

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
January 25, 2016  
Minutes

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- Present: James Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Bishop C. M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, and Eric Ungaro
- Absent: Marilyn Burns, Ken Cooper, Mike Cretella, Atty. Nomiki Tsarnas, and Linda Warino
- Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, Michele Petrello and Aimee Schweers
- Guests: Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline Community Center, Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care, Hope Haney, NAMI, Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, Mike O'Brien, Catholic Charities Regional Agency, Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling, Joe Sylvester, Turning Point Counseling Services, Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities Regional Agency

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

#### Unfinished Business

Resolution authorizing Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, to sell the land to the Marian Commons Group for \$50,000 (full resolution attached).

**41 – 2016: Motion: Rocco DiGennaro – to approve the sale of the land to the Marian Commons Group for \$50,000. Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

**42 – 2016: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Jim Bertrando...motion carried.**

#### Officer Reports

##### A. Chair Report

- None

##### B. Treasurer Report

- Bill Gambrel reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for November 2015 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$7,319,272.25.

**43 – 2016: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills.

**44 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve the blanket list of bills. Seconded: Pat Sciarretta...motion carried.**

#### Committee Reports

- **Program and Policy Committee (January 11, 2016)**
  - Culture of Quality certification policies reviewed by Board Members.

**45 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve the Culture of Quality policies. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Discussion of Braking Point Recovery Center's Sub-Acute Detoxification services.

**46 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve a contract with Braking Point Recovery Center in the amount of \$20,000 for Sub-Acute Detoxification services. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

- Discussion of the SFY2016 Criminal Justice Behavioral Linkages Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to enhance services for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders currently incarcerated in the Mahoning County jail or Mahoning County Community Corrections Association.

**47 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to accept the \$150,000 for services. Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

- Discussion of the SFY 2016 Criminal Justice Behavioral Linkages grant being allocated to the agencies providing services.

**48 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to allocate the SFY2016 Criminal Justice Behavioral Linkages grant as follows:**

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| • Catholic Charities Regional Agency | \$36,831 |
| • Flying HIGH, Inc.                  | \$30,368 |
| • Meridian Healthcare                | \$34,556 |
| • Turning Point Counseling Services  | \$48,245 |

**Seconded: Bishop C. M. Jenkins...motion carried.**

- Discussion of the \$25,000 SFY2016 Access to Success Grant to assist an individual with a history of mental illness.

**49 – 2016: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to accept the \$25,000 to assist the individual. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.**

- **Ways and Means Committee (January 11, 2016)**
  - Edgar Manning explained the Board met the requirement to submit a calendar year budget to the County for 2016.

**50– 2016: Motion: Edgar Manning – to approve the calendar year budget was reviewed and submitted. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

- Edgar Manning discussed Turning Point Counseling Services' Reduction Plan Summary and Financial Planning Update.
- Duane Piccirilli discussed the status of the Board Office location.
- **Executive Committee**
  - No Report

- **Community Relations and Marketing Committee**
  - No Report

### **Executive Director Report**

Duane Piccirilli discussed the following:

- Anti-Stigma Campaign
- "Hospitalization – or Other Options"
- Adult Mental Health First Aid Training
- SAMSHA Grant
- Community Supportive Housing Institute – Opening New Doors Institute
- Community Plan
- Critical Incident Stress Management Team
- Strategic Planning

### **New Business**

- None

### **Board Member Remarks**

- None

### **Provider Remarks**

Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline Community Center

- Team of 5 attended the Ohio Housing Institute five month training. They developed a plan for a 12-15 unit Permanent Supportive Housing complex.
- Marian Commons, still waiting for Single Layering Review and then can do closing
- Launch of on-line database at St. John's Church on February 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
- HHCC has applied and been accepted as a suicide roll over hotline to cover all 50 states, as necessary.

Joe Shorokey, D&E Counseling

- \$375,000 grant from the Department of Mental Health to expand early childhood mental health programs, along with Columbiana and Trumbull Counties.
- Night at the Races fundraiser at Saxon Club on February 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- Behavioral Health redesign will cause major change for direct care providers; reimbursement rates may be lower.

Darla Gallagher, Meridian Health Care

- Could experience a 47% cut if Behavioral Health redesign proposed initial rates go through.
- Larry Moliterno is on the Ohio House of Representatives Medical Marijuana Task Force.
- Hired Mike O'Brien for the Veteran's Program.
- Winter Sprinter fundraiser is on February 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Joe Sylvester, Turning Point Counseling Services

- New air conditioning unit installed at facility.
- Met with Northside Hospital Emergency Room staff regarding Veteran's treatment. Additional meeting to be scheduled with community partners.

Angela McClellan, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County

- 3 out of 5 work force development grant trainings are completed.
- Watching for Ohio Senate Task Force Medical Marijuana legalization discussions. Preparing written testimony.

Hope Haney, NAMI

- Working on building foundation for the agency. Including developing procedures and policies.
- Talking with Mercy Health for office space.
- Board Members increased from 3 to 9.
- \$14,000 profited at the NAMI walk

Nancy Voitus, Catholic Charities Regional Agency

- Involved with linkages grant
- Introduced Mike O'Brien who has been with the agency for 11 years working with prison re-entry and prison ministry
- NO MORE Campaign to End Violence has been active since January 1, 2016
- Men Who Cook fundraiser on April 30, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Sue Paluga  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers  
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer