

**MINUTES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND
RECOVERY SERVICES (MHARS) BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY
BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2021**

**AMY H. CONFERENCE & LEARNING CENTER
1165 NORTH RIDGE ROAD EAST, LORAIN, OHIO 44055**

Board Members Present: Daniel Urbin, Chair; David Ashenhurst, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Pat McGervey, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

Staff Present: Michael Doud, Executive Director; Tonya Birney, Dissemination and Implementation Director; Amanda Divis, Adult Behavioral Health Services Director; Arielle Edwards, Program Officer; Barry Habony, Chief, Business Operations; Rebecca Jones, Children Behavioral Health Services Director; Mark Johnson, Chief, Behavioral Health Services; Andrea Sedlacek, AmeriCorps Vista Member; Vinaida Reyna, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Daniel Urbin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum found.

3. BOARD MINUTES:

(Resolution 21-08-01A) Motion by Pat McGervey, seconded by Inez James to approve the 06/24/2021 Board meeting minutes.

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Pat McGervey, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

(Resolution 21-08-01B) Motion by Mike Babet, seconded by Regan Phillips to approve the consent agenda.

(Kreig Brusnahan arrived for the Board meeting at 6:03 p.m.)

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Pat McGervey, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

5. OATH OF OFFICE:

At 6:06 p.m. Board Member and Notary Kreig Brusnahan administered the oath of office to reappointed Board Member David Ashenhurst.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Membership Committee, reported by Kreig Brusnahan:

Committee Members present: Kreig Brusnahan (Committee Chair), Mike Babet, Tim Carrion, Sandra Premura, Daniel Urbin (ex-officio)

Other Board Member present: Regan Phillips

Committee Member absent: Inez James

Staff present: Michael Doud, Nancy Kelsey, Patrice McKinney

The Membership Committee met on Tuesday, 08/03/2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Amy Levin Center. The Committee presented with three informational items, one recommendation, and two new business items.

Informational:

1. **Review of Board Member Attendance** – The Committee reviewed the monthly attendance of all Board Members and found no areas of concern. There was a question as to when a Board Member's attendance would become an area of concern with a response that the process is in the Bylaws and Ohio Revised Code. If attendance does become problematic, the Board Chair would send a letter to the appointing authority to determine vacating the Board Member position.
2. **Assign a Mentor** – Daniel Urbin will mentor new Board Member Mike Babet.
3. **Application pending** – On 02/11/2021, the Membership Committee interviewed three Lorain County citizens and two of them were Loretta Jones and Raquel Gettis. The MHARS Board of Directors supported the Committee's recommendation to submit Ms. Jones' application to the County Commissioners; however, she was not appointed.

Since then, Pamela Waite resigned on 06/01/2021 creating a partial-term vacancy through 06/30/2023. At the June 24th Board meeting, the MHARS Board of Directors supported the submission of Ms. Jones' application to OhioMHAS. However, there was a problem with the application format.

Patrice McKinney shared that earlier this year staff developed and posted on the MHARS Board website a Google Doc format of the Board Member application. OhioMHAS informed Patrice that the Google Doc format of Ms. Jones' application was not permissible. The correct application was sent to Loretta Jones in June and on July 30th. The Committee agreed that Ms. Jones would be notified to return her completed application by Friday, 08/06/2021.

There was consensus that Ms. Raquel Gettis would be as an alternate recommendation, should Ms. Jones not complete the application by the due date.

Kreig added an update that was not part of the report. While Ms. Jones did submit the application, she failed to answer numerous calls from OhioMHAS, as they wanted to conduct an interview prior to any consideration of her as a Board of Director. At this juncture, Kreig suggested moving forward with Raquel Gettis instead of Loretta Jones. Daniel Urbin added that prior to Ms. Jones' application having been sent to OhioMHAS, there had been prior outreach to Ms. Jones, with no return communication. This poses a concern because there is an interest in seeking active Board Members.

In order to move forward with Ms. Gettis as an alternate while being mindful of parliamentary procedures, Kreig asked would it be necessary to have another Membership Committee meeting. David Ashenurst stated another Membership Committee would be necessary since no recommendation would be made today.

Recommendation:

1. **Interviews and Next Steps** – The Committee interviewed:
 - a. Mark Skellinger, Vice President and Principal of KS Associates.
 - b. Mary Siwierka, Human Resources Director for the City of Avon Lake.

Their redacted applications and résumés were in the Board packet. (**Attachment 1**)

(**Resolution 21-08-01**) Moved by Kreig Brusnahan, seconded by Daniel Urbin to **Recommend** the MHARS Board of Directors submit the following individuals' applications and résumés for the appointing authorities' consideration:

- a. **Dr. Hope Moon** to OhioMHAS to fill the vacancy of a family member of an individual who receives or had received addiction services. If appointed, Dr. Moon's Board Member term would continue through June 30, 2025.
- b. **Mary Swierka** to the County Commissioners. If appointed, Ms. Swierka's Board Member term would continue through June 30, 2025.
- c. **Mark Skellinger** to the County Commissioners. If appointed, Mr. Skellinger's Board Member term would continue through June 30, 2025.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

New Business:

1. **Patricia Bell**, a mental health youth and adult Registered Nurse, was scheduled to interview with the committee on August 3rd. Regretfully, Ms. Bell had to cancel due to a medical appointment.
2. **Mark Ballard** recently submitted a Board Member application, but he also has a current service agreement with this Board to provide media services through his WNZN radio station. Mr. Ballard stated that he valued our ongoing business relationship. As such, his application was withdrawn.

The committee determined no items would be placed on the consent agenda.

Next Meeting: The next Membership Committee meeting will be October 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or sooner if needed.

When asked by Daniel Urbin if there was anything else to be shared, Kreig Brusnahan added that Mark Skellenger's application had already been forwarded to OhioMHAS due to a recent vacancy. This became OhioMHAS appointment, a change from Commissioners appointment.

- b. Community Planning and Oversight, reported by James Schaeper:

Board Members Attending: James Schaeper - Committee Chair, Dr. Denise Eacott; Pat McGervey, Sandra Premura, Dan Urbin (ex officio)

Other Board Member Present: Regan Phillips (Vice Chair, ex officio)

Unable to Attend: David DiTullio

Staff Attending: Tonya Birney, Michael Doud, Arielle Edwards, Mark Johnson, Rebecca Jones

Unable to Attend: Amanda Divis

The Community Planning and Oversight Committee met on 08/10/2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Amy Levin Center and a quorum was present. There were two informational items and four recommendations.

I. Informational: Attachment A

A. Bruce Towers Resident Relocation

Arielle Edwards summarized the collaborative efforts of this Board and its community partners to assist in relocating residents likely to be displaced as the building has been declared a public nuisance and is at risk of being shut down.

B. Mobile Response Stabilization Services

Rebecca Jones gave an overview of MRSS as an evidence-based approach to managing crises for children and their families. We received a \$224,368 OhioMHAS grant for planning and implementation which will involve Applewood and Nord augmenting crisis response for children, adolescents and their families.

II. Recommendations:

A. Allocation Correction (Resolution 21-08-02)

Mark Johnson explained that an error of \$600 was made in the FY22 allocation document. Motion to approve was made by Pat McGervey and seconded by Sandra Premura and carried by a majority vote.

Silver Maple Recovery	Increase from \$222,208 to \$222,808	\$600
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B. Contract Increases – Crisis Operating Funds FY22 **Attachment B**

Mr. Johnson presented budget submissions from Nord and LCADA for Crisis Expansion. These were late budget submissions (not included in the June budget discussions) for FY22 for the enhanced services in the Crisis Stabilization Unit that began last November. The Crisis Expansion, or Crisis Operating funding was not included in the original FY22 budget in June. The recommendations were passed with one abstention due to *the possible appearance* of a conflict of interest.

The Nord Center - Crisis Expansion in the CSU	\$641,223.20
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The LCADA Way - Crisis Expansion SUD services in the CSU	\$ 95,680
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(Resolution 21-08-03) The Committee **Recommended** the contract increases as presented above. Motion by James Schaeper, seconded by Dr. Denise Eacott.

David Ashenhurst made a request that when there is an abstention and we know, as in this case, that it is due to a *possible appearance* of a conflict of interest that it is indicated as such in reports and minutes. The amendment was noted and reflected above.

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

(Abstain): Pat McGervey

Carried.

Amended Resolution adopted.

C. Specialty Docket Courts – Pass through OhioMHAS funding (Resolution 21-08-04)

Mr. Johnson reviewed these pass-through dollars that provide funding to our seven specialty docket courts. The vote carried after a motion by Sandra Premura which was seconded by Dr. Denise Eacott.

Court	Project	Judge	Allocation
Elyria Municipal Court	Drug Court	Robert White	\$75,000
Lorain County Common Pleas Court	Drug Court	John Miraldi	\$55,000
Lorain County Common Pleas Court	Drug Court	James Miraldi	\$75,000
Lorain County Domestic Relations/Family Ct	Family Drug Court	Sherry Glass	\$35,000
Lorain County Domestic Relations/Family Ct	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Lisa Swenski	\$25,000
Lorain Municipal Court	Drug Court	Thomas Elwell	\$75,000
Lorain County Probate Court	Veterans Treatment Court	James Walther	\$35,000

Kreig Brusnahan stated that the Honorable Judge James Miraldi has a *mental health* court, not a *drug* court. The Honorable Judge John Miraldi has a drug court.

D. Contract Recommendation - Bridge Pointe Commons and Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN) - Attachment C

Mr. Johnson reminded the committee of the project which began in 2019 and fulfills the commitment made by MOU for this board to support the front desk operations (security) for Bridge Pointe Commons. Lease up begins October 1. A motion was made by Pat McGervey and seconded by Sandra Premura and was approved.

Front Desk services (security) \$170,368.00

III. Old Business
None

IV. New Business

Agency Presentation requests
Housing, Quick Response Teams, The LCADA Way, Resources for losses in the community

Review of new agenda/format for meetings **Attachment D**

The committee discussed a new document and process for presenting programs and funding recommendations. Feedback was given and willingness to utilize and review for continued use was given.

V. Determination of Consent Agenda

All informational items and recommendations were accepted for the Consent Agenda except for Recommendation B., Contract Increases – Crisis Operating Funds FY22.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 09/14/2021 at 6:00 at the Amy Levin Center.

c. Finance Committee, reported by Pat McGervey:

Committee Members Present: Pat McGervey (Committee Chair), David Ashenurst, Mike Babet, Dr. Denise Eacott, Karen Sutera and Daniel Urbin (ex-officio)

Board Member Present: Regan Phillips

Staff Present: Michael Doud and Barry Habony

The Finance Committee met at the Board's Administrative Office Conference Room 118 on 08/17/2021 at 6:00 p.m. and reported one (1) informational item, two (2) discussion items, and eight (8) recommendations.

Informational Item:

1. **List of Contracts** – The Committee reviewed the attached list of *Contracts Authorized by the Executive Director on Behalf of the MHARS Board of Directors*, which includes ISP contracts for which the Board is the Fiscal Agent.

Discussion Items:

1. **Board Member Abstention** – Pat McGervey indicated that his daughter has been hired at The Nord Center. The Board reached out to the Lorain County Prosecutor for an opinion as to whether or not this creates a conflict of interest. The Prosecutor's Office responded in an e-mail stating "I would say it poses a potential conflict of interest and abstention would be appropriate. It may not be absolutely required, but if I were the Board member I would be more comfortable abstaining." Mr. McGervey indicated he would be abstaining from voting on any Nord related business.
2. **Review of Sample Agency Process Sheet** – The Committee was presented a sample Agency Process Sheet that is going to be used in the future to track agency allocations, data and outcomes. These sheets will flow from the Community Planning & Oversight Committee to the Finance Committee to the full Board for approval.

Recommendations:

1. **Approval of the Fiscal Year 21 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position** – The Committee reviewed the attached fiscal year 21 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position, along with supporting schedules for the period ended July 2021 and found them to be in order.

(Resolution 21-08-08) The Committee **Recommended** approval of the fiscal year 21 financial statements for the period ended July 2021.

2. **Approval of the Fiscal Year 22 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position** – The Committee reviewed the attached fiscal year 22 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position, along with supporting schedules for the period ended July 2021 and found them to be in order.

(Resolution 21-08-09) The Committee **Recommended** approval of the fiscal year 22 financial statements for the period ended July 2021.

3. **Approval of the MHARS Board Listing of Expenses for June and July** – The Committee reviewed the attached Listing of Expenses for June totaling \$2,106,535.13 and July totaling \$947,921.06 and found them to be in order.

(Resolution 21-08-10) The Committee **Recommended** approval of the MHARS Board June and July Listing of Expenses.

4. **Approval of the ISP and MHARS Board Revised Budgets for Fiscal Year 21** – The Committee reviewed the attached ISP and MHARS Board Revised Budgets for Fiscal Year 21. The budget revisions for fiscal year 21 were found to be in order.

(Resolution 21-08-11) The Committee **Recommended** approval of the ISP and MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 21.

5. **Approval of the ISP and MHARS Board Revised Budgets for Fiscal Year 22** – The Committee reviewed the attached ISP and MHARS Board Revised Budgets for Fiscal Year 22. The budget revisions for fiscal year 22 were found to be in order.

(Resolution 21-08-12) The Committee **Recommended** approval of the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 22.

6. **Approval and Authorization to Close Former ADAS Board's Bank Account and Lines of Credit** – The Committee was informed that a resolution was needed in order to close the former ADAS Board's bank account (ending in 287) and corresponding VISA (line of credit) cards (Georgas, Robinson, Baron) with LorMet Community Federal Credit Union.

(Resolution 21-08-13) The Committee **Recommended** approval and authorization to close the former ADAS Board's bank account and corresponding lines of credit.

Committee affirmed Informational Item 1, Discussions Items 1-2 and Recommendations 1-6 to be placed on the Consent Agenda

The following Recommendations were not affirmed for the Consent Agenda:

7. **Approval of Contracts** – The Committee reviewed the attached list of *Contracts to be Authorized by the MHARS Board of Directors*, which includes *ISP contracts for which the Board is the Fiscal Agent and **contracts recommended for approval from the Community Planning & Oversight Committee and found them to be in order. (Pat McGervey abstained on The Nord Center contract). The Committee **Recommended** that the Executive Director be authorized to execute The Nord Center contract as listed in the *Contracts to be Authorized by the MHARS Board of Directors*.

(Resolution 21-08-14) Moved by Sandra Premura, seconded by James Schaeper.

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

(Abstain): Pat McGervey

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

The Committee **Recommended** that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the contracts as listed, other than The Nord Center contract, in the *Contracts to be Authorized by the MHARS Board of Directors*.

(Resolution 21-08-15) Moved by Pat McGervey, seconded by Karen Sutera.

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Pat McGervey, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

8. **Approval and Authorization to Open a Bank Account and Line of Credit with LorMet Community Federal Credit Union** – The Committee was informed that more and more entities are moving toward requiring a credit card for payment in order to purchase various items/services (for example, software companies, conference and training registrations and advertising platforms to name a few). The current process dictates that a staff member purchases these items with their own credit card and submit a request for reimbursement. Sometimes the reimbursement can take up to 6 weeks until the staff member receives a check from the Auditor's Office. This can cause a financial hardship and potentially lead to late fees and/or credit issues with a staff member's personal finances. As such, the Chief of Business Operations has requested that the MHARS Board open a bank account with LorMet Community Federal Credit Union with an attached Line of Credit not to exceed \$10,000. Strict policies and procedures will be developed, along with a reconciliation procedure to be presented to the Finance Committee for review on either a monthly or quarterly basis, as determined by the Finance Committee. Policy will dictate that the Board of Directors Chair, the Executive Director and the Chief of Business Operations be authorized to approve use of the line of credit for MHARS Board allowable expenses and activities. Detailed receipts will be kept and reconciled by the Fiscal Coordinator on a monthly basis. The Line of Credit will be paid in full on a monthly basis by an automatic deposit from the bank account. The bank account will then be reimbursed through the reconciliation process. This will avoid any late fees or penalties that may be encountered due to the lengthy process to receive checks from the Auditor's Office. Use of the Line of Credit will not occur until policies and procedures are presented to Finance Committee for review at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Committee **Recommended** approval and authorization to open a bank account with LorMet Community Federal Credit Union and a corresponding Line of Credit not to exceed \$10,000.

(Resolution 21-08-16) Moved by Pat McGervey, seconded by Karen Sutera.

There were questions with a response to clarify that the line of credit would be in the form of a credit card without fees and in the name of the MHARS Board of Lorain County.

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Pat McGervey, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

Payment to Spectrum Vocational Center – Pat McGervey presented a newly-added agenda item. There was a request to authorize payment to Spectrum Vocational Center (located in Lorain) for catering services for the Employee Recognition and Appreciation Day event held July 2021 at the Amy Levin Center.

Barry Habony explained that this request came from the Lorain County Auditor's Office. Since we do not have a formal written policy in place for employee appreciation and recognition events, in order for this payment to be made an authorization was needed by the Board for the payment of \$1,053.75.

(Resolution 21-08-17) Moved by Pat McGervey, seconded by Inez James.

Roll Call: (Aye): Daniel Urbin, Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Dr. Denise Eacott, Inez James, Pat McGervey, Regan Phillips, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Karen Sutera

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 09/21/2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Amy Levin Center.

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Commissioners Resolution for the Crisis Stabilization Center – Daniel Urbin, Dan Haight, Don Schiffbauer, and Michael Doud presented at a recent Lorain County Board of Commissioners meeting about the Crisis Stabilization Center. He was very pleased to report that the Commissioners adopted a resolution to match up to \$4 million for the Center.

Retreat – The Board of Directors Retreat will tentatively occur sometime mid-October with more details to come.

Off-Site Board Meetings – We are working on having four Board meetings off site: September at The Road to Hope, November at the Lorain County Sheriff’s Office, February at Silver Maple Recovery, and April at The Nord Center. More details will be shared at a future time.

Bridge Point Commons Walk Through – There will be a walk-through of the permanent supportive housing project on 09/21/2021 at 1:00 p.m. Daniel Urbin, Commissioner Lundy and City of Elyria Mayor Frank Whitfield will be there. All Board Members are welcome to attend. Vinaida agreed to email this information to Board Members.

Committee Meetings – As a way of working together as a Board, all Board Members are invited to attend Committee meetings by letting Patrice know in advance, and even to attend those of which they are not members. Doing so helps Board Members learn more about the Board.

Daniel Urbin reminded Board Members who speak in public on behalf of the MHARS Board that they are one Board and speak with one voice. He shared that he looks forward to working with each and every Board Member.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Community Meet-n-Greet

- Continued with introductions with contract service providers, City of Elyria Mayor Frank Whitfield, Community West Foundation and others. No set agenda just an opportunity for open dialogue and exchange of information.

Crisis Center Project

- There has been communication with County Administration regarding the status of this project. There will be ongoing conversations and planning around the need for recovery support services for those individuals transitioning into the community from active treatment. There has been outreach to other community stakeholders to engage in the process of planning of crisis services in the community.

Lorain County Stepping-Up Initiative

- Met with Former Justice Evelyn Stratton (project director) and her team to discuss Stepping-Up initiative in Lorain County and the role of Board staff. There has been conversation on the possibility of the project director to conduct a review of the initiative in Lorain County.

Levy

- Team in the process of obtaining proposals from consultants to support the work of MHARS Board for the levy campaign to begin Spring 2022. More information will be available in the next several weeks.

Lorain County Homeless System Strategic Planning

- Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) has released a draft report to the Nord Family Foundation and Lorain County Continuum of Care. CSH working with the stakeholders to finalize the document & anticipate releasing their final report with recommendation to the community in a few weeks. Board staff Arielle Edwards is the Co-Chair of the County Continuum of Care.

Appreciation Luncheon for Network Providers

- Friday, July 30th board staff hosted the event for providers and friends of the Board. We were glad to see several Board of Directors attended the luncheon as well.

AmeriCorps/Vista Staff

- Excited to have Andrea Sedlacek, graduate with Master's in Criminal Justice, Bowling Green University started with us August 2nd. Andrea will focus her attention on engaging community members and volunteers to support the initiatives of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) targeting the reduction of suicides, reduction of accidental overdose death and working to support the team on behavioral health disparities in vulnerable populations.

MRSS Launch

- Lorain County received an implementation grant for the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) from OhioMHAS, in partnership with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's Children's Initiative and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, to expand mobile crisis services for children and families. The grant supports our work with The Nord Center and Applewood Centers and demonstrates the community's commitment to enhance crisis services in Lorain County. Board staff Rebecca Jones will lead this initiative.

New Teachers Luncheon

- MHARS Board sponsored and staff attended the event on Friday, August 13th.

LCADA Way Recovery Reunion

- Board staff and Board of Director attended the event on Saturday, August 14th.

Lorain Pastors Gathering

- Tuesday, August 17th, accepted an invitation to meet with a group of local pastors. Great opportunity to share with the group the crisis center project and other Board initiatives.

Communications

- The MHARS Board has launched its Friends of the MHARS Board group. It will be dedicated to engaging people throughout Lorain County to help us increase our reach and better tell our story. The first meeting will be in September.
- We have purchased ad space throughout the month for general brand awareness, events, especially International Overdose Awareness Day on Aug. 31, and the Ohio COVID Care program and initiative.
- As events have resumed this summer, we have also worked to fulfill public requests for information, speakers and a presence at community events such as the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority “Strong Families” resource fair.

Upcoming Events

- 08/26/21: Senior Day at Lorain County Fair (One ticket available for a board member who would like to join us that day anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)
- 08/31/21: International Overdose Awareness Day at Lakeview Park from 6-8 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 09/01/21: LCCC Student Outreach
- 09/18/21: Home Depot Family Safety Fair
- 10/01/21: MHAC Public Officials Breakfast Reception
- 10/09/21: Ross Environmental Resource Fair (One or two openings for board members to join us).

Trainings

- 8/26/21: (Virtual) encompass: Comprehensive Training on Navigating Addiction. Free and open to the public. Hosted by MHARS, RecoveryOhio and the Addiction Policy Forum. [Register here](#). (Register by Aug. 16 for mailed manual).
- 9/14/21: (Virtual) Bridging and Bonding Antiracism Training. Free and open to staff and board members of MHAC member organizations. Hosted by Mental Health and Advocacy Coalition and the Woodruff Foundation. [Register here](#).

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was brief discussion about receiving not only electronic, but hardcopies of Board packets at the Board office.

David Ashenhurst stated when attending Committee meetings of which Board Members are not members, that it is important to avoid a quorum of the full Board.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Daniel Urbin shared that we received notice from David DiTullio of his wishes to no longer serve as a Board of Director effective 08/18/2021. The Membership Committee will meet to discuss next steps in filling this Ohio Department of Mental Health Services-appointed position that continues through 06/30/2025.

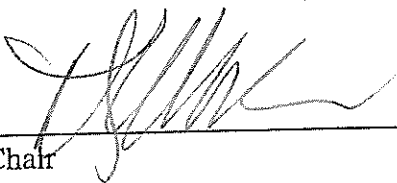
Sandra Premura shared about the upcoming Overdose Awareness Day event on 08/31/2021.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Chair



Secretary

OHIO MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (OhioMHAS)
ADAMHS/CMH/ADAS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION (Revised 4-3-2017)
 14 Member Board 18 Member Board

Board Name: Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services MHARS Board of Lorain County
 Board Director Name and Title: Michael K. Doud, Executive Director

New Application Renewal Application Full Term Partial Term

Appointment Type (Applicants can select both mental health clinician and addiction clinician if they are qualified by scope of practice or licensure.)

Mental Health: Clinician Consumer Family Member Other _____
 Addiction: Clinician Consumer Family Member Other Advocate
 Gambling: Clinician Consumer Family Member Other _____

Personal Information

Name:	Mark Skellenger		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
City:	Avon Lake	Zip Code:	44012
County of Residence:	Lorain		
Preferred Phone Number(s):	[REDACTED]		
Preferred e-mail Address(es):	[REDACTED]		
Preferred Mailing Address:	[REDACTED] Avon Lake, OH 44012		

Education

Type	Name and location of School or University	Year Graduated	Degree
High School	Vermillion High School	[REDACTED]	
College	The Ohio State University	[REDACTED]	BSCE
Other	Cleveland State University-Some Graduate Studies	[REDACTED]	

Community Organization Affiliations (past and present)		
Board Member & Past Board Chair- The LCADA Way	1999-	Present
Board Member – LCCC Foundation	2005-	Present
Elyria Rotary – Various Positions	2008-	Present

Please describe your reasons for wanting to serve as a Volunteer (unpaid) Board member:

I want to be a part in the setting of policies and providing oversight of resource allocation that will impact the quality of life for Lorain County residents. My personal mental health has improved over my 25 years in recovery and occasional professional counselling.

I believe that my business experience, community involvement and board membership with The LCADA Way and the LCCC Foundation affords me a solid foundation for serving the board with thoughtful and careful consideration of the matters to be decided.

(Rev April 3, 2017) OhioMHAS-ADM-014

OhioMHAS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Population Equality Representation Declaration

OhioMHAS is required to assure that member appointment reflects the composition of the population of the service district as to race and sex. The following information is used to assure equal representation. Completion of the following section is voluntary and is not required to consider or appoint you as a Board member, but does give you the opportunity to declare how you identify yourself. Please check all that apply and specify as you wish.

Race: White/Caucasian Black/African American American Indian Alaska Native
 Asian Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Other _____

Ethnicity: Appalachian Hispanic Latino/Latina of Spanish origin other _____

Gender Female Male Other _____

Conflict of Interest Assurance: By signing below I attest that the following statements are true:

- Neither I nor my spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law serves on the governing board of any provider with which the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services which I am applying for board membership has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities.
- I am not an employee of any provider with which the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services which I am applying for board membership has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities.
- Neither I nor my spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law serves as a county commissioner of a county or counties in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district.

Volunteer (unpaid) Board Member Duties:

- 1) Attend all board meetings
- 2) Attend annual board member training
- 3) Maintain professional licenses; (if applicable) and
- 4) Serve on applicable subcommittees of the boards.

Applicant's Statement: I have read and completed the application accurately and honestly. I attest that I am a resident of the County specified; I deny any conflicts of interest and agree to fulfill Volunteer Board Member Duties to the best of my ability. I acknowledge that service on the Board is unpaid (with reimbursement for mileage and authorized expenses only) and provides me with an opportunity to serve my local community. I understand that appointment makes me ineligible to be employed at a

contract provider of the Board and if such employment should be desired in the future I will follow all directives of the Ohio Ethics Commission including resignation from the Board and completion of prescribed waiting period before accepting employment with a contract agency.

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Mark Skellenger
Signature of Applicant

7-30-2021
Date

OhioMHAS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

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Appointment Term

If applicant is filling a vacated partial term, note partial term ending year _____

Initial Appointment – Vacant Initial Appointment – Full Term Renewal Appointment

For Renewal Appointments: Please list dates of missed meetings with and without prior notification

Appointment Recommended: Yes No

Appointment Type

Mental Health: Clinician Consumer Family Member Other _____

Addiction: Clinician Consumer Family Member Other Advocate

Gambling: Clinician Consumer Family Member Other _____

Appointment Type Waiver Request: _____

If you wish to have OhioMHAS appoint a member who does not fall into one of the appointment types identified above please describe the rationale and the role applicant would fill. In addition, please assure that all members who meet the requirement for and serve as appointment types listed above are noted as such on the membership roster even if they are a county appointee.

Comments: Mr. Skellenger self identifies as an (Other) - Addiction Advocate having served many years on The LCADA Way's Board of Directors. If appointed, his service on our Board of Directors would benefit the population we serve.

Dates of Previous Appointment(s): N/A

Appointment Affirmation: By signing below I recommend appointment of this applicant to the position of board member. I have reviewed the education, employment, personal history and

professional qualifications sections and believe the applicant is willing and able to perform the duties of a Board member. This application and attachments have been reviewed by me and to the best of my knowledge is a complete and truthful disclosure of required information. I have also reviewed the conflict of interest assurance and the applicant denied any conflicts of interest.

All boards recommending appointment must submit a current roster of all board members.

Board Roster Included? Yes No

Michael H. Douds
Board Executive Director Signature

8/18/01
Date

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Please check all applicable licenses and or disciplines:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatrist | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Psychologist | <input type="checkbox"/> School Psychologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage and Family Therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Dependency Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify with license #) _____ | | |

Ohio License Number	Degree without License	Expiration Date

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Clinical Experience with Emotionally Disturbed Persons			
Work Locations	Types of Duties	Years	
Employment History (Name, address, city and state of past employers)		Dates	Position
Vice President of KS Associates, Inc. a Civil Engineering Consulting Firm		1986	Present

MARK SKELLENGER, P.E. | Principal-In-Charge/Project Manager

Registration:
P.E., State of Ohio
License No. 46461

Education:
B. S. Civil Engineering
The Ohio State University

**Municipal
Engineering:**
Village Engineer
Village of Sheffield
2008-Present

City Engineer
City of Sheffield Lake
1990-2012

City Engineer
City of Avon
1987-1990

Leadership Roles:
Board Member
Lorain County
Community College
Foundation

**Past President and
Board Member**
The LCADA Way
*Recipient of the 2017
John Longlais Award
for his dedication and
service to the
organization.*

Member
Elyria Rotary Club

Mark is Vice President of KS Associates and will serve as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for civil/site services to expand the Avon Library Branch. Mark is a hands-on Principal with more than 43 years of experience in managing and designing site planning and design projects. He excels at leading his team of skilled engineers, from understanding the purpose and need, communicating the client's vision throughout all phases of the project, and developing final plans and specifications, to coordinating with the community and project stakeholders and construction services, ensuring the site is responsive to its intended purpose.

Project Experience:**Elyria Public Library System – Site Design Services for South Elyria, Keystone, and Central Branch**

CBLH engaged KS to provide site design and surveying services to renovate The South Elyria and Keystone Branches, and design the new Central Library in downtown Elyria. KS worked closely with the City Engineer and the architectural team to resolve site issues including drainage accessibility, and underground utilities. For the Central Branch, KS designed an innovative vortex flow regulator for this urban project. Mark served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for the projects.

UH Avon Medical Office Building, Avon, Ohio

Mark served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager to evaluate two locations for a new 40,000-square-foot medical office building. After UH selected a site in Avon, KS joined the CLBH-led design team and provided site design services to resolve several challenges including designing a new retention to meet current stormwater management and water quality requirements, and design of a storm sewer to mitigate wetlands impact.

UH North Ridgeville Health Center, North Ridgeville, Ohio

Mark served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for site design services provided for a new \$32.4 million outpatient health center and freestanding emergency department on a 30-acre site. Ted designed solutions to address grading, drainage, utilities, traffic, and supporting transportation infrastructure. The site plan also included left turn lane at the entrance drive, improvements to the roadway drainage system, and MOT plans.

Lorain County Community College, Barbara and Mike Bass Library/Community Resource Center, Elyria, Ohio - LEED CERTIFIED SILVER

Mark served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for site engineering for the construction of a new 83,000 SF library. He worked with the Architect to pursue LEED credits in the Sustainable Site (SS) category. The project included the design of a new parking lot and an alteration to an existing parking facility; reworking existing site utilities to conform to the current layout; vehicular traffic routing and handicap accessibility; and utility design with a Post Construction Stormwater Basin.

Numerous Site Design Projects at Lorain County Community College (LCCC)

Mark served as Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager for site planning and design services for several new building and expansion projects for LCCC. Recent work includes the new SMART Commercialization Center for Microsystems (LEED SILVER), the Culinary & Convergent Digital Arts Facility (LEED SILVER), the new Laboratory Sciences Building (LEED SILVER, 3.7-acre site), and the NORD Advanced Technology Addition and Renovation.

The Kahn Building (North Professor Student Housing), Oberlin College

KS provided LEED consulting and site design services for this three-story, 52,000 SF, 150-bed residence hall. The project involved modifying the storm water management system, addressing utilities and zoning, and obtaining permitting. Mark was Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager.

Please describe your reasons for wanting to serve as a Volunteer (unpaid) Board member:

My experience both professionally and personally has seen, first hand, the need for more and supported mental health in Lorain County. I have worked in medicine and understand some of the clinical aspects of the work – although I was an administrator not a clinician. In my role as Safety Service Director in Elyria I worked closely with Elyria Police and supporting departments as they carried out their everyday roles. Many of these roles – had a component of mental illness interwoven into their interaction. Most citizens do not understand that 90% of the interactions that our safety forces handle have some mental illness factor.

As a volunteer, I would like to help the community by providing support and resources to those in need. I have a strong background in community service and would like to continue to give back to the community that has supported me throughout my life.

I am interested in serving on the board because I believe in the organization's mission and vision. I have a strong background in community service and would like to continue to give back to the community that has supported me throughout my life.

OhioMHAS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Population Equality Representation Declaration

OhioMHAS is required to assure that member appointment reflects the composition of the population of the service district as to race and sex. The following information is used to assure equal representation. Completion of the following section is voluntary and is not required to consider or appoint you as a Board member, but does give you the opportunity to declare how you identify yourself. Please check all that apply and specify as you wish.

Race: White/Caucasian Black/African American American Indian Alaska Native
 Asian Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Other _____
Ethnicity: Appalachian Hispanic Latino/Latina of Spanish origin other _____
Gender Female Male Other _____

Conflict of Interest Assurance: By signing below I attest that the following statements are true:

- Neither I nor my spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law serves on the governing board of any provider with which the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services which I am applying for board membership has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities.
- I am not an employee of any provider with which the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services which I am applying for board membership has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities.
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Volunteer (unpaid) Board Member Duties:

- 1) Attend all board meetings
- 2) Attend annual board member training
- 3) Maintain professional licenses; (if applicable) and
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Mary Swessa
Signature of Applicant

7/12/21
Date

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Mary F. Siwierka

Summary

Accomplished manager with significant experience in public and private sector environments; Diplomatic and tactful at all levels; Accustom to handling sensitive, confidential records and subject matter; Demonstrated history of producing accurate timely reports - meeting all applicable guidelines; Poised and competent with demonstrated ability to easily transcend cultural differences; Thrives in deadline-driven environments; Excellent team-building and team-leading skills; Rich and accomplished history in community related activities.

- Advanced Leadership Development, Case Western Reserve University, The Weatherhead School
- Organizational Management Focus – Tiffin University
- Managing in a Healthcare Environment – Case Western Reserve University, The Weatherhead School

Professional Experience

City of Avon Lake, Ohio – Human Resources Director

January 2020 to present

Appointed by Mayor and City Council – serves as leader in developing, implementing and tracking human resources policies and protocols. Responsibilities include: training, supporting record keeping and payroll functions, labor and collective bargaining matters, and serves as Administration's liaison with vendors/consultants covering Worker's Compensation matters, Healthcare Matters, Pre-employment screening(s), and supporting the Civil Service Commission.

City of Elyria, Ohio - Safety Service Director

January 2012 to December 2019

Governed by the City's Charter, direct report of the elected Mayor - served as chief operations officers for the delivery of services to the community of over 55,000 residents (14th largest in Ohio). Service delivery included 200 sworn and civilians in the Police and Fire Departments; Multiple million-gallon scale Water and Wastewater Plant operations, Water distribution and billing services; Solid Waste Collection; Fleet Management; Parks and Recreation programs and properties, Cemetery Services, Street and Highway Maintenance and in-house Information Technology support/networking systems. Preeminent level of budgetary responsibility; contracting authority; staffing and management, within unionized environment, oversight of a stable workforce of over 400.

Key Accomplishments: Implemented numerous budgetary processes (including equipment life cycle); reduced workforce through attrition during various economies; combined/re-wrote job descriptions/duties; implemented electric and natural gas savings protocols; and oversight of multiple large scale projects.

Cleveland Clinic Health System, Cleveland, Ohio (Main Campus)

Department Administrator, Office of Patient Experience

March 2010 to December 2011

Managed all elements of the budget and business operations for the Office of Patient Experience – a C-Suite cabinet level enterprise. Represented the Chief Experience Officer and/or the entire Department on various committees both internally and externally. Assisted with department recruitment and on-boarding.

Key Accomplishments: Developed a system to track internal and external inquiries relative Patient Experience; Developed and directed a system for international visits (patient and non-patient). Appointed by the Chief Experience Officer to serve as the interface for patients/families that are served by the Cleveland Clinic Institutional Relations and Development Department (significant donors).

Senior Regional Director, Office of Patient Experience

June 2008 to March 2010

Responsible for the direction, development, and implementation of projects and programs singularly focused on the patient and family experience during the delivery of healthcare throughout the Cleveland Clinic Health System

Key Accomplishments: Identified and began the consolidation of computerized systems for the Ombudsman offices; improving consistency of data collection and customer service across the Clinic's enterprise; Lead two teams in the implementation of programs for non-English speaking patients; Successfully downsized an entire department without job loss or service interruption

Administrator, Lorain Institute (Lorain County)

May 2002 to June 2008

Lead the day-to-day operations of eight (8) distinct Cleveland Clinic medical/surgical facilities in Lorain County with a medical staff of over 100 and support staff of over 300; accomplishments included a multi-million-dollar construction project in Elyria, Ohio, on time and on budget – consolidating three locations with an annual leasing savings of \$500K; Recruited and assimilated three (3) private practices into the Cleveland Clinic Health System adding a contribution margin of over \$300M; and created a centralized communication center in Lorain County using existing employees and space.

Lakeland Eye Surgeons and Consultants, Inc., Lorain, Ohio

October 1999 to May 2002

Comprehensive management of all facets of a large, successful ophthalmology practice with four (4) offices, 20 physicians and 80 staff members.

Key accomplishments: Managed the transition from private practice to the Cleveland Clinic Health Systems (May 2002); Researched, evaluated, and implemented a new computer system – that included the successful conversion of over 100,000 electronic medical records – completed on time and on budget (net savings of \$500K); Centralized billing systems in four offices and increased receivables by 35%

City of Elyria, Elyria, Ohio

Assistant to the Mayor, Office of Mayor

April 1985 to October 1999

Managed all aspects of the Mayor's office bridging the City government with the community and local/regional governmental entities.

Additional Municipal Government/Experience: Assistant to the Elyria City Engineer (2 yrs), Elyria Public Utilities Billing/Collections, (7 yrs), Elyria Finance Director's Office (4 yrs)

Education

**Case Western Reserve University, The Weatherhead School
Leadership Deep Dive Program, 2009-2010
Senior Level Leadership Development Program (Inaugural Class)**

**Case Western Reserve University, The Weatherhead School
Managing in a Healthcare Environment, Certification, July 2008**

Tiffin Univ., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Cum Laude, May 2005

Lorain County Community College, Associates of Arts, 1991

United States Department of Justice, FBI, Citizens Academy Graduate, May 2015

Elected Positions:

- **City of Elyria, Council-at-Large position, Jan. 2010-Dec. 2011 (1 term)**

Appointed Positions:

- **Elyria Civil Service Commission; member 1999-2004, Chair, 2002-2003**
- **Elyria City Planning Commission**
- **Elyria Personnel Placement Committee**

Awards: Elyria Catholic High School - Alumni of the Year Award, 2019 

Community Involvement

- **The Association for Patient Experience (National Organization), Board Member**
- **Elyria Rotary Club, President (2018-19); Board Member (2015 to 2021)**
- **Co-Chair and Judge, Elyria YWCA Women of Achievement (2013-2016)**
- **American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, Board of Directors (2013-15)**
- **Former officer and member of AFSCME, Local 277 (9 years)**
- **Various political and community campaign efforts**

Notary, State of Ohio

Attachment A

Bruce Towers

Although Bruce Towers is not a mental health facility, we recognize that some of its residents are served by our member agencies. We are dedicated to providing quality services and support - in partnership with several community stakeholders - at this difficult time. Partners working to address the displacement of Bruce Towers residents include the City of Lorain, Neighborhood Alliance, The Nord Center, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority and Lorain County Continuum of Care. Using a co-responder approach with CIT trained Lorain police officers and crisis professionals from the Nord Center, resident notification (not eviction) take place on August 12th and a resource event to connect individuals with the services they need will occur the same day and the 13th as well.

We will continue to work with community partners to serve those who have been displaced at Bruce Towers to ensure they have safe and reliable accommodations.

MRSS

The MHARS Board seeks to improve the crisis service continuum for youth and families in Lorain County in partnership with provider agencies. The overall vision is to design and implement an MRSS team that is accessible to the youth, families and child serving entities in Lorain County and establish timely access to care by building upon existing crisis continuum services. The preplanning activities will include a review of the current crisis system, review of current crisis data, development of a new data tracking as well as system mapping. Further, planning activities will include the creation of focus groups of families and youth with prior experience with crisis services. Infrastructure development activities will include building new crisis care pathways beginning with access to care and ending with coordinated linkage to an outpatient provider. Infrastructure development will also include the development of eligibility criteria, protocols for each phase of MRSS including immediate crisis response, ongoing stabilization services, linkages and ongoing stabilization. Workforce development including recruitment and training staff will occur. Prior to implementation, education to the community and stakeholders will be provided to identify changes in the existing array of crisis services. It is expected that implementation of MRSS will begin February 1, 2022.

The targeted population will be youth in Lorain County between the ages of 2 -21, in particular African American youth and youth residing in the southern, rural portion of the county. It is estimated that 100 youth will benefit from MRSS services during February and March, 2022. Funding for these services will include Medicaid and MHARS board funding. The total amount awarded for the nine months of this grant is \$224,368.00.

