



Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

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Board Meeting Minutes | June 11, 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 7:30 p.m. and Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Attending:

Lynnette Cook, Joseph (Joe) Gigliotti, Kathleen Johnson, Tiesha Johnson, Adelbert (Del) Robeson, Steve Serio, Christopher (Chris) Shamro, Carolyn Slone, Lynn Stacey, Marnie Whaley-Buckel

Board Members Excused: Zachary (Zach) Miller, Jane McCray

Staff Present:

Beth Anway, Deanna Brant, Kyle Lewis, Rhianna Mattix, Karen Mohr, Kelly Wood

David Moser (Board Counsel)

Provider Representatives Attending:

Julie Erwin-Rinaldi, Sue Hanson, Angela Lee, Rhonda Milner, Brian Votaw, Todd Walts, Tony Williams, Wendy Williams

2. **Introduction of David Moser, new Board Counsel:** *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna introduced the David Moser, of Isaac, Wiles, Burkholder & Teetor, the new Board counsel.

David spoke about Isaac Wiles and the team of people who will help him support the Board. He then spoke about his background, connections to Delaware County and how he became acquainted with Deanna.

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

Joe asked for a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda, as presented.

Motion 20.06.01: Steve Serio moved to accept the Board meeting agenda, as presented. Lynnette Cook seconded. The motion carried 10-0.

4. **Provider/Public Comments**

Del-Mor Dwellings – No representative attending

HelpLine – Sue Hanson – They are reaching out to school partners to try to determine what things could potentially look like. It's hard to plan when you don't know how school will look.

Working on getting QPR training on a webinar. They will test in-house first before releasing to the public. Working on ways to make “Suicide Walk” virtual this year. Most of their staff are still working from home.

Jacob Walls Foundation – No representative attending

Maryhaven – Rhonda Milner – They are still providing all services through telehealth, but are working on ways to allow clients to come back to the office safely.

NAMI – Todd Walts – They asked for and received a donation for an OWL Conference System, which is a 360° camera and launched their first support group using it. It is a hybrid meeting using Zoom and in-person. They had their first family support group using the camera the night before this meeting. Will be slowly introducing it to other groups.

Recovery & Prevention Resources – Tony Williams – They never closed down and continue to provide in-person services, as well as telehealth. The prevention staff is working with the schools to see what they can learn, most schools still don’t know what they will need. Has a commitment from one school, but not for in-person services. The summer program piloted last year is in motion for Big Walnut students. The details on the program for Buckeye Valley and Olentangy will be forthcoming.

Safe Harbor – Angie Lee – They have had clients coming in-person the last two weeks. The biggest adjustment for this has been they have to wear a mask or face shield. They have re-organized their board & by-laws, per the consultant’s recommendation and this will be voted on by their membership in July. They received a \$25,000 grant from the Governor’s office to be utilized for a peer bridge program. They will be submitting a proposal to make a virtual presentation at the Ohio Peer Support conference on June 22nd.

Southeast – Wendy Williams – They opened their primary care clinic at the Bowtown office and they are excited to be providing integrated healthcare in the Delaware Community.

- Brian Votaw – *“Things are going well in Morrow County”* with services and they appreciate the Boards’ support.

Syntero – Julie Erwin-Rinaldi – Julie said they are working with community partners on how they will coordinate on a soft re-opening. They are providing most services through telehealth. All summer groups are virtual. They are reaching out to schools to see what needs may be, before fall.

5. **Approval of 4/09/2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair**

Joe stated that these minutes were presented for approval at the May meeting, but Tony Williams questioned a dollar amount in them. He then asked Deanna if this was researched and what did she find. Deanna stated the dollar amount quoted in the April 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes were accurate, that Tony had been notified and the minutes are being left as originally submitted.

Joe asked for a motion to approve the April 9, 2020 Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Motion 20.06.02: Lynnette Cook moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes. Lynn Stacy seconded. The motion carried 10-0.

6. **Approval of 5/14/2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair**

Joe asked for a motion to approve the May 14, 2020 Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Motion 20.06.03: Steve Serio moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes. Lynn Stacy seconded. The motion carried 10-0.

7. Committees and Director's Reports:

A. Joint Committee: *Lynn Stacy, Acting Chair Joint Committee*

1) Approval of May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Lynn asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the May 14, 2020 Joint Committee Meeting minutes, and if not, for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion 20.06.03: Lynnette Cook moved to approve the Joint Committee Meeting minutes of February 13, 2020, as presented. Steve Serio second. The motion carried 10-0.

2) Approval of verbal report of April 9, 2020 Joint Committee Meeting

Lynn asked for additions or corrections to the verbal report of the Joint Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting and if none, or a motion to approve the report. Deanna stated the motion needed to approve the slate of motions of the Joint Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion 20.06.04: Marnie Whaley-Buckel moved to approve the verbal report of Joint Committee Meeting held prior to the Board Meeting. Del Robeson second. The motion carried 10-0.

B. Community Special Services Report – *Rhianna Mattix*

Rhianna reviewed her reports that were presented to the Board, pointing out the report had been updated as requested in the last Board meeting. She thanked Robert Peare for assisting her with this.

She stated that NEOMED was working with staff to obtain a grant to deliver the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training virtually. She said we were awarded nearly \$40,000 for CIT. We are hoping to partner with NEOMED and other counties awarded grant money, to work on a virtual platform for delivering this training. Support for this program is very good and the Spring training that was postponed due to the pandemic, has had 3 different departments inquiring as to when it might be rescheduled. She gave a “*shout out*” to Officer Robert Hatcher for assisting with the grant. She stated he is a huge advocate for this training.

Crisis services has had an uptick.

