



Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

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Board Meeting Minutes | April 21, 2022 | Virtual

DMMHRSB Boardroom | 40 N. Sandusky St. Delaware, Ohio

1. **Roll Call:** *Kelly Wood, Board Administrative Assistant*

Roll was called, which determined a quorum was met.

2. **Call to Order:** *Kathleen Johnson, Board Chair*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Board Members Attending: Lynnette Cook, Robert Horrocks, Annie Horstman, Sarah JanTausch, Kathleen Johnson, Tiesha Johnson, Christopher (Chris) Shamro, Carolyn Slone, Lynn Stacy (6:58), Marnie Whaley-Buckel, Benjamin Winkler

Board Members Excused: Zachary (Zach) Miller, Jeremiah Wagner

Staff Present: Beth Anderson, Deanna Brant, Kyle Lewis, Rhianna Mattix, Karen Mohr, Kristan Warren, Kelly Wood

Provider Representatives Attending: Julie Erwin-Rinaldi, Michael Garey, Sue Hanson, Angi Lee, Beth Miller, Adam Rowan, Amber Scott, Matt Walls, Wendy Williams, Jim Wilson

3. **Approval of Agenda:** *Kathleen Johnson, Board Chair*

Kathleen asked if there were any updates to the agenda and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve.

Kathleen stated that she had spoken with Benjamin and he expressed that as a point of order concerning the approval of board meeting minutes or committee meeting minutes, the chair should request the motion and second rather than the committee chair.

Benjamin replied that only the person chairing a meeting can call for votes at that meeting as a point of order, he said discussion should be led by the party noted as the presenter and then the Chair will call for a vote.

Kathleen said that this wasn't an amendment to the agenda, but just a clarification of the procedure and then asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion 22.04.01: Annie Horstman moved to accept the Board meeting agenda, Carolyn Slone seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

4. **Approval of March 17, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:** *Kathleen Johnson, Board Chair*

Kathleen asked if there were any corrections, questions, additions and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the March 17th board meeting minutes?

Motion 22.04.02: Annie Horstman moved to accept the March 17, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, Tiesha Johnson seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

5. **Public Comments:**

Safe Harbor – Angi Lee – Angi thanked the Board for all of their support and said that in conjunction with Southeast, Stockhands Horses for Healing and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office they are holding an open house on May 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Stockhands and everybody is welcome. Angi stated this is a free event and a good opportunity for everyone to see all the services that are available. Angi said there will be different booth setups for the providers and all providers are welcome. Some of the activities available will be driving a horse, doing different herd observations and eating amongst the horses. Angi stated Hot Chicken Takeover is donating the food again for this event.

Deanna asked Kyle to send out the flyer for this event to the Board.

PASS – Michael Garey – Michael introduced himself as the new Associate Director and said he didn't have a lot of highlights right now, as he is getting acquainted to the position. Michael said he did want to mention a summer career pathway program they have coming up. He says that it is a really cool program for young people to be able to get involved in, to learn a lot of different skills or maybe make a couple college visits and just to earn some cash. He said it's something they've done the past couple years in Union County and is excited to be able to roll this out.

Maryhaven – Adam Rowan – Adam said they've had some success in staffing their offices recently and they're starting to get back to the service levels that they think are appropriate for the counties and are very excited to get back to the point where they can make services available as they think they're necessary. Adam stated they're focused on access to care, getting some walk-in hours sets so that they can really get people in as quickly as possible and as much as needed. He stated the Board has been really supportive in all the initiatives we've needed to get where we are and they are very appreciative of everyone's support over the past couple of years.

HelpLine – Sue Hanson – Sue stated April 22nd is the National Day of Silence and they have been doing social media messaging around raising awareness around violence against LGBTQIA people. She said they work with high school, gay/straight alliances to highlight anti-bullying with respect to LGBTQIA populations, especially since this group is typically underserved by our systems, as well as have higher suicide rates. Sue said they went to the City Council to get a proclamation to raise awareness. She invites everyone to go the Day of Silence website and learn more about it.

Syntero – Julie Erwin-Rinaldi – Julie said it was good to follow Adam and Sue who had positive things to say about what they are doing. Julie thanks the Board for their support of the workforce incentive funds and for supporting the important work we're all doing to

support marginalized communities out there that need us and thanks Deanna for meeting with the school boards where there is concern expressed about programming.

Jacob Edward Walls Foundation – Matt Walls – Matt said he would also like to thank the Board for their support. He stated that the needs of their clients during the pandemic over the last year have increased, which is not just the individuals that they serve in their homes, but also includes the alumni that they serve that are not. He said this has contributed to staff being increasingly spread thin. Matt stated they received their Tier 3 Recovery Housing Certification, and that has spearheaded some opportunities to grow here in the future and possibly into Morrow County.

Southeast Healthcare – Wendy Williams – Wendy said she too appreciates the Board's understanding the challenges that they're all having with workforce and "your interest and willingness to be consider creativity" in how we try and address this.

Turning Point – Amber Scott – Amber said she had no updates at this time.

6. Committees & Director's Reports:

A. **Approval of February 17, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:** *Marnie Whaley-Buckel, Finance Committee Chair*

Marnie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion 22.04.03: Chris Shamro moved to approve the February 17, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting minutes, Marnie Whaley-Buckel seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

B. **Approval of April 21, 2022 verbal report from the Finance Committee:** *Marnie Whaley-Buckel, Finance Committee Chair*

Marnie reviewed the highlights of the meeting and then read the motions individually for the Board to approve:

Motion 22.04.03: Chris Shamro moved to approve the February and March 2022 financials as presented, Benjamin Winkler seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

Motion 22.04.04: Benjamin Winkler moved to renew the agreement with Michael Evans, Esq., Greg DuPont, Esq. and Kelly Patton, Esq., in the amount of up to **\$5,000** per attorney for FY2023 to provide civil commitment legal services, Lynnette Cook seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

Motion 22.04.05: Annie Horstman moved to renew the State Opioid Response 2.0 grant funding from July 1, 2022 through September 29, 2022 to Lisa Kay Dooley, as the Drug Free Delaware Coalition Coordinator in the amount not to exceed **\$19,390** for the purposes described, Benjamin Winkler seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

Motion 22.04.06: Lynnette Cook moved to renew the State Opioid Response 2.0 grant funding from October 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023 to Lisa Kay Dooley as the Drug Free Delaware Coalition Coordinator in the amount not to exceed **\$80,000** for the purposes described, Tiesha Johnson seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

Motion 22.04.07: Annie Horstman moved to approve the FY2022 allocation of up to **\$52,590.47** in Workforce Development Funding to Jacobs Way, Safe Harbor Peer Support, and Southeast Healthcare as described in the proposal, Marnie Whaley-Buckel seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

C. Community Impact Director's Report: *Kristan Warren, Community Impact Director*

Kristan stated that her report was included in the packet and asked for any questions.

D. DMMHRSB Strategic Communications Plan: *Kyle Lewis, Communications Director*

Kyle stated his report was included in the packet and asked if there were any questions.

Lynnette Cook said she has seen a real uptick in social media messages and likes how they feel and represent the Board.

Kathleen said she'd like to have a plan in place to allow for responses to specific entities when programs the Board funds become an issue due to misinformation or misinterpretation. Kyle said this is something that the Board staff is working on.

Deanna stated the public discussion about behavioral health services in the schools is also occurring statewide and in other states in the country and she thinks our messaging must be provider specific, but also what is the downstream positive impact of ensuring that these services exist for kids and families. She said that we are going to work on developing that messaging and getting it out there better than we have been.

Kathleen said what has been most impactful to her is hearing firsthand accounts of real people and how this has affected them. She thinks maybe we can work through that kind of messaging too, as she feels that's very impactful seeing people and their emotions and maybe have them provide testimonials on how their families have changed.

Kyle said we could do this and we have used some of the feedback and quotes from providers surveys that they do after services and it's all been overwhelmingly positive.

Chris Shamro asked they could have some more information concerning what the pushback is as the discussion has been vague.

Kathleen asked Deanna to speak to this, as she had been in attendance at the school board meetings.

Deanna said that parents are concerned about their kids and they want to make sure that every influence over or influence on their children is something positive that they're aware of it and that they approve of it. She said concerns arise around whether schools should be involved in the social and emotional wellness development of children and that creates an issue between the schools and their families.

Deanna stated that as a board, we fund services that are prevention, intervention and promote social and emotional wellness, so we are almost collateral impact in that. She said she thinks there have been some specific concerns stated about Syntero that go back historically and are unrelated to any Delaware or Morrow program that has ever existed, exists now, or is provided by Syntero.

Deanna continued that the state-wide and national conversation is around ensuring that parents have what they feel is the appropriate level of say in what the services are that are provided in schools specific to behavioral health.

Deanna state there have been some contentious discussions at the school board meetings that have been attended and she has approached it by recognizing the concern, describing what the board does, describing Syntero's competence, its role, history, and capacity in accurate form, which is that it's not duplicated anywhere and they are providing services that are state-of-the-art. She stated that if we need to talk about specific concerns, we can. CARF indicated in their last site survey, Syntero's model of providing school-based services should be duplicated nationally.

Deanna says she tries to approach this from the standpoint of the concern comes from the right place of wanting to be protective of kids and worried about what happens in the schools and some thinking that schools need to stay in the straight education lane.

Deanna stated as parents we can appreciate that concern, but on the other hand, these services save lives and we as a board, cannot be apologetic for supporting high-quality, cost-effective services in the schools, if the schools want those services.

Chris asked if we are able to promote the reports and/or studies that show the services being provided are recognized as being beneficial?

Deanna stated that we have been and this is going to be an on-going discussion for the foreseeable future.

Kathleen said she feels that reports are great and our reasoning behind funding, but thinks everybody would be impacted by testimonials, because if they don't like what you're saying or don't understand they dismiss it, but if you have a family stand up there and tell the room, "This is what happened with my family... this is

what happened with my kid... and this is the change”, it can’t be dismissed because it’s that person, their feelings and their personal experiences.

Lynn Stacy was acknowledged as being in attendance.

E. Associate Director’s Report: *Rhianna Mattix, Associate Director*

Rhianna stated her report was also included in the packet and she wanted to thank all of the partners that are helping with the CIT class this week and that nearly all of the contracted providers do presentations. She said that volunteers from Safe Harbor, Jacobs Way and Lisa Dooley, the Drug Free Delaware Coordinator, come in to help with the role plays and they consistently receive very good feedback for this training, which is due to the strong partnerships they have.

Lynnette asked about the opioid money and the 55%, that’s going to a state-wide foundation, if a new foundation was being created for that and Rhianna replied that yes, that was her understanding and asked Deanna if she had any indication other than that? Deanna stated that yes, she thinks the foundation has already been created.

Kathleen asked if that was because they didn’t have anybody qualifying for the funding, so they created some other place to put it. Deanna said they had to put in place a structure that they thought would be perceived as having an equitable and fair distribution process. It would allow for appropriate parties to be able to apply for funding, and have voices from local communities, and give everybody their most fair opportunity to be a recipient of the funds.

Rhianna said there’s a percentage that absolutely must be spent versus invested and there are a lot of layers to it, and this three-paragraph summary of it is really a broad brushstroke. Rhianna stated that it was the first meeting for our region, and the next meeting is on April 27th and because this is such a large settlement and there are still other companies to be settled with, she feels that this is going to continue to grow and to form as we go.

F. Executive Director’s Report: *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna stated her report was also in the packet and she had quick updates.

Deanna said that we are hoping if the By-Laws revision is approved, to have our annual meeting in August, not later in the fall and to see it as a kickoff for the fiscal year. She stated we been participating in trainings to enable us to be part of the suicide and overdose fatality review committees and not provide but oversee psychological autopsies.

Deanna stated our insurance coverage CORSA which was on the March Agenda and was tabled and it will be back on the agenda when we actually have updates.

Deanna said that our policies and procedures have been updated and are awaiting our review and that she and Kathleen, as the Chair of the Executive Committee, should probably talk about how to move forward as it is a lot of information and we want the most efficient way of getting those in front of the Board for review.

Deanna said she is working on is the HERSA application for the \$750,000 in earmarked funds for the Meadow Center. She and Rhianna have met with Katie Freeland from MSA Design to resume Phase Two. And last she said we have a potential opportunity to expand recovery housing in Morrow County that is in discussion phases, but would expect to see something about that in a future report or on a Planning Committee meeting agenda.

Kathleen asked if Deanna had an update on the new properties since our last meeting? Deanna asked for clarification if she was referring to 118 Stover Drive and Kathleen replied yes and also the exit of RPR form the Meadow Center.

Deanna stated that this will be discussed in great detail in the May 2nd IFC committee meeting. Deanna said that Recovery & Prevention Resources, did vacate the Meadow Center as of April 1st and we took possession of 118 Stover Drive on March 31st at noon. We've had the utilities switched to our name, the security is in the process of being reconnected and we've done a walkthrough with some of the providers who've had interest in that building. Our IT company did a walkthrough and provided an inventory of the IT equipment that we asked to be left behind for consideration. We've had conversations with the City about the status of the building and we have meetings scheduled with additional providers in terms of trying to finalize interest and scope in potential occupancy.

Bob Horrocks asked Deanna if 118 Stover Drive was now under our Insurance Policy and she replied that it is.

7. **New Business:**

A. DMMHR SB By-Laws – Propose Revision

Deanna stated this has been on the Board agenda several times and in the absence of two thirds of the board members being present to vote in favor, it could not be voted on. She said this is minor revision to the Board By-Laws, Article Six, Section One, to change the language about the timeframe of the annual meeting instead of being in the second quarter of the year, to be in the first half of the year, which would allow us to be flexible about when we schedule.

Motion 22.04.08: Annie Horstman moved that the full Board adopt the revision to the DMMHR SB By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1 as presented, Lynn Stacy seconded and the motion carried 11-0.

B. 03.02.02.00 Public Records Policy – Proposed Update to Fees & Media Types

Deanna informed the Board that a copy of the policy with the suggested revisions, Section IV, fees and costs under media type. We have removed all the media types that no longer and updated the media types in terms of how people generally ask for records and we also updated the cost per unit to reflect our costs and the provision of records.

Deanna stated there is one correction to the table under Section IV, e-mail documents, where it says, "See cost per unit above" we don't charge for e-mails and

it was a carryover in the table from the prior policy, so the bottom right box would be blank.

Motion 22.04.09: Marnie Whaley-Buckel moved the full Board approve the revised Public Records Policy as presented, Annie Horstman seconded and the motion carried 11-0.

C. [Nominating Committee](#)

Kathleen asked how many people are needed for this committee and Deanna responded we need board officers and committee chairs. Deanna said that Kathleen can contact board members and ask if they're interested in being part of the Nominating Committee, or they can offer within the meeting itself tonight.

Kathleen asked if there any volunteers who would like to be part of the Nominating Committee. Sarah JanTausch and Bob Horrocks volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

Deanna said the committee will be provided with everyone's contact information and they can discuss amongst themselves who they think would be good candidates for the various offices and committee chairs and ask those members to be officers of board.

Kelly Wood mentioned that if they had questions, Carolyn Slone has been the Nominating Committee Chair for many years and could provide information.

D. [IFC Meeting - May](#)

Deanna stated that we added the May IFC meeting to the Board Meeting calendar, due to all of the updates and items that need to be discussed concerning all of the capital projects. She encouraged everyone, even if not a member of the IFC to attend to get the latest information.

8. [Adjournment: Kathleen Johnson, Board Chair](#)

Kathleen asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Motion 22.03.17: Benjamin Winkler moved to adjourn the April 21, 2022 Board Meeting, Lynnette Cook seconded. Motion carried 11-0.

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:27 p.m.

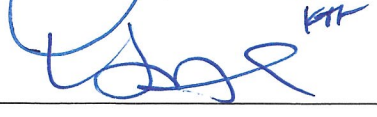
Respectfully submitted:

Kelly Wood, Administrative Assistant

Accepted:

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Kathleen Johnson, Board Vice Chair

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Lynn Stacy, Board Secretary