

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
April 24, 2017
Minutes

Present: James Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Bill Gambrel, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, Eric Ungaro, Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: Marilyn Burns, Ken Cooper, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, and Anne Lally

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, and Mark Dunlap

Guests: Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline, Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County, Madison Goske, Rescue Mission, Mindy Pringle, Rescue Mission intern, and Joe Shorokey, Alta

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

61 – 2017: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurer Report

- Bill Gambrel, Treasurer reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for March Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$5,569,985.74

62 – 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the March 2017 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: Ruth Mastriano...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for March 2017

63 – 2017: Motion: Bill Gambrel – to approve the blanket list of bills for March 2017. Seconded: Scott Fowler...motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Program and Policy Committee Meeting (April 10, 2017)**
 - Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services discussed and answered questions regarding his and Diane DeJulio presentation at the Committee meeting. The VRP3 Vocational Employment Program matching dollars the Board provides allows Compass to receive 3:1 from the grant. Compass works with Turning Point and other treatment providers to gather information on clients histories to ensure they meet the requirements of Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) a department of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).
 - Joe Shorokey, Alta Behavioral Health discussed and answered questions regarding Jamie Miller’s presentation to the Committee. Connections is a school based program that provides both direct treatment for students and support for school personnel to develop and provide interventions in the classroom to support the students’ needs. Linkages is a school based suicide prevention curriculum

that also provides a screening of students. Any student who screens with positive indicators is then followed up with necessary direct services.

- James Bertrando enquired whether Compass was able to hire the psychiatrist they were in discussions with. Joe Caruso reported that they were not able to reach acceptable terms, however they are still actively recruiting and continue to talk with other candidates.

Executive Director Report

- Turning Point has not yet sent out the RFP as reported in the last communication with the Board. Most recent discussion with Scott Essad, he reported the RFP should be released Tuesday or Wednesday this week.
- BHJJ Grant – working with JJC
- Strong Families/Safe Communities Grant – working with Family and Children First Council
- CIT Graduation – 25 officers trained
- OhioMHAS SAR – Audit was completed last week with no findings
- Budget Hearings will be held in May – informal conversations of new or enhanced programs. Formal Hearings will be held in June. Board members are encouraged to attend any or all of the June hearings if they are available.
- Hoarding resources continue to be developed and clinical specialization in hoarding will be one of the items up for discussion during May Budget Hearings.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Resolution: Responding to Ohio's Opiate Epidemic (attached)

64 – 2017: Motion: Scott Fowler – to approve the resolution (attached). Seconded: Pat Sciaretta...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

- Eric Ungaro expressed sympathy for the passing of Dr. Joseph Ohr, Deputy Coroner.

Provider Remarks

Vince Brancaccio – Help Hotline

- Thanked the MCMHRB for their support and attendance at An Evening with Noah Galloway
- Help Hotline Golf Outing will be 5/26/17 at Knoll Run Golf course

Joe Shorokey – Alta

- Will open a Boardman office on 5/1/17 at 8255 South Avenue
- Have been doing workshops for Domestic Relations Court clients for several years. At the Courts request added a workshop for children/adolescents (held at same time as parents). This has been going very well, therapists involved with the program are seeing the children find support from others in the group and remaining in contact after the class.

Angela DiVito – DFMC

- Save the date: August 10, 2017 a Symposium on Overdose, Grief & Healing
- Joe Caruso - Compass Family and Community Services

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- Singer Songwriter event this Friday is sold out. All proceeds will benefit Sojourner House Domestic Violence Shelter.
- Everyone should drive past Commons at Madison. Expected to be complete by the end of July. A grand opening will be held. Expects they will be able to apply for more tax credits in 2018 or 2019 for additional Permanent Supportive Housing.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes reported by:



Sue Paluga
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Brenda Heidinger
Associate Director