

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
October 26, 2015
Minutes

Present: Marilyn Burns, Ken Cooper, Mike Cretella, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, and Linda Warino

Absent: James Bertrando, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, and Eric Ungaro

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

Guests: Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Theresa Depp, Rescue Mission, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Community Care, Cathy Grinzinski, Help Hotline, Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling, and Joe Sylvester, Turning Point

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

22 – 2016: Motion: Rocco DiGennaro – to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

Edgar Manning announced resignation of Maurina Hanna.

23 – 2016: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to accept the resignation of Maurina Hanna. Seconded: Patricia Sciarretta...motion carried.

B. Treasurer Report

Bill Gambrel reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for September 2015 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$6,096,354.95.

24 – 2016: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.

Approve blanket list of bills.

25 – 2016: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the blanket list of bills. Seconded: Chief Robert Gavalier...motion carried.

Committee Reports

A. Ways and Means Committee (October 19, 2015)

- Bill Gambrel discussed the contract with Carter House, an Ohio Recovery Housing Certified Recovery House located on Willis Avenue in Youngstown.

26 – 2016: Motion: Linda Warino – to enter into a contract with Carter House in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for SFY 2016. Seconded: Ken Cooper...motion carried.

- Bill Gambrel discussed pooled funding with Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Children's Services Board, Juvenile Justice Center and Job and Family Services for the purpose of serving the unmet needs of multi-system youth.

27 – 2016: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve an amount of \$25,000.00 for pooled funding. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.

- Bill Gambrel discussed, as an FYI, that Turning Point had been at committee meeting discussing the status of their programs and funding.

B. Program and Policy Committee

- No Report

C. Community Relations and Marketing Committee

- No Report

Executive Director Report

Duane Piccirilli discussed the following:

- Regional State Hospitals
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Criminal Justice Grant
- Shelter Plus Care Voucher Program
- Mercy Health/Police Training
- Critical Incident Stress Management Training
- Website and Facebook Networking Page
- Pathways Community Health Access Project
- United Way Project

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Member Remarks

- Sue Paluga discussed the need to focus on youth and their needs.
- Patricia Sciarretta announced that the Rescue Mission's Distribution Center is closed. The Rescue Mission can only accept donations of money, toiletries and food. She explained that the facility is at capacity.

Provider Remarks

Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services

- Thanked agencies for their continued support.
- Notified board that the continuum of care received \$1.2 million for a domestic violence shelter; will match \$400,000.00.
- Marian Commons is on hold for this year; 90 day re-approval through HUD; will have two years from spring 2016 to complete.
- Attorney General's office provided grant to promote prevention of rape/violence; will put up billboards as a prevention measure.

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Darla Gallagher, Meridian Community Care

- Three year CARF accreditation
- TASC offices are moving to Ridge Road
- Meridian's administrative offices are moving to Boardman.
- The building on Meridian Ave. will only provide direct services.
- She updated the board on Meridian's Housing programs.

Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling

- School requests for D&E Services is on the rise.
- Received the Headstart program. This will allow D&E to promote prevention.
- Applied for the tri-county initiative grant with Trumbull Board of Mental Health and Columbiana Counseling Center.
- More children are expelled/suspended from Kindergarten than grades 1-12 combined.

Angela McClellan, DFMC

- Explained that pooled funding is for youth who have been in system and their needs are not being met.
- DFC grant approved, therefore, will be hiring a full-time prevention program director.

Cathy Grizinski, Help Hotline

- Receives 15,000 calls per month.
- Renovations at community center are being well received by consumers.
- 10-week BRIDGES class graduated eight consumers.

Joe Sylvester, Turning Point

- Stated that six people a day die of an opiate overdose. Six beds are being converted to assist with addiction needs. Carolyn Givens from Neil Kennedy is assisting with the process.

Next meeting will be held at the Help Hotline Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Sue Paluga
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer