



**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janell Alexander, Michael Aurin, Kellie Bischoff, Adam Brown, Adam Davis, Annette Doughty, Dr. Amy Garbrecht, Beau Michael, Jasmine Rausch, Scott Zwiezinski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Savannah Allen, Michael Barton, Janel Chapman, James Pleasant

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsay Altizer, Dr. Randi Bargo-Smith, Nancy Beals, Wren Hawkins, Adam Negley, MacKenzie Poling, Thomas Rogan, Holly Zweizig

STAFF ZOOM: Halle DuMoulin-Camella, Kathryn Tummino

GUESTS: Julli Griesheimer, Vanessa Shrontz, Sharon Thibodeau

GUESTS ZOOM: Robin Aurnou, Kasey Bisch, Denise Casto, Holly Novak, Katie Meeker, Beth Miller, Rick Skilliter, Kay Tchoula

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

MISSION STATEMENT: Dr. Amy Garbrecht read the MHRBUC Mission Statement.

WELCOME: Alexander welcomed Sharon Thibodeau from Ohio MHAS who serves as the community program and services liaison to the Twin Valley region.

BOARD TRAINING: Negley presented the MHRBUC Calendar for review and discussed the meetings and related activities which typically occur during the year.

A-1 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alexander asked the members to review the Board of Directors' Board minutes for December and asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

***Doughty moved, Bischoff seconded to accept the December minutes as stated.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

A-2 ~ APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS: Casto presented the Financial Report ending December 31, 2023. The dashboard report highlighted a cash balance at the end of the month of \$4,705,262, a total revenue for the month of \$3,266,917, and \$2,679,997 expenses for the month. Casto noted that there was some variance in the spend down of contracts year to date which primarily accounts for the new SOS 3.2 funding. Alexander called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

***Zwieszinski moved, Michael seconded to accept the December Financials as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

A-3 ~ RESOLUTION 2024-48 ~ FUNDING ALLOCATION ~ UNION COUNTY FELONY TREATMENT COURT ~ \$20,000 & RESOLUTION 2024-49 ~ UNION COUNTY FAMILY TREATMENT COURT ~ \$20,000: Altizer stated that both resolutions are part of the SOS 3.2 funding and are provided to the treatment courts for drug screens. Alexander noted that both resolutions would be approved together.

***Doughty moved, Aurin seconded to accept the Resolutions as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

RESOLUTION 2024-50 ~ SERVICE AGREEMENT – LOREN TRAUCHT ~ \$15,200: Bargo-Smith stated that the service agreement was to fund a 4-month contract position for a PAX Partner through the end of the school year to provide professional development, implementation, and school staff support for PAX GBG. Negley clarified that the contract is supported through the Project AWARE grant. Doughty asked if the contract would go beyond the 4 months. Bargo-Smith indicated that there is interest in extending the scope of work into the next school year, but not much work occurs with the project over the summer.

***Rausch moved, Garbrecht seconded to accept the Resolution as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

RESOLUTION 2024-51 ~ MOHICAN YOUNG STAR ACADEMY – TREATMENT SERVICES ~ \$17,856: Bargo-Smith stated that this request was to cover gap funding for a youth in residential treatment services for a 30-day period.

***Brown moved, Zwiezinski seconded to accept the Resolution as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

RESOLUTION 2024-52 ~ HEALTH OFFICER APPROVAL

Negley presented to updated list of Health Officers from Maryhaven for approval.

***Zwiezinski moved, Bischoff seconded to approve the list as presented.
Motion carried. No discussion.***

QUARTERLY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PLAN UPDATE

Zwezig discussed the updated Community Plan update. She stated that Ohio MHAS is now utilizing Clear Impact as an online tracking platform for the required Community Plan report. The staff has amended the original plan to increase the tracking indicators associated with the approved priorities in the continuum of care. The platform allows for Boards to track multi-year data to see changes over time. Brown asked if there were any measures that stood out to the staff. Bargo-Smith stated that some of the strategies that have been implemented in recent years to improve youth mental health are now positively reflected in the indicators. Negley commented that some Boards are experiencing challenges with getting accurate Medicaid information from the state in their claims billing system which can interfere with the ability to accurately report some measures. Zwezig stated that the platform does not allow Boards to modify the timeline from a calendar year to a fiscal year so it is important document the data source and respective timeline in the system.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: SAMHSA Children's Mental Health Initiative – System of Care - Negley stated that the MHRBUC intends to submit a proposal for the grant in February. This funding is the same grant that has previously funded our work under the Mosaic Project. Bargo-Smith shared that the new application would focus on an early childhood mental health model and would enhance work being done in the early childhood system including supporting UCBDD, preschools, childcare, families, and behavioral health providers. The funding is up to \$4M over four years and would begin October 2024 if awarded.

SAMSHA Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success - Beals stated that MHRBUC would be applying for the grant to expand prevention work in Union County and target the underserved region of northern Union County. The proposed project would focus on promoting prevention through wellness

initiatives, expanding education and training, creating opportunities for social recreation for youth, and building capacity for on-going prevention services in Union County. The funding is up to \$1,875,000 over five years and would begin October 2024 if awarded.

Mobile Response Stabilization and Support Services – Negley indicated that Ohio MHAS is still making changes to the MRSS rules to improve the statewide capacity for this level of service. We continue to wait for the final plan.

Negley welcomed Council for Union County Families Coordinator Vanessa Shrontz who began on January 3, 2024. It is exciting to consider new opportunities for early childhood mental health with her background as an Early Childhood Specialist.

Doughty commented that she is very pleased to learn of the MHRBUC’s vision for expanding prevention work into the northern region of Union County. She expressed her excitement about the proposed focus on early childhood behavioral health needs of young children and their families.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. December Board Meeting Evaluation:** Negley reviewed the December Board Meeting evaluation results and thanked Board members for their feedback.

NEW BUSINESS - Bargo-Smith promoted the PAX Tools for Human Services training. Registration is available on the MHRBUC website.

PROVIDER UPDATES: (In Packet)

Maryhaven

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Alexander requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the executive director annual performance review. Rausch moved, Zwiezinski seconded. Zweizig called roll call vote. All members present voted to enter the Executive Session. At 8:57 am Alexander requested a motion to return to open session. Zwiezinski moved, Doughty seconded. Alexander called roll call vote. All members present voted to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

***Aurin moved, Doughty seconded.
Motion carried. No discussion***

Respectfully submitted,

Janell Alexander
MHRBUC Board of Directors, Chair

Date