



Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

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Board Meeting Minutes | November 17, 2022

Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce | 2 Troy Road, Delaware, OH 43015

1. **Call to Order:** *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:38 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** *Rhianna Mattix, Associate Director*

Roll was called, which determined a quorum was met.

Board Members Attending: David Black, Robert Horrocks, Kathleen Johnson, Samuel Stahl, Crystal Mazza, Zachary (Zach) Miller, Ruchelle Pride, Trevor Thomas, Jeremiah Wagner, Marnie Whaley-Buckel, Benjamin Winkler

Board Members Excused: Lynnette Cook, Sarah JanTausch, Lynn Stacey

Board Guests: Melissa Meyer, Diane Bricker, Julie Erwin-Rinaldi, Susan Hanson

Staff Present: Deanna Brant, Ian Ferguson, Rhianna Mattix, Kristan Warren, Susan Hannahs, and Kyle Lewis.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Benjamin Winkler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda and Deanna Brant stated there were none from the staff. Zach Miller moved to insert an executive session in order to consider the employment or compensation of a public employee.

Motion 22/11/1: To accept the revised November 17th, 2022 Board agenda, as presented.

Zach Miller moved to accept, and David Black seconded. The motion carried, and was thus adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Executive Session:** *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to hold an Executive Session to consider the employment or dismissal of a public employee, and the employment or compensation of a public employee.

5. **Introduction of New Staff:** *Deanna Brant*

Deanna Brant had Susan Hannahs introduce herself and tell the board a little about her previous experience and skills, as well as future projects.

6. **Approve Minutes of October 20, 2022 Board Meeting:** *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Ben Winkler asked for a motion to approve the Board Agenda, as presented.

Motion 22/11/2: The full Board accepts the October 20, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Ben Winkler moved to approve the October 20, 2022 Board meeting agenda. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. **Public Comments:** *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Melissa Meyer of Maryhaven spoke about her organization's walk-in services, (known as Open Access) for those seeking more immediate treatment without an appointment, particularly for those without insurance. These take place Monday-Friday at all regional offices from 9a-11a. She stated that they had 55 people use their Walk-In services in October, and average about 3 new patients a day.

Diane Bricker of Safe Harbor stated that she was fairly new to her role as Executive Director, and that she would have more to share soon.

Sue Hanson of Helpline gave an update on their Signs of Suicide Program. Specifically, she stated that they've worked with 3,000 students since the start of the school year, which includes both Delaware and Morrow County. However, they've only been able to screen about 1,200 due to the need of parents to opt into the program. She also spoke about their QPR Program (Question, Persuade, Refer), and that she would be willing to train any staff on it. Lastly, she spoke about their Guardians for Good Luncheon, which she invited board members to attend, and their theme this year is mental health and suicide prevention.

8. **Committees and Directors Reports:**

A. **Approve Minutes of October 20, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting:**
Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair

Ben Winkler asked if there were any objections or requested corrections to the meeting minutes from the October 20th, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting minutes, and there were none.

Motion 22/11/3: The full Board accepts the October 20, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

Ben Winkler moved to approve the October 20, 2022 Finance Committee meeting minutes. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

B. **Approve Minutes of November 17, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting:**
Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair

Ben Winkler noted that all board members on the Planning Committee were at the present board meeting. Robert Horrocks, the acting chairperson of the Planning Committee stated he had nothing to add. As such, Ben Winkler waived the verbal report of the November Planning Committee meeting, and moved to accept the October 20, 2022 Planning Committee meeting report.

Motion 22/11/4: The full Board accepts the October 20, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting Report as presented.

Ben Winkler moved to approve the October 20, 2022 Planning Committee meeting report. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

C. Community Impact Director's Report – *Kristan Warren – Community Impact Director*

Kristan noted that her report was present in the Board Packet distributed to all members. She asked if anyone present had any questions regarding it. Hearing no further questions, the board proceeded to the next agenda item.

D. Communications Director's Report – *Kyle Lewis – Communications Director*

Kyle noted that his report was present in the Board Packet distributed to all members. He asked if anyone present had any questions regarding it. He also pointed out that staff are in the process of media training. He emphasized the importance that everyone knows what to say and do when speaking with reports or any members of the public, particularly if asked difficult questions. He also noted that taught the administrative assistant how to upload board materials to the website, and that he would be doing so for future meetings as well. Hearing no further questions, the Board Chair moved the meeting to the next agenda item.

E. Associate Director's Report – *Rhianna Mattix – Associate Director*

Rhianna noted that her report was present in the Board Packet distributed to all members. She asked if anyone present had any questions regarding it. She highlighted the Drug take-back program in Morrow County, working with the Sheriff's Office in the process. Zach Miller asked a question about the staff time study. Rhianna stated that she started the pilot for the program on November 3rd, with Kyle starting the week after. She noted she hopes to have it out as a staff initiative beginning in December or January, and then report back to the Board. Hearing no further questions, the board proceeded to the next agenda item.

F. Executive Director's Report – *Deanna Brant – Executive Director*

Deanna Brant noted that her report was present in the Board Packet distributed to all members. She gave an update in regard to Walmart's settlement in an ongoing opioid litigation case. She also spoke about constitutional Issue 1, which was recently passed by Ohio voters. The issue will allow the Ohio government to consider public safety when setting bail amounts. She believes that this will negatively impact those suffering from mental illness and addiction, particularly since it is difficult to enforce such a measure equitably.

She also noted that Medicaid (next generation managed care) was delayed to February, rather than the originally planned December. She expressed concern that when the next generation contracts go into effect, people may re-enroll with different companies, or even unintentionally un-enroll. Deanna also noted that she made an offer to the new finance director who accepted the position, and there will a public announcement made on that later. Hearing no further questions, the board proceeded to the next agenda item.

9. New Business:**A. Out of Network Provider Update – Deanna Brant - Executive Director**

Deanna Brant explained the purpose in giving staff media training, specifically as a result of an employee of non-network provider, working for schools in Delaware, who was indicted on two counts of a felony crime against children. She has scheduled a meeting with that provider to discuss statutory responsibilities and reporting. She also met with the Ohio department of Mental Health and License Certification, and informed the board to be aware that could be in the media, and the steps that were taken as a result. She also stated her concern that members of the public may not differentiate between providers that the board does and does not fund. Robert asked if that provider was required to do background checks, which Deanna Brant noted that they were. Hearing no further questions, the board proceeded to the next agenda item.

B. Coalition Coordinator Position: Drug-Free Delaware – Deanna Brant - Executive Director

Deanna Brant gave some background on the Coalition Coordinator position, such as that the board approved the coalition coordinator position as an independent contractor two years ago; as a result of the pandemic. Previously, that position had been led by Recovery and Prevention Resources. She noted that Lisa Dooley – a former Vista Volunteer with a Master’s Degree in Public Health, has done an excellent job in that role. Deanna Brant stated that due to how the grant funding works, it’s not feasible to maintain her as an independent contractor; often due to long wait times to be paid or reimbursed. As such, Deanna Brant proposed that the board allow DMMHRSB to hire Lisa as a full-time employee; as a coalition coordinator. This new position will primarily be funded by State Opioid Response dollars, not locally. Robert asked if the new position will be funded through the duration of the grant. Deanna Brant replied that they will be employed at-will, so they aren’t completely tied to grant funding or duration. Even so, Deanna Brant intends to apply for a federal five-year grant at a later date, to help fund the position indirectly. Rhianna then read the motion aloud, which was heard by Ben Winkler, motioned by David Black, and seconded by Marnie Whaley-Buckel. The motion thus carried with unanimous consent.

Motion 22/11/5: The Full Board authorizes the Executive Director to hire a Coalition Coordinator at a salary within Pay Range Level 3, as indicated in the Staff Salary Scale Guidelines dated, June 7, 2022.

David Black moved to accept the motion, and Marnie Whaley-Buckel seconded. The motion carried, and was thus adopted by unanimous consent.

C. Board Resolution Authorizing and Directing the IFC to Review and Approve Change Orders and Related Funding Requests – Deanna Brant - Executive Director

Ben Winkler noted that this business was initially brought up at the October Board meeting, and asked Deanna Brant to summarize. She noted that the resolution would allow the IFC to approve change orders up to a certain dollar amount. She noted that per David Black’s suggestion, that instead of doing it as a cap on each individual change order, this would set it as a percentage of the total estimated cost of the project. David Moser also revised it, so

that it wouldn't exceed 10% of the cost of the Meadow Center project. Trevor Thomas asked how that would be controlled and tracked, and Deanna Brant replied that they will come back at a later date with the answer, and that the Finance Director will be able to assist on that as well, particularly through the use of a spreadsheet with an ongoing total. Ben Winkler asked if there would be weekly reports, such as with cumulative change orders, and Robert asked about a potential scenario where funding was disrupted or otherwise unexpected. Ben Winkler suggested that the Executive Director be able to handle funding requests below a certain threshold, but to consult the IFC if the dollar amount was higher than that. Rhianna spoke about the involvement of the construction manager and architect, and how their projections would be reported to the board. Deanna Brant also noted the importance reasonable notice in response to Ben Winkler's question on that subject.

Motion 22/11/6: The Full Board authorizes the adoption of a Board Resolution authorizing and directing the IFC to review and approve change orders and related funding requests.

Marnie Whaley-Buckel moved to accept the motion, and David Black seconded. The motion carried, and was thus adopted by unanimous consent.

10. **Executive Session:** *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property or to consider the sale of property by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Motion 22/11/6: The full Board approves removing the language of motion 23.10.10 of 'amending the contract with the Executive Director to set their annual salary at \$125,000' and replacing it with 'amending the contract with the Executive Director to set their annual salary at 11.1% higher than the salary listed on 10/19/2022 with a retroactive start date of 7/1/2022. Zach Miller made the motion, Robert Horrocks seconded, and the motion carried 11-0.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion 22/11/7: The full Board moves to adjourn the November 17, 2022 meeting.

David Black moved to accept the motion, and Marnie Whaley-Buckel seconded. The motion carried, and was thus adopted by unanimous consent.

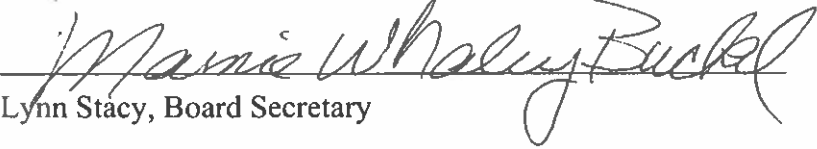
The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Ian Ferguson, Administrative Assistant

Accepted:

~~Benjamin Winkler~~, Board Chair
Marnie Whaley-Buckel


Lynn Stacy, Board Secretary