She is working to hammer out the details of her adult care facilities visits and hopes to have completed it in the next week or so. Continuing work on the Community Plan to present to the Board in a future meeting.

Joe thanked Rhianna for her report.

8. New Business:

- a. Sophisticated Systems Report Update – Deanna stated she sent everyone the final report generated by Sophisticated Systems on our network assessment. She said getting through the report was a bit daunting due to the length of the report.

The PPS Consortium has come up with a short-term plan that involves several moving parts, including a 90-day extension of the FY2020 contract with PPS, to allow us time to make decisions as a board, from the four scenarios that were present in the report.

She asked if there were any questions and that she would try to answer them. Any recommendations will probably be presented to the Executive Committee instead of the Board, due to measures that need to be put into place to address issues in the report.

Joe feels there should be a few board members who want to be involved in assisting with this. Deanna agreed.

Del said it is a scary document with a lot of work to be done and feels there should be a specific committee to monitor, more than anything with this issue. Joe agreed and if not a committee, at least a work group who will focus on the issues.

Chris Shamro asked for a summary of the situation. Joe gave his interpretation of the report, stating there are parts of our system that need repaired. Chris then asked if we were concerned about someone hacking in. Joe said no, it was more to get servers updated and maintenance agreements up to date. Chris said he could help out, when it gets organized, as he used to run a small network at a previous job.

Marnie pointed out to Chris there was summary in the report with the issues listed.

Deanna stated that there are certain areas where there could be security vulnerabilities to be worked on.

- b. Election of FY2021 Officers – Carolyn Slone, head of the nominating committee, gave her report. She said she tried to contact everyone concerning running and that Joe Gigliotti agreed to be nominated for Board Chair, Marnie Whaley-Buckel for Vice Chair and Zach Miller for Secretary. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Since there were none, she asked for a motion to close the nominations and accept the Board officers as nominated.

Motion 20.06.05: Chris Shamro moved to close the nominations and accept the nominations for the FY2021 Board Officers, as presented. Lynn Stacy second. The motion carried 10-0.

Joe encouraged the new board members to consider running for office next year.

- c. Declaration of Public Health Crisis - Racism – Deanna reported that on June 5th the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities developed and approved as a state-wide board membership, the declaration that racism is a public health crisis.

She said that Kyle Lewis is working on a statement that we will issue jointly with the providers. She stated these are very trying times and is hoping the Board will resolve to support this declaration and the comments listed in it.

Chris Shamro asked if we were going to do something in addition to this commentary or publishing this commentary as a general practice? Deanna replied both. She thinks our *“board association and providers believe that in addition to making a public statement regarding our stance on this issue and how we stand together in this, that it is our belief to take action on a lot of the items that are listed in the declaration.”* She would like to make

a public statement about *“where we stand and the impact racism has on healthcare, health inequities, the work we provide, our providers, provider employees and the general community.”*

She then said there may be providers who would like to speak about what they have done in their own organization. Providers from Safe Harbor and HelpLine provided an overview of what they are doing around this issue, as well as other marginalized individuals.

Lynnette said she is in support of this statement, as well as if the Board wants to make their own in addition to this one, but she thinks we to go beyond just statements and maybe it's time to dedicate money to education awareness and additional equity to people of color. *“It's not just about equality, it's also about equity.”*

Chris stated he thinks we might need to develop an engagement accompaniment program.

Lynnette then asked if the Health Commissioner is doing anything with public health. Deanna said in the Delaware County Community Health Improvement Plan, there are cross cutting strategies that have to do with multiculturalism, competence of healthcare staff around these kinds of issues. It is something they have been working on in collaboration with their community partners.

Joe feels we could come up with a statement for the board association. He likes the idea of doing something more active. Maybe it's time for a small group of people to look at policies, procedures and practices and a broader issue of accessing access to providers in Delaware and Morrow counties.

Deanna said we would be in support of taking thoughtful action using data.

Del stated he felt we should have a motion to adopt it. Marnie second and said we need to have action, not just a declaration and she would be willing to work on that.

Motion 20.06.06: We support the declaration of racism as a public health crisis as described in the statement from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities

Del Robeson moved to endorse the declaration of racism as a public health crisis, as presented by Deanna. Marnie Whaley-Buckel seconded. The motion carried 10-0.

9. Executive Session:

Joe stated they would need to go into Executive Session for human resources and personnel decisions, so he need a motion to do this.

Motion 20.06.07: Lynnette Cook moved to go into Executive Session. Chris Shamro second. The motion carried 10-0.

Board went into Executive Session.

Motion 20.06.08: Carolyn Slone moved to exit Executive Session and reconvene. Lynn Stacy second. The motion carried 10-0.

10. Reconvene

Roll was taken and the Board reconvened at 9:03 pm.

Joe stated the Board had accepted the evaluation completed by all of the Board members of Deanna Brant, Executive Director. He congratulated her on a record setting performance. She received high marks and complimentary remarks.

Joe said since she has a four (4) year contract, any changes would require an amendment, so he will talk to Board Counsel to determine what that involves. The Board is not ready to take any action yet on the actual agreement.

Joe indicate he and Deanna could meet if there were things she'd like to see changed. He encouraged any of the other Board members to speak about her work, if they wished.

Kathleen Johnson, Lynnette Cook, Lynn Stacy, Del Robeson, Marnie Whaley-Buckel and Steve Serio all spoke about what they appreciated about Deanna and the job she does.

11. Adjournment:

Joe asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Motion 20.06.09: Kathleen Johnson moved to adjourn the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting. Steve Serio seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Kelly Wood, Administrative Assistant

Accepted:

Joe Gigliotti, Board Chair