



# Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

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Board Meeting Minutes | August 20, 2020 | **Virtual**  
DMMHRSB Boardroom | 40 N. Sandusky St. Delaware, Ohio

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** *Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:31 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

**Board Members Attending:** Lynnette Cook, Joseph (Joe) Gigliotti, Dr. Annie Horstman, Kathleen Johnson, Tiesha Johnson, Zachary (Zach) Miller, Adelbert (Del) Robeson, Christopher (Chris) Shamro, Carolyn Slone, Benjamin Winkler

**Board Members Excused:** Steve Serio, Lynn Stacy, Marnie Whaley-Buckel

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

**Provider Representatives Attending:** Sharon Dewey, Nate Green, Sue Hanson, Cindy Ison, Angela Lee, Cara McLanahan, Melissa Meyer, Rhonda Milner, Julie Erwin-Rinaldi, Paula Roller, Todd Walts, Tony Williams, Wendy Williams, Jim Wilson, Erica Wood

**Board Guests Attending:** Brian Petrie

**VISTA Representative:** Ginny Schminke-Yaussy,

2. **Approval of Agenda:** *Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair*

Joe asked if there were any additions/changes to the Board Meeting Agenda. Deanna stated the approval of the June 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes should be revised to “*Special Board Meeting Minutes*,” since it was called in addition to the 6-11-2020 Board Meeting.

Joe asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of the word “Special” to Agenda item 9.

**Motion 20.08.01:** Benjamin Winkler moved to accept the revised Board meeting agenda, Del Robison second and the motion carried 9-0.

3. **Recognition – Community Partner Award – Brian Petrie:** *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna stated that at the Annual Meeting in the fall they nominate “Community Partners who do an exemplary job of working in the community around the issues that we face with behavioral health.”

She then asked Erica Wood and Cara McLanahan of Syntero, Sharon Dewey, School Services Coordinator and Kristan Warren from the Board staff, who made the nomination, to speak about

Brian Petrie, Superintendent of the Cardington-Lincoln School district and his commitment and support to the schools and Morrow County.

Deanna then asked Brian if he would like to comment.

Brian said he wanted to thank the Board for the recognition, but also for providing them with the services they receive.

**4. Recognition – Jon Lewis:** *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

While Jon could not be present, Deanna reviewed his nine (9) years as Board Counsel, highlighting some of his contributions and thanking him for his service.

**5. Recognition – Paula Roller, Turning Point:** *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna spoke about Paula's contributions and accomplishments at Turning Point as she prepares to retire as it's Executive Director.

Paula spoke about her time with Turning Point, calling it "*a labor of love.*" She stated that one of her greatest accomplishments was bringing a women's shelter to Delaware, but she is most proud of the increased awareness of domestic violence, the agency and the work it does.

**6. Introduction of new Board Members:**

Deanna introduce the two newest Board Members appointed by the Delaware County Commissioners; Dr. Anna Horstman and Benjamin Winkler. She then asked each to introduce themselves.

**7. Public Comments:** *Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair; Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Joe asked if any of the Providers would like to speak and Deanna said she would call on each Provider that was present, to speak briefly about anything that was currently happening with the organization.

Del-Mor Dwellings – Jim Wilson – They are very close to completing their 40-unit permanent supportive housing project – Courage Court. He expects it to be completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of September. He's not sure there will be an open house for the project, but they will put together a video tour of the property, detailing how it came to be and the services they will provide to residents. He then thanked the Board for its support of Courage Court and hoped to one day host a board meeting there.

Jim stated they had scaled back their in-office presence slightly, but didn't stop direct contact with residents, as that isn't possible with the type of services they provide. He said they have been "*cautious but committed*" to making sure their residents have had what they need.

Jim also spoke about his respect for Paula Roller and her accomplishments and how much he has enjoyed working with her.

HelpLine – Sue Hanson – Sue gave a brief overview of what their organizations does for the new Board members. She then stated the Hotline & text line are seeing an increase in the number of

people contacting them with challenges due to COVID. They are trying to be innovative with prevention services in the schools. QPR training, an adult suicide prevention program, has been successfully transferred to a virtual platform.

Maryhaven – Rhonda Milner/Melissa Meyer – Rhonda said they are now offering face-to-face services to all clients. They have a new Rapid Engagement Specialist, Heather Stone.

NAMI – Todd Walts – Todd said they are having a rally on September 1<sup>st</sup> to promote their fundraiser NAMI Walk, which is a virtual event and will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. He stated they are holding twenty-one (21) support groups monthly, which is a five hundred percent (500%) growth over the last thirty-two (32) months. They have added two new groups for adults aged 18 – 30.

Recovery and Prevention Resources – Tony Williams – Tony stated he would normally be talking about school things and that schools have actually been contacting them requesting some of the prevention programs. They continue to provide treatment services via in-person and telehealth.

Safe Harbor – Angela Lee – Angela stated they applied for and received a SAMSHA grant. The new By-Laws for their board were approved in July and new in the, is they are shifting to co-presidents for the Board. Martha Spohn-White was approved as the non-consumer Co-President.

Angela then said that with the Governor's grant, they were able to hire a part-time person for their peer bridging program. She stated they had one of their consumers complete peer recovery certification from OhioMHAS and have three (3) more interested in becoming peer support specialists.

Angela followed up saying they will be sending announcements out soon for their October fundraiser.

Southeast – Nate Green/Wendy Williams/Cindy Ison – Nate started off saying their primary care is up and running and has been well received. They continue with telehealth and live services and are slowly starting with transporting clients again.

Wendy said they have started face-to-face services again in the Morrow County Jail.

Cindy stated the staff is excited about being able to provide some transportation to clients and they have come up with creative ways to serve people. She feels there has been a greater collaboration and partnership between providers due to COVID circumstances and she is proud to be a part of that. Cindy said she is thankful for the partnerships and feels we have a great service delivery system and they are honored to be a part of it.

Syntero – Julie Erwin-Rinaldi/Erica Wood – Julie stated that Erica would be speaking on school-based items. Erica said all summer programs were completed through telehealth. She stated they have met with all four (4) of the Delaware County School Districts and have services ready. Schools are reporting 20% - 25% of students will be online only, so they are working to make sure these students are getting their needs met as well as the in-person students. She said they will be meeting with the four (4) Morrow County School Districts next week and they are collaborating with clinicians at DACC. A new service they are rolling out is a Direct Care Referral Line. Each District has a dedicated line that a parent can use to refer their child for service. Syntero then goes to the school counselor and work out services.

Turning Point – Paula Roller – Paula introduced the new Executive Director, Amber Scott and provided a brief background about her.

Deanna then introduced our new VISTA representative, Virginia (Ginny) Schminke-Yaussy and asked her to introduce herself.

Joe then asked Zach to proceed with the Meeting minutes.

**8. Approval of June 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes:** *Zach Miller, Board Secretary*

Zach asked if there were any comments or corrections to the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and if none asked for a motion to approve.

**Motion 20.08.02:** Del Robeson moved to accept the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, Lynnette Cook second and the motion carried 9-0.

**9. Approval of June 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes:** *Zach Miller, Board Secretary*

Zach asked if there were any comments or corrections to the June 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes and if none asked for a motion to approve.

**Motion 20.08.03:** Kathleen Johnson moved to accept the June 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Tiesha Johnson seconded and the motion carried 9-0.

**10. Committee's and Director's Report:**

**Joint Committee:** *Kathleen Johnson, Acting Chair – Joint Committee*

a. **Approval of June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes:**

Kathleen asked if there were any comments or corrections to the June 11, 2020 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes and if none asked for a motion to approve.

**Motion 20.08.04:** Benjamin Winkler moved to accept the June 11, 2020 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes, Del Robeson seconded and the motion carried 9-0.

b. **Approval of August 20, 2020 Verbal Report:**

Kathleen provided a brief recap of the August 20, 2020 Joint Committee meeting. She stated there was a motion to the Board for the Syntero FY2021 Additional Allocation and asked if there was a second.

**Motion 20.08.05:** Joe Gigliotti seconded and the motion carried 9-0.

**Executive Director's Report:** *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna stated due to her being out of town the previous week, she did not prepare a written report, so she would provide a verbal report, take questions and if it was decided that anything should be in writing, she would follow up.

She talked about receiving the first quarter allocations from OhioMHAS with no funding cuts.

Delaware County Fall tax disbursements are expected to come in with a slight reduction, about six (6) weeks later than we normally receive them.

She and Board Counsel David Moser have updated the Board By-Laws, which they will present as a draft at the August 31, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

Deanna stated the Board consortium does have a plan for IT management services and don't expect to extend the PPS agreement.

She said the staff is looking into Board sponsored trainings and presenting them virtually. Some lend themselves to this more easily than others.

Deanna stated the App developed jointly with the Morrow County Sheriff, with features that involve the Sheriff's Office and features that involve connections to mental health and addiction treatment within our system has been downloaded more than 600 times since its launch.

She then said the Service Coordinator with the Delaware City Police Department is up and running.

Deanna stated Board Survey will be available at the August 31, 2020 Executive Committee meeting and the Board's Annual Meeting is set for November 12, 2020 and we're looking at options for an in-person meeting if possible or virtual if not.

She said the staff will start working on the Policies and Procedures manual soon, but this will take some time to complete and they haven't been updated in a while.

Deanna reviewed Syntero's First Responder's Support program, which through the grant, provides 4-6 counseling sessions for first responders in Delaware and Morrow Counties, related to pandemic stress response.

Deanna reiterated the next Executive Committee meeting is August 31, 2020.

## **11. Adjournment:**

Joe asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

**Motion 20.08.06:** Dr. Annie Horstman moved to adjourn the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting. Del Robeson seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kelly Wood, Administrative Assistant

Accepted:

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Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair