

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
November 23, 2020  
Minutes – via Zoom video/conference Call

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**Present:** Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anne Lally, Sylvia Little-Scott, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Anne Lally, Ruth Mastriana, William Morvay, Sue Paluga, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Atty. Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

**Absent:** Jim Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Victor Daprile, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrel, Anna Howells

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Jessica Makosky

**Guests:** Angela DiVito (Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County), Darla Gallagher (Meridian HealthCare), Christina Lloyd (Coleman Professional Services), Suzette Miller (Mercy Hospital), and Dean Wennerstrom (Help Network)

Anne Lally, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**22 – 2021: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **A. Treasurer Report**

- Bob Gavalier reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2020 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. He also reviewed the Blanket List of Bills for October 2020. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY20.

**23 – 2021: Motion: Sue Paluga – to approve the October 2020 Treasurer's Reports. Seconded by: Anne Lally...motion carried.**

**24 – 2021: Motion: Bishop C.M. Jenkins – to approve the October 2020 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded by: Linda Warino...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Reports**

- Ways and Means Committee(November 16, 2020)
  - Duane explained the pilot project with the Mahoning County Sherriff's Office. Due to Covid-19 each state hospital has had to dedicate one wing for quarantine patients. This causes probated patients to wait at Mercy Health Emergency Department for a bed to become available. We have a duty to provide a safe environment for others in the Mercy ED. All sheriffs are mental health first aid trained and most of them are CIT trained.
  - Eric reviewed the acceptance of the SOR Grant no cost extension funds in the amount of \$299,455.00 through November 29, 2020 and the allocations of the funds.
    - SOR Treatment received \$110,220.00. To be distributed to continue to support recovery housing:
      - Broadway Recovery Housing \$20,000

- Progress House \$20,000
- Gypsy House \$20,220
- Small Steps \$20,000
- Flying High \$20,000
- SOR Minority received \$189,235.00. To be distributed to continue work to support African American and Hispanic populations with treatment and recovery support services:
  - Broadway Recovery Housing \$50,000
  - Progress House \$30,000
  - Gypsy House \$20,000
  - Small Steps \$20,000
  - Flying High \$30,000
  - YWCA (peer recovery) \$23,000
  - Meridian(MAT services) \$16,235
- Eric reviewed the acceptance of the Cares Act funding in the amount of \$250,000 and the allocations of the funds.
  - Compass \$41,636.58
  - Meridian \$43,340.00
  - Potential Development \$15,037.60
  - Goodwill Youngstown \$4,266.23
  - Help Network \$13,040.00
  - ACLD \$1,700.00
  - Alta Care \$66,340.00
  - Flying High \$14,040.00
  - OCCHA \$700.00
  - CCA \$9,000.00
  - YWCA \$4,118.15
  - YMMCA \$2,600.00
  - MCMHRB \$2,000.00
  - Neil Kennedy Recovery \$16,340.00
  - Catholic Charities \$3,001.44
  - YUMADAOP \$12,840.00

**25 – 2021: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the MCMHRB to contract with the Mahoning County Sheriff’s Department to provide security for probate patients being held in the Mercy Health Emergency Department due to COVID-19 delays. Contract for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for 6 months or until COVID restricts at the state hospital are lifted, whichever comes first. Seconded by: Anna Howells...motion carried.**

**26 – 2021: Motion: Scott Fowler – to approve the acceptance and allocations of the SOR Grant no cost extension as presented. Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.**

**27 – 2021: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the acceptance and allocations of the Cares Act Funding as presented. Seconded: Tom Vasvari...motion carried.**

**Executive Director Report**

- See attached report.

**New Business**

- Removal of Health Officer Eric Ritz from Compass Family and Community Services
- Brenda reviewed The 2021-2022 Community Plan with the Board. The Community Plan outlines the current and emerging needs of the community, as well as the current services being offered, and new services being developed.

**28 – 2021: Motion: Bill Morvay – to approve the 2021-2022 Community Plan. Seconded: Sylvia ...motion carried.**


**Board Remarks:**

Bishop C.M. Jenkins discussed his concerns for the need of spirituality and pastoral support in the community during this time. He asked the agencies to include pastors and the churches in their work with the community during Covid-19 as they address behavioral health as well as the other health related concerns.

Anne Lally reminded the Board of the next meeting on January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

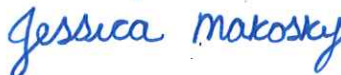
The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Ruth Mastriana  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk