

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
May 23, 2016
Minutes

Present: Marilyn Burns, Ken Cooper, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciaretta, Eric Ungaro, and Linda Warino

Absent: James Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Mike Cretella, Bill Gambrel, and Bishop C.M. Jenkins

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Aimee Schweers

Guests: Dionne Almasy, Prosecutor's Office, Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care, Joe Shorokey, Alta Care Group, Joe Sylvester, Turning Point Counseling Services, Dean Wennerstrom, Help Hotline, and Tracey Winbush, Turning Point Counseling Services

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- Edgar Manning, Chair, offered condolences on behalf of the Board to Michele Petrello on the loss of her son.

75 – 2016: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Sue Paluga...motion carried.

B. Treasurer Report

- Mark Dunlap, Director of Finance, in the absence of Bill Gambrel, Treasurer, reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for April 2016 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$5,289,144.16

76 – 2016: Motion: Patricia Sciaretta – to approve the April 2016 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for April 2016

77– 2016: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the blanket list of bills for April 2016. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.

Committee Reports

• Ways and Means (May 16, 2016)

- Discussed the approval of \$32,000 additional pass through funds for Homes for Kids as part of a grant.

78 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to approve the \$32,000 in pass through grant funds for Homes for Kids. Seconded: Ken Cooper...motion carried.

- Discussed the agency responses to the audit management letters. There was further discussion regarding Turning Point Counseling Services (TPCS) audit management letter specific findings. Joe Sylvester, Executive Director, stated that TPCS will be able to maintain until December 2016 in the black based on cash flow projections.

79 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to accept the management letter responses. Seconded: Chief Robert Gavalier...motion carried.

- **Program and Policy Committee**
 - No Report
- **Executive Committee**
 - No Report
- **Community Relations and Marketing Committee**
 - No Report

Executive Director Report

Duane Piccirilli discussed the following:

- Strategic Planning Update
- Mercy Health Safe Room Renovation
- Budget Hearing Update – invited Board Members to attend
- Adult Mental Health First Aid Training Update
- Cultural of Quality Review Update – told Board members there were no areas of non-compliance so he expects a 3 year certification
- Mahoning County Continuum of Care
- Agency Workforce Training Project
- Call a Counselor.

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

- Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, explained that the MCMHRB received Continuum of Care Shelter Plus Care vouchers in the amount of \$206,790 to be managed by Help Hotline.

80 – 2016: Motion: Linda Warino – to accept the Shelter Plus Care vouchers in the amount of \$206,790. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

- Eric Ungaro talked about the Ohio CAN (Change Addiction Now) Steps of Change event that was held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 and said it was a wonderful event.

Provider Remarks

Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care

- Stated that due to HUD funding, they have had 24 units of transitional housing cut

Joe Shorokey, Alta

- Said they are waiting for "final draft" of the behavioral health redesign
- Applied for 2 grants from PNC bank; received a grant from the Swanson Foundation for Head Start Program
- Working on a transition age consortium with other agencies

Joe Sylvester, Turning Point Counseling Services

- Introduced Tracey Winbush, TPCS Board President
- Stated that a package with economic concessions was voted on and passed by the Union

Dean Weenerstrom, Help Hotline

- Thanked the board for approving the additional vouchers for housing
- Golf Outing fundraiser is Friday, May 27, 2016

Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services

- Golf Outing fundraiser is Friday, June 3, 2016 at Youngstown Country Club
- Stated that end of June should be ground breaking for the 30 unit/1 bedroom permanent supportive housing units for persons with MH/addiction who may be on the verge of homelessness
- Received \$1.2 million from Ohio Housing Finance Agency for Continuum of Care to build a new domestic violence shelter, with a \$400,000 match

Executive Session

81 – 2016: Motion: Sue Paluga: to go into executive session at 5:46 p.m. to discuss potential purchase or sale of property. Seconded: Patricia Sciaretta...motion carried.

Roll Call:

Marilyn Burns...Yes

Ken Cooper...Yes

Rocco DiGennaro...Yes

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...Yes

Chief Bob Gavalier...Yes

Anne Lally...Yes

Edgar Manning...Yes

Ruth Mastriana...Yes

Sue Paluga...Yes

Patricia Sciaretta...Yes

Eric Ungaro...Yes

Linda Warino...Yes

82 – 2016: Motion: Eric Ungaro: to exit executive session at 6:10 p.m. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried. One opposed.

Discussion regarding Turning Point Counseling Services current status.

83 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler: to authorize Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, to send a letter with time certain deadline and objective goals to be met for MCMHRB to assess expectations have been satisfied for consideration of future funding for Turning Point Counseling Service. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried

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The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes reported by:


Sue Paluga
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:


Aimee Schweers
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer