000, resulting in a deficit of $257,000, typical for the start of the fiscal year. The dashboard also included FY26 contract details and year-to-date budget figures, with approximately $32,000 billed toward FY26. Supporting documents included the July balance sheet, budget vs. actuals, QuickBooks reconciliation, and a printout from Munis confirming alignment with county records. Brown inquired about the percentage of the FY25 budget utilized and the current status of billing. Altizer responded that all monthly billing for FY25 has been submitted and received, with no concern at this time. While fee-for-service payments may continue through the end of September, all state funding has been fully drawn down. No further questions were raised.

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

***RESOLUTION 2026-10 - Marysville Schools ~ Service Agreement – $10,300*** – Bargo-Smith provided an overview, explaining that the resolution is an agreement with Marysville Schools to continue supporting their SmartPass license at Bunsold Middle School and Marysville High School. This tool is used as part of Project AWARE to support MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) efforts by helping teams identify students who may be experiencing extended time out of class. The data provided by SmartPass enables quicker identification of students who may need interventions, which would otherwise take longer without this resource. The resolution seeks to continue funding this allocation.

***Chapman moved; Zwiezinski seconded to approve the service agreement as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion***

***RESOLUTION 2026-11 North Union Local Schools ~ Service Agreement - $40,568.53 –*** Bargo-Smith explained that this is a service agreement with North Union Local Schools to support the Tier III intervention, Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (bryt), for the 2025–2026 school year. While the expense had previously been approved through the ESC of Central Ohio, a staffing change led to the opportunity for an internal candidate at North Union to take on the role. As a result, the funding will now be directed to North Union Schools directly, rather than through the ESC. The resolution seeks approval for this updated arrangement.

***Zwiezinski moved; Thien seconded to approve the service agreement as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion***

***RESOLUTION 2026-12 Lighthouse ~ Attachment 1 Amendment - $27,565 –*** Altizer explained that this amendment reflects adjustments due to a reduction in Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) funding from the state. The typical annual ATP budget of $250,000 was reduced to $210,000, prompting adjustments for two providers. Lighthouse's allocation was reduced by $25,000, bringing it to $200,000, an amount still above their spending from the previous year, suggesting they will be adequately supported. Additionally, SOS 4.0's allocation was adjusted to reflect higher spending in FY25, specifically for the July through September period. These changes ensure the budget is aligned with actual expenditures.

***Rausch moved; Zwiezinski seconded to approve the Lighthouse Attachment 1 Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion***

***RESOLUTION 2026-13 Council for Union County Families ~ Attachment 1 Amendment- $57,643 –*** Altizer explained that this resolution pertains to Council's Attachment One and reflects a reduction in Strong Families funding for the current year. As a result of the decreased allocation, the portion of funding supporting family peer support services has been reduced accordingly.

> ***Fishman moved; Rausch seconded to approve the Council for Union County Families Attachment 1 Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion***

***RESOLUTION 2026-14 Maryhaven ~ Attachment 1 Amendment - $5,000 –*** Altizer explained that this resolution and involves an adjustment to Maryhaven's ATP funding for FY26. Originally allocated $20,000, the amount has been reduced to $15,000 to align with current budget constraints. A motion to approve the resolution was requested.

> ***Aurin moved; Chapman seconded to approve the Maryhaven Attachment 1 Amendment as presented. Motion carried. No Discussion***

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT –*** Negley reviewed highlights from the Director's Report provided in the Board packet.

***OLD BUSINESS – January Board Evaluation-*** Brown briefly reviewed the evaluation results.

***NEW BUSINESS –Community Assessment and Plan Quarterly Update***– Zweizig presented the Community Plan update, noting that the data is collected quarterly and reported to the Department of Behavioral Health. The second quarter data for calendar year 2025 were reviewed, and current progress appears consistent with previous years, with no unexpected findings. Zweizig welcomed questions but noted that the data format can be difficult to read. Negley added that the Community Assessment and Plan (CAP) operates on a three-year cycle and is currently in its final six months. The board is awaiting updated formatting guidance from OhioMHAS, expected in the fall, which will allow for revisions to indicators.

The board then discussed training plans for FY26. With a full board and the new fiscal year underway, Negley proposed continuing last year's approach: inviting providers to present program updates and offering operational training sessions later in the year. One suggested topic is ethical budgeting, with materials available from OACBHA, potentially scheduled for the October board meeting or November retreat. Board members expressed support for provider presentations, especially to benefit new members.

Additionally, Dr. Bargo-Smith updated the board on an upcoming general training opportunity on September 12, featuring Dr. Lori Desautels from Butler University. The full-day session, titled Connections Over Compliance: Supporting Adult and Youth Well-Being Through Applied Educational Neuroscience, will be held at the London Avenue building and is free to attend. Attendees will receive a copy of Dr. Desautels' book. Registration is open, and flyers are available for those interested.

***PROVIDER UPDATES – None***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION – To consider the purchase or sale of property***

> ***Aurin moved; Rausch seconded to enter executive session at 8:05 A.M. Roll call vote was held. All members present voted to enter the executive session.***
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> ***At 9:00 A.M. Zwiezinski moved; Barton 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.***

***ADJOURNMENT –***

> ***Zwiezinski moved; Rausch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 AM.***
> ***Motion carried.***