

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD OF WAYNE-HOLMES COUNTIES

BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2023

Present

Cary, Brumfield, Graham, Ling, Messner, Murphy, Mykkanen, Ogden, Pyers

Excused

Finley, Glick, Miller, Moore, Troyer, Rowland

Absent

None

Staff

J. Edwards, M. Solsman, H. Brizzi

Guests

Tiffanie Kestner-Executive Director for The Counseling Center

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was held at the Mental Health and Recovery Board's office located at 1985 Eagle Pass, Wooster, OH 44691. The Chairperson, A Cary called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

A. Cary asked for a motion to approve and accept the agenda for tonight's meeting. Pyers made the motion, seconded by Brumfield, that the agenda for the March 15, 2023 meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Cary asked for a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the February 16, 2023 Board meeting as presented. Motion made by M. Ogden, seconded by B. Mykkanen; motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Committee Reports

Motion to approve minutes from the March 8, 2023 Joint meeting with the Executive Committee made by M. Ogden, seconded by M. Brumfield with minor edits made by A.Cary and J. Pyers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting made by M. Ogden, seconded by M. Brumfield with minor edits. Motion passed unanimously

Program Committee Reports

Motion to accept minutes from the March 1, 2023 meeting made by B. Mykkanen, seconded by G. Messner; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #3-1-23

That Acting Executive Director be authorized to direct \$2,000.00 towards the Holmes County General Health District, to be used for administrative costs (e.g. printing, postage, supplies) associated with the administration of the Holmes County Community Health Assessment.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #3-2-23

That the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Wayne & Holmes Counties, its staff and Board of Directors, be authorized to purchase a subscription to a digital signature platform to facilitate electronic completion and transmittal of documentation between parties.

Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Reports and Current Expenditures

Motion to accept minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting made by M. Ogden, seconded by M. Brumfield; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept current expenditures 01/01/2023 – 01/31/2023 made by M. Ogden, seconded by B. Mykkanen; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #3-3-23

That the Acting Executive Director be authorized to enter into contract with the Holmes County FCFC for calendar year 2023 in the amount of \$120,000.00. This includes all pooled funding. Administrative costs are an additional \$5,068.45. Costs are split between the Board's fiscal years.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #3-4-23

That Board accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize necessary tax levies and certify them to the county auditor.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #3-5-23

That the Acting Executive Director may issue to agencies applying for FY24 instruction that applications may incorporate an increase in the amount of funding requested not to exceed twelve percent (12%).

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A. Emergency COVID Funding update made by J. Edwards who discussed shifting funds to assist the East Palestine community after the train wreck.
- B. COVID Mitigation Funding update made by J. Edwards who discussed clarification on use of these funds which does include technology updates to provide for hybrid/remote work and services at agencies. Additional \$2,500 in funds are being provided to the agencies to allow for technology purchases.
- C. **Annual Agency Applications** have been updated for FY24 and include language allowing for up to 12% increases in funding requests as referenced in Resolution #3-5-23. J. Edwards submitted a draft of the updated application to Board members for approval to distribute to agencies.

Resolution #3-6-23

Motion to approve application as presented made by R. Ling, seconded by C. Graham; motion passed unanimously.

- D. A. Cary provided update regarding consultation services for the Acting Executive Director with Steve Stone who retired from the Ashland MHRB for 15 hours per month at a rate of \$150 per hour beginning in April.
- E. J. Pyers provided update regarding an upcoming meeting with S. Smail at the Wayne County Commissioner's Office regarding the non-renewal of Administrative Agent Contract with the Family and Children First Council and upcoming separation plans. Positive response and feedback from the FCFC Chair, J. Parsons regarding the transition is noted.
- F. J. Pyers inquired about a new residential facility being built in Holmes County for female victims of sex trafficking. Citing possible need for mental health services for the residents, no further information is available at this time.
- G. J. Edwards announced the upcoming March 29, 2023 Legislative Day in Columbus, citing she and M. Solsman would be attending and offered to register any Board members who also wished to attend. M. Brumfield indicated he would like to be registered for the event.

Staff Reports

Edwards reported receiving a Thank You packet from Wooster City Schools that provided positive feedback regarding the Resilience Network resources that were provided.

Public Comment

Tiffanie Kestner, the new Executive Director for The Counseling Center introduced herself to the Board members. She was thanked for her attendance and commitment to the services in the community.

Next Meeting

There being no further business, R. Ling made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by C. Graham. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Holmes Center for the Arts located at 5200 State Rt 39, Millersburg, OH 44654 (Behind Burger King)