

**MINUTES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND
RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY
BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 25, 2020**

**VIA GOTOMEETING, FACEBOOK LIVE FOR THE PUBLIC, AND AT
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1005 N. ABBE RD.
CULLINARY CENTER 2ND FLOOR, ROOM 227
ELYRIA, OH 44035**

Board Members Present: Dr. Hope Moon, Chair; David Ashenhurst, Tim Carrion, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Dr. Tracey Frierson, Joseph Hribar, Inez James, Karen McIlwaine Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Staff Present: Elaine Georgas, Interim Executive Director; Barry Habony, Business Operations Director; Mark Johnson, Community Services Director; Christine Robinson, Treatment and Recovery Services Director; Elizabeth Wolanski, Child and Adolescent Services Director; Clare Rosser, Communications and Community Relations Director; Heather Distin, Intersystem Program Director; Patrice McKinney, Human Resources and Special Projects Director

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Dr. Hope Moon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum found.

3. FINANCE REPORT:

a. Finance reported by Joseph Hribar:

Informational Item:

1. **List of Contracts** – Attached was a list of *Contracts Authorized by the Executive Director on Behalf of the MHARS Board of Directors*, which included a contract authorized by the Executive Director as an emergency contract for clinical services and an ISP contract for which the Board is the Fiscal Agent. (**Attachment 1**) Are there any questions? There were no questions.

Recommendations:

1. **Approval of Contracts** – Attached was a list of *Contracts to be Authorized by the Executive Director on Behalf of the MHARS Board of Directors*, which included ISP contracts for

which the Board is the Fiscal Agent. **(Attachment 2)** It was **Recommended** that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the attached list of *Contracts to be Authorized by the Executive Director on Behalf of the MHARS Board of Directors*, which included ISP contracts for which the Board is the Fiscal Agent.

(Resolution 20-07-01) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by David Ashenhurst that the Board adopt the resolution that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the attached list of *Contracts to be Authorized by the Executive Director on Behalf of the MHARS Board of Directors*, which included ISP contracts for which the Board is the Fiscal Agent.

Roll Call: (Aye): Dr. Hope Moon, Chair; David Ashenhurst, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Dr. Tracey Frierson, Joseph Hribar, Inez James, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

2. **Approval of the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 21** – Attached was the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 21. A detailed breakdown of each line item amount was included on the page following the Revised Budget. **(Attachment 3)** It was **Recommended** that the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 21 be approved.

(Resolution 20-07-02) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Regan Phillips that the Board adopt the resolution to approve the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 21.

Roll Call: (Aye): Dr. Hope Moon, Chair; David Ashenhurst, David DiTullio, Dr. Denise Eacott, Dr. Tracey Frierson, Joseph Hribar, Inez James, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera, Daniel Urbin, Pamela Waite

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 08/18/2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Amy Levin Center.

(Tim Carrion and Karen McIlwaine arrived for the meeting at 9:09 a.m.)

- b. Ad Hoc Disparities Committee, reported by Regan Phillips:

Committee members present: Regan Phillips, Chair, Tim Carrion, Dr. Tracey Frierson, Dr. Hope Moon (ex-officio), Inez James

Staff Present: Elaine Georgas

The Ad Hoc Committee met at the North Ridge Road site on 07/09/20 (Ms. James participated via GoToMeeting, and the meeting was broadcast via Facebook live). The Committee reported five informational items.

Informational:

1. **Committee Description** – Chair Phillips offered a draft Committee description. Members discussed the Boards’s leadership as the Behavioral Health Authority and to ensure the priorities of the committee include this as well as working with partners in the community regarding equity and healthcare disparities. Members reviewed the draft and consensus was that this is the description: “**Ad Hoc Disparities** – The Ad Hoc Disparities Committee shall assess and recommend programs, practices and policies that address behavioral health inequities for Lorain County’s residents and will partner with community stakeholders to advance health equity, improve quality and help eliminate racial and healthcare disparities.” Are there any questions? There were no questions.
2. **COVID-19 and Behavioral Health Disparities for Black and Latino Communities** – Chair Phillips shared the SAMHSA Document “Double Jeopardy: COVID-19 and Behavioral Health Disparities for Black and Latino Communities in the U.S.” Members discussed the importance of obtaining local data to understand this impact in Lorain County. Chair Phillips will contact the Lorain County Public Health’s Commissioner to obtain COVID-19 racial data for Lorain County. Are there any questions? There were no questions.
3. **Mapping out the Committee’s work** – Chair Phillips reminded members of the OACBHA Declaration that was recently adopted by the MHARS Board. Chair Phillips forwarded to members the Anti-Racism resolution from the Elyria YWCA. Members discussed the need to develop an Equity and Inclusion Action Plan and cited the document “Racial and Equity Action Plans” that was provided by Brown Consulting. Members discussed the need to identify goals for the committee – they agreed to draft and send these to Dr. Moon who will compile these for the next meeting. Members agreed that an assessment is a critical first step to building the action plans and will also help identify where possible consultation may be of value to the committee’s work. Dr. Frierson and Ms. Georgas will start identifying data that is available to assist the assessment process. Members discussed the potential to hear from the community – individuals, professionals and other stakeholders to help identify gaps and solutions. Are there any questions? There were no questions.
4. **Other Item** – Chair Phillips and Dr. Frierson reported on the value of taking the 21 Day Challenge and encouraged other members to undertake this challenge. Are there any questions? A request was made to share the Government Alliance on Race and Equity – Racial Action Plan document to which Elaine Georgas stated she would email them to all Board Members.
5. **Establish regular meeting day/time** – Members agreed to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Are there any questions? There were no questions.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

None.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The 42 CFR Revised Rules (Confidentiality Rules) will be published soon. The goal of the rule changes is to facilitate better coordination of care.

Ohio MHAS has filed rules to continue Telehealth for providers to keep clients engaged and served during COVID-19.

The Federal Communications Commission unanimously adopted rules to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. The rules require all phone service providers to direct all 988 calls to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. During the transition to 988, Americans who need help should continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) and through online chats.

We are beginning to plan for Week of Appreciation (September 20-26, 2020) which is an opportunity to show support and appreciation to those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders. This includes police officers, firefighters, EMTs, children's services workers, emergency department staff, and anyone else who may experience burnout or secondary trauma as a result of their work with individuals with addiction. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are not planning an annual 5K Run during Recovery Month this September. Our hope would be to focus into next year. Watch for other Recovery Month efforts.

We are awaiting notification from OhioMHAS on the FEMA Recovery Support Program funding which could assist in outreach and referral for individuals struggling with mental health and/or substance use issues due to COVID-19.

We are working with Mental Health Ohio to expand the capacity for providing Mental Health First Aid in a virtual format as well as expanding MHFA to adolescents, college age youth, minorities, older adults and faith-based partners.

Blessing House's Capital Application to expand from 1 - 28 beds in Lorain has been approved. Details will be processed through the Board's CR&P committee.

Please see attached flyers for two fundraisers from The LCADA Way and Road to Hope. Also, please see the flyer for the virtual staged reading from the Improbable Players. **(Attachment 4)**

Fiscal and program staff are reconciling and developing carryover requests for FY 20 funding for OhioMHAS. We would like to thank Director Criss and the entire OhioMHAS team for the initial allocations for FY 21 – which were not cut to our community and others. Director Criss continues to be our lead champion with the Governor and Legislators about the need for behavioral health

services in communities. We also plan to meet with our network of providers in the coming weeks to determine impacts due to COVID-19 on their proposed service provision for the current contract period. All FY 21 contracts are currently in process with our providers.

Next week some of our staff will be participating in an online training regarding ethical issues related to budgeting ethics and the allocation of scarce resources. The presentation will examine theoretical concepts of fairness and justice as they apply to the distribution of limited resources in an environment of scarcity. This will then be available for Board members to view as an upcoming webinar/training.

While we build out our new offices, we are targeting to bring staff from the Oberlin Avenue office to our North Ridge Road Site (who are not working from home at this time) effective August 1st. With this, our administrative staff are working on modernizing the phone system facilitating easier communication from the public. We are also updating our in-office safety COVID-19 procedures for screening and safe social distancing. Staff who can, are afforded the working from home option at this time with our front door remaining closed to the public for safety.

You have previously received notice of two staff resignations – Christine Robinson and Elizabeth Wolanski. Their last day of work is August 14. Both staff have clearly left an amazing footprint leadership in our community. We will miss them and we wish them all the best in their new roles. On June 24th Arielle Edwards (our Board's System Improvement Officer) celebrated her one-year anniversary with us. Please join us in welcoming Shakeer Mokerrom who will serve as an AmeriCorps/VISTA member with our board for a one-year period beginning July 20th.

Are there any questions? Elizabeth Wolanski and Christine Robinson were asked to share any details about their resignations and new positions.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

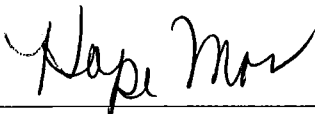
None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Regan Phillips that the meeting adjourn at 9:40 a.m. It was followed by the Strategic Planning Board Retreat.



Chair



Secretary

Contracts Authorized by the Executive Director on Behalf of the MHARS Board of Directors

July 25, 2020

Consultants - Vendors	Service Provided	Amount Paid
Burning River Digital Media LLC	Provide services as a digital media consultant	NTE \$1,040 for 6/8/20 - 6/30/20
Paul Friedman and Scott J Friedman	Provide legal representation for the Board at civil commitment hearings conducted pursuant to Chapter 5122 of the ORC @ \$100/hearing or motion	NTE \$6,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
*Safe and Reliable Cab	Provide transportation services for client care	NTE \$500 for 6/27/20
Blessing House	Provide respite care services @ \$65/child/day	NTE \$15,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Denise D. Ben-Porath, Ph.D.	Provide Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) consultation calls @ \$300/call	NTE \$3,600 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Greg Emanuelson, Ph.D.	Provide up to 11 half-day trainings for our Lorain County providers entitled "The Golden Thread of Documentation" @ \$100/hour plus mileage	NTE \$4,500 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Mike Ferrer	Design elements of a Lorain County Board of Mental Health sponsored "Eliminating Suicide Initiative" @ \$35.00/hour	NTE \$10,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Amanda Gillespie	Provide ASIST Training @ \$450.00/training	NTE \$4,500 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Inc.	Conduct Spanish language proficiency assessments @ \$40/hour	NTE \$1,440 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
**Bellefaire JCB	Provide Mental Health Day Treatment and Group CPST programming	NTE \$18,300 for 5/20/20 - 6/30/20
Barbara Boat, Ph.D.	Provide 7 one-hour Cognitive Processing Therapy consultation calls for network clinicians working with adults @ \$200/hr	NTE \$1,400 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Lamar	Billboard advertising	NTE \$3,000 for 7/20/20 - 9/6/20
Lorain County Juvenile Mental Health Court	Specialized Docket funding from OMHAS	NTE \$20,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
* ISP Contract for which the Board is the Fiscal Agent		
** Contract authorized by the Executive Director per MHARS Board of Director's By-Laws Article IX Section 3.A.1. and the Ohio Revised Code Section 340.041 as an emergency contract for clinical services.		

Contracts to be Authorized by the MHARS Board of Directors

July 25, 2020

Consultants - Vendors	Service Provided	Amount Paid
*Belmont Pines	ISP Residential and Crisis Services @ contracted per diem rates	NTE \$800,000 in total as budgeted for Placement Costs for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
*Bellefaire JCB	ISP Foster Care, Residential and Crisis Services @ contracted per diem rates	NTE \$800,000 in total as budgeted for Placement Costs for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
*Hittle House	ISP Residential Services @ contracted per diem rates	NTE \$800,000 in total as budgeted for Placement Costs for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
*SafeHouse Ministries	ISP Residential Services @ contracted per diem rates	NTE \$800,000 in total as budgeted for Placement Costs for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
*Applewood Centers, Inc.	ISP Residential Services @ contracted per diem rates	NTE \$800,000 in total as budgeted for Placement Costs for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Elyria Municipal Recovery Court	Specialized Docket funding from OMHAS	NTE \$75,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Lorain County Veterans Treatment Court	Specialized Docket funding from OMHAS	NTE \$30,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Lorain County Recovery Court	Specialized Docket funding from OMHAS	NTE \$50,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
Lorain County Family Drug Court	Specialized Docket funding from OMHAS	NTE \$30,000 for 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
* ISP Contract for which the MHARS Board is the Fiscal Agent		

Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
Revised Budget for FY21

	Original Budget FY21	Prior Approved Revisions FY21	Proposed Revisions FY21	Revised Budget FY21
Estimated Beginning Cash Balance - Board Levy	\$ 14,918,739		\$	14,918,739
Estimated Beginning Cash Balance - Unrestricted	129,644			129,644
Estimated Beginning Cash Balance - Board Allocations & Grants	1,328,986			1,328,986
Estimated Beginning Cash Balance - ISP	2,770,440			2,770,440
Estimated Beginning Cash Balance - TOTAL	19,147,809			19,147,809
Revenues:				
Levy	11,446,980	-	-	11,446,980
Local Grants	5,000	-	-	5,000
State Allocations & Grants	2,104,642	-	244,362	2,349,004
Federal Allocations & Grants	2,669,902	-	51,564	2,721,466
Pass-Through Grants	400,502	-	205,000	605,502
Integrated Services Partnership	895,231	-	-	895,231
Miscellaneous	455,372	-	-	455,372
Total Revenues	17,977,629	-	500,926	18,478,555
Expenses:				
Personnel - Salary and Benefits	1,910,500	-	(8,546)	1,901,954
Operating	396,500	30,000	14,400	440,900
Printing & Advertising	80,000	-	-	80,000
Board Development & Recognition	5,000	-	-	5,000
Capital Outlay	350,000	-	-	350,000
Auditor & Treasurer Fees - Levy	198,000	-	-	198,000
Integrated Services Partnership	1,619,683	-	-	1,619,683
Pass-Through Grants	400,502	-	205,000	605,502
Agency & Community	2,083,592	-	(305,411)	1,778,181
Network Agency Contracts	16,669,755	-	614,346	17,284,101
Total Expenses	23,713,532	30,000	519,789	24,263,321
Net Income	(5,735,903)	(30,000)	(18,863)	(5,784,766)
Estimated Ending Cash Balance - Board Levy	11,236,274			11,187,411
Estimated Ending Cash Balance - Unrestricted	129,644			129,644
Estimated Ending Cash Balance - Board Allocations & Grants	-			-
Estimated Ending Cash Balance - ISP	2,045,988			2,045,988
Estimated Ending Cash Balance - TOTAL	\$ 13,411,906			\$ 13,363,043

	REVENUES		EXPENSES			
	State Allocations & Grants	Federal Allocations & Grants	Pass-Through Grants	Personnel - Salary and Benefits	Operating	Pass-Through Grants
				Agency & Community	Network Agency Contracts	
Continuum of Care - NEO Collaborative Emergency COVID-19		51,564			51,564	
Prevention & Wellness - Primary Prevention	4,537			4,537		
Prevention & Wellness - Prevention Services Evidence Based Practice (EBP)	4,960			4,960		
Continuum of Care - Community Investments (MH Portion)	177,842				177,842	
Continuum of Care - Community Investments (SUD Portion)	27,929				27,929	
Continuum of Care - Community Investments (Board Elected)	77,837				77,837	
Criminal Justice Services - Forensic Monitoring	2,287					
Recovery Housing Operating Allocation	9,180				9,180	
Problem Casino/Gambling Addiction - SUD Gambling Addiction Prevention	17,484				17,484	
Subsidized Docket	2,306		125,000		2,306	
Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) line item shift				(175,838)		175,838
CoC SUD Portion line item shift				(67,030)		67,030
Prevention & Wellness - Primary Prevention line item shift				11,840		(11,840)
Prevention & Wellness - EBP line item shift				(9,988)		9,988
FR-CARA (FFY20) line item shift				(4,392)		12,938
SOR (FFY20) line item shift				3,750		(3,750)
Subsidized Docket line item shift	(80,000)		80,000	(80,000)		
Lorain County Suicide Prevention Coalition - OSPE carryover funds from FY20				5,500		
Parent Coach Training Stipend - NCASA carryover funds from FY20				1,250		
Brown Consulting contract extension into FY21			14,400			
	244,362	51,564	205,000	(8,546)	14,400	614,346



WHERE RECOVERY BEGINS

Diamond Day Field Party Benefit at Lake Erie Crushers Stadium

(July 14, 2020) - The LCADA Way, one of our region's leading and most recognized non-profit agencies for addiction recovery and mental health treatment, announces a new event this fall – the Diamond Day Field Party at Lake Erie Crushers Stadium, 2009 Baseball Boulevard in Avon, OH. The outdoor event will be held Saturday, September 19 from 4-7pm. A rain date is set for Sunday, September 20th.

Guests to the event will enjoy on-field activities like running the bases and a fast pitch radar gun area, live Motown music by the band Crusin', a short softball game featuring local celebrities, civic and community leaders vs. The LCADA Way management and board, silent auction and raffles, ballpark style food such as hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, water and soft drinks and ice cream, a meet-n-greet with Cleveland Indians legend Joe Charboneau, a visit by our area team mascots, giveaways and more. Everyone is encouraged to bring their baseball mitt and ball.

Joe Matuscak, Director of Marketing & Development at The LCADA Way said, "With the COVID-19 restrictions in place, we thought it best to cancel our large indoor annual Pearls of Wisdom Benefit and Recognition Dinner normally scheduled in October. In its place, we wanted to do something fun for our supporters and friends and thought a social distancing outdoor event at Lake Erie Crushers Stadium was just right for this year. We plan to bring back our Pearls of Wisdom gala in 2021, our 40th anniversary."

This event will follow recommended CDC, state and local guidelines for controlled group size based on event regulations, temperature monitoring, face coverings, hand washing, social distancing and food safety.

Dan Haight, newly elected President and CEO at The LCADA Way, knows how the funds raised will make a direct impact in our community. "As the need for recovery support continues during this pandemic throughout our large four-county coverage area, and the costs to deliver more of our counseling via video telehealth, we are asking for businesses and the community to support the event. Money raised goes back into our operations, offsetting event expenses and our operating costs not directly covered by insurance or grants, directly helping our customers recovering from drugs and alcohol, mental illness, gambling and other addictions.

Tickets to the Field Party are \$40 for adults and \$20 for kids 6-17yrs. Children 5 and under are free. A Family Four Pack (two adults and two children) is specially priced at \$100. Tickets are for sale online at The LCADA Way website at <https://thelcadaway.org/homepage/diamond-day>. For friends, businesses and organizations interested in sponsorships and event name recognition or donating auction items, contact Joe Matuscak: 440-989-4919 or jmatuscak@thelcadaway.org.

IMPROBABLE PLAYERS

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**Mental Health Addiction and Recovery Services Board of
Lorain County**

presents:

A Virtual Staged Reading of

'I'll Never Do That'

Thursday, July 30th 1:00-2:00pm

GoToWebinar

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/931338433914579727>

This play shows how substance use disorder is a family disease. It starts off with an energetic scene that educates about substance use disorder and satirizes attitudes towards it. The piece then moves into the very personal and universal story of a family in struggle. As the mother descends deeper into her addiction, the rest of the family struggles to cope -that is, until she finally gets the help she needs.

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Due to the current COVID19 situation, this event is subject to change.
(see attached/other side for details, please).

Should we need to contact you, your phone & email are required – please complete.



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ROAD TO HOPE GOLF 'CLASSIC'

Saturday August 15, 2020

PHEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE

Pheasant Run Dr. Lagrange, OH 44050

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE—TEAM PLAY

The event is scheduled for an 8:00 a.m. 'shotgun start' for all

\$100. per person

**Includes 18 holes, cart, coffee, doughnuts @ check-in, pizza at the turn, water, pop, raffles,
prizes and A GREAT STEAK DINNER AFTER!!!!**

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS SAT. AUGUST 1*

30 TEAM LIMIT—PLEASE SIGN UP PROMPTLY!!!

ONLY PAID REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED—WE WILL NOT HOLD PLACES!!!!

Return your paid registration promptly to ensure your spot—indicate your playing partners & Team Captain below.

For more information: Dave Knox: (440) 915-4015 drkdvm@yahoo.com or Ken Dunbrook: (440) 552-2180 ken@getkenrae.com

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**** PLAYING PARTNER REQUESTS designate a Team Captain, please: ****

TEAM: _____

PLEASE! Designate team Captain: _____ phone/email: _____