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**MINUTES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND
RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY
BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2019
LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM B
226 MIDDLE AVE., 4TH FLOOR
ELYRIA, OH 44035**

Present: David Ashenhurst, Tim Carrion, Arthur Cleary, Kara Copeland, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Ted Kalo, Karen Mellwaine, Dr. Hope Moon, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Guest: Gerald Innes, Assistant County Prosecutor

Staff: Elaine Georgas, Interim Executive Director; Charles Neff, Associate Director; Barry Habony, Business Operations Director; Dr. Vicki Montesano, Community Services Director; Rhonda Heginbotham, Fiscal Coordinator; Jeanette Hinkle, Operations Specialist; Clare Rosser, Director of Communications and Community Relations; Lise Day, Court Project Manager; Peggy Barron, Associate Director; Jinx Mastney, Project Coordinator; Wendy Caldwell, Project Coordinator; Christine Robinson, Program Director; Patrice McKinney, Manager of Human Resources and Special Projects

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Elaine Georgas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF:

Clare Rosser introduced staff, and guests at the meeting: David O'Brien, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram reporter; Kevin Martin, Lorain Morning Journal reporter; Commissioner Matt Lundy; Tristen McConn, Tracy Kohls, Ronald Cross, Kathryn Boylan, County Administrator Jim Cordes; Bob Graham, Logos Development; Commissioner Lori Kokoski, Dawn Walther, Tom Stuber, Cathie Leimbach, Monica Bauer, Emerson Rutledge

3. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum found.

4. OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Judge Chris Cook administered the oath of office to new Board members of the MHARS Board.

5. **SELECTION OF A CHAIR PRO TEM:**

Elaine Georgas asked that Board members open the floor in order to nominate a Board Chair Pro Tem from its membership. Dr. Hope Moon was nominated as Board Chair Pro Tem. With no other nominations, the floor was closed.

(Resolution 19-07-01a) Moved by Daniel Urbin, seconded by Dr. Denise Eacott

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

6. **RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ETHICS SECTION 2921.42, OHIO SUNSHINE LAW AND ORC 340:**

Board members were asked to sign forms in their binders attesting to their receipt of public ethics section 2921.42, Ohio Sunshine Law, and Ohio Revised Code 340.

7. **JOINT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Copies of meeting minutes from the Joint Board Committee were included in the Board members' binders, as a way to provide history and rationale that led to drafts of the Bylaws, Board name, and logo for the consideration of this new Board.

Dr. Moon asked that everyone at the meeting table share a little about themselves.

8. **BOARD NAME:**

The Board name originally presented was Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board of Lorain County.

There was discussion and consensus to amend the name by adding a comma after the words "Mental Health" and moving the word "and" between "Addiction" and "Recovery."

(Amended Resolution 19-07-01) Moved by James Schaepper, seconded by David Ashenhurst to approve the amendment.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

There was a motion to approve the new name of the Board as amended: Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County.

Carried.

Amended Resolution adopted.

9. **BOARD LOGO:**

Clare Rosser was asked to share how the Communications Work Group decided upon the draft logo for the new Board's consideration. There was consensus to amend the motion so the logo's second line is uniform with the first line's typeface.

(Amended Resolution 19-07-02) Moved by David Ashenhurst, seconded by Regan Phillips

Carried.

Amended Resolution adopted.

10. **BYLAWS:**

An explanation was shared regarding how the Governance Work Group developed the draft bylaws for the new Board's consideration. There was discussion with concerns expressed about having a Faith Based Outreach Committee. There was consensus to strike the Faith Based Outreach Committee from the listing on page 12 of the bylaws. Also, Board members were asked to strike that Committee from the listing on their Committee Assignment forms.

After some discussion, Article X on page 15 of the bylaws was amended by striking "two-thirds" and adding "simple majority." The Board's new name would also be updated in the bylaws.

(Amended Resolution 19-07-03) Moved by David Ashenhurst, seconded by Pamela Waite

Carried.

Amended Resolution adopted.

11. **BOARD OFFICERS:**

There was consensus to defer this agenda item for discussion at the Board Retreat. In the meantime, Board members were asked to email Patrice McKinney about their interest in serving as a Board Officer or in nominating one of their peers. Nominations will occur at the next Board meeting.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Board members were asked to complete their Committee Assignments forms by indicating their first, second, and third preferences and returning them to Patrice. There was discussion about setting Committee meeting schedules now, but there was consensus that Board members should first indicate their Committee preferences with the Committees later determining their own meeting dates and times.

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

There was discussion about scheduling a Board meeting in the next two weeks. (Monthly Board meetings of the former ADAS Board were held on third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.; and monthly Board meetings of the former LCBMH were held on fourth Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.)

A decision was made that Patrice would email Board members about their availability on 07/29/19, 07/30/19 or 07/31/19. There was consensus that Board meetings would begin at 5:30 p.m. and be held at the Amy H. Levin Conference and Learning Center as it already has audio recording equipment.

14. REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Patrice will email Board members to about best dates and times for regular Board meetings.

SECTION 121.22 OF OHIO REVISED CODE:

Assistant County Prosecutor Gerald Innes stated that without the establishment of a Board meeting schedule, the Board would need to adopt a rule setting a standard for meetings, so he recommended Section 121.22 of Ohio Revised Code. By doing so, the Board would be able to notify the media and public about meetings.

(Resolution 17-07-03a) Motion by David Ashenhurst, seconded by Tim Carrion

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

Patrice will email Board members to determine on which Saturday in August to hold a Board Retreat. In the meantime, staff would secure a facilitator and seek prior approval of the Board Retreat as an OhioMHAS-approved annual educational training for Board members.

16. **VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Monica Bauer thanked the Board members for all their hard work.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:35 p.m., Dr. Hope Moon asked for a motion with a second to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters related to the appointment, employment or promotion of a public employee or official.

(Resolution 19-07-04) Moved by Dr. Denise Eacott, seconded by Ted Kalo

Roll Call: (Aye): David Ashenhurst, Tim Carrion, Arthur Cleary, Kara Copeland, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Ted Kalo, Karen McIlwaine, Dr. Hope Moon, Regan Phillips Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

18. **RECONVENE BOARD MEETING:**

At 7:49 p.m., Dr. Hope Moon asked for a motion with a second to end Executive Session and to reconvene the Board meeting.

(Resolution 19-07-05) Moved by David Ashenhurst, seconded by Daniel Urbin

Roll Call: (Aye): David Ashenhurst, Tim Carrion, Arthur Cleary, Kara Copeland, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Ted Kalo, Karen McIlwaine, Dr. Hope Moon, Regan Phillips Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

19. **RECOMMENDATION ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Dr. Hope Moon announced that the Board **Recommended** Elaine Georgas as Interim Executive Director with all current compensation.

(Resolution 19-07-06) Moved by Inez James, seconded by Tim Carrion

Roll Call: (Aye): David Ashenhurst, Tim Carrion, Arthur Cleary, Kara Copeland, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Ted Kalo, Karen McIlwaine, Dr. Hope Moon, Regan Phillips Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

CHAIR PRO TEM:

Gerald Innes stated that a motion was needed that the Chair Pro Tem would chair the next meeting so she can have authority to sign any financial and administrative paperwork.

(Resolution 19-07-07) Moved by Daniel Urbin, seconded by Ted Kalo

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

20. **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Elaine Georgas thanked the Board and staff and that she looked forward to the opportunity of serving as the Interim Executive Director.

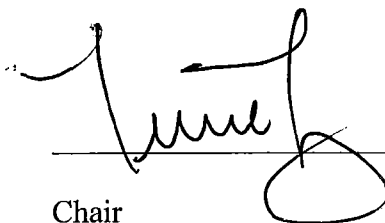
Charles Neff congratulated Elaine, and shared what an honor it has been to help in a temporary capacity, and he looked forward to helping out in any way he could in the next few weeks, and what a pleasure it was to become acquainted with some of the newer Board members.

Gerald Innes thanked Charles Neff for his help.

Dr. Hope Moon shared that she looked forward to participating on this new Board with such dynamic people.

21. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Chair



Secretary