Attachment B
The Nord Center

Crisis Expansion Funds
FY 22

Salaries		Salary	Benefit	Total
Daytime manager	Meng	61,200.00	19,519.00	80,719.00
Peer Support	Solomon	28,474.00	3,509.00	31,983.00
Peer Support	Open	31,216.00	4,915.00	36,131.00
Peer Support	Berdfel	26,520.00	4,940.00	31,460.00
Social Work Manager	Brummit	63,750.00	7,508.00	71,258.00
RN Detox	Mather	31,824.00	6,066.00	37,890.00
RN Detox	Poppe	59,405.00	12,132.00	71,537.00
RN Nurse_Night	Open	60,000.00	12,600.00	72,600.00
RN Nurse	Open	55,000.00	11,550.00	66,550.00
QMHS	Trent	35,360.00	7,425.60	42,785.60
Resf Aid	Open	24,960.00	5,241.60	30,201.60
Sign on Bonus-Nurses		10,000.00	860.00	<u>10,860.00</u>
Total Salary Expense				588,975.20
Crisis Outreach/Debriefing	2 clinicians/2 hours, \$26/hour			1,248.00
Pharmacy SUD Meds				500.00
Electronic Health Record				25,000.00
Social Activities	Includes Yoga, Music Therapy, etc			17,000.00
Training	NVCI Est. Cost			5,000.00
Supplies	Include stress mgmt supplies, Tablets			7,500.00
SUD Medication				<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Budget				641,223.20

Attachment B
The LCADA Way

Crisis/Detox Budget	FY22		
Max amount billed if census permits			
<u>Medical Rounding/Consult</u>			
4hrs Per Day		Weekly	Annual Max request
	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 43,680.00
On call pay			
Weekly	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
			\$ 95,680.00

Crisis Services

AGENCY	SERVICE	FY21 BUDGET	FY22 ASK	FY22 Approved June of 21	Proposed Budget increase FY22 (\$721 CP&O)	CP&O recommendation to finance
The Nord Center	MH Crisis Intervention	1,100,000	1,236,610	1,100,000		
	MH Crisis Intervention - GAP Funding					
	Temporary Housing Crisis Beds	667,167	853,172	680,000		
	MH ESS Mental Health Hotline	746,351	750,145	675,000		
	CRISIS SERVICES SUBTOTALS	2,513,518	2,839,927	2,455,000		
	Crisis Intervention Incentive	20,000	20,000	10,000		
	OMHAS Crisis Operating	634,357	none	none	641,223.20	641,223.20
The LCADA Way	Crisis Expansion SUD	62,840 (9 mos)	0	0	95,680	95,680

Budget for use of funds Lorain County Stabilization Earmark

1,000,000	FY20 Allocation
250,000	FY21 Allocation
<u>1,250,000</u>	

	Original Budget	
	<u>3/20 - 6/20</u>	<u>7/20 - 6/21</u>
Stabilization Unit:		
Staff	211,813.33	635,740.00
Electronic Health Record Improvement	20,000.00	60,000.00
Furniture to Add 2 Beds	15,000.00	
Orientation Costs	20,000.00	20,000.00
Hotline Enhancements:		
New Staff Position	28,816.67	86,450.00
Phone System Upgrade	29,529.00	-
Marketing	10,000.00	20,000.00
Orientation Costs	6,000.00	-
	<u>341,159.00</u>	<u>822,190.00</u>
		<u><u>1,163,349.00</u></u>

Due to COVID-19 and wait for Certification Waiver from OMHAS

	Nord Budget	
	<u>10/20 - 6/21</u>	
Stabilization Unit:		
Staff	410,970.00	
Electronic Health Record Improvement	70,000.00	
Furniture	15,000.00	
Orientation & Recruitment Costs	30,000.00	
Hotline Enhancements:		
New Staff Position	64,837.50	
Phone System Upgrade	29,529.00	
Service Line Campaigns	10,000.00	
Orientation Costs	4,000.00	
	<u>634,336.50</u>	

	FY22	
	Ask	Budget
	1,236,630	1,100,000
	853,172	680,000
	750,145	675,000
	20,000	10,000
	2,859,927	2,465,000

	FY21	
	Ask	Budget
	1,310,247	1,100,000
		999,830
	667,167	667,167
	746,351	746,351
	20,000	20,000
	2,743,765	2,533,518
		2,461,395

	FY20	
	Ask	Budget
	1,382,652	1,193,002
		145,670
		926,640
	667,167	789,167
	606,701	580,152
	20,000	20,000
	2,676,520	2,582,321
		2,449,476

	FY19	
	Ask	Budget
	1,136,121	1,023,246
		130,220
		895,050
	1,156,473	874,981
	604,961	572,674
	20,000	20,000
	2,917,585	2,495,901
		2,433,442

	FY18	
	Ask	Budget
	503,972	503,972
		176,263
		314,023
	160,000	160,000
	278,090	634,336
	444,750	444,882
	20,000	20,000
	1,406,812	1,763,190
		1,701,708

Mobile Crisis Services
 Mobile Crisis Gap Funding
 Crisis Staffing Incentive
 Temporary Crisis Beds
 Crisis Hotline
 Crisis Intervention Incentive

SUD Beds

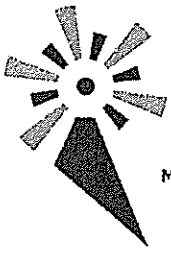
	20-Jul	20-Aug	20-Sep	20-Oct	20-Nov	20-Dec	21-Jan	21-Feb	21-Mar	21-Apr	21-May	21-Jun	Totals
Salaries and Benefits	-	4,878.70	11,080.13	23,239.44	19,652.85	17,445.16	19,297.30	21,865.71	21,572.50	35,420.62	26,873.04	25,441.60	226,717.05
Nord Other Costs	-	-	-	357.71	-	-	-	2,883.50	5,175.15	4,016.24	15,194.76	151.00	27,779.36
LCADA Staff	-	-	-	2,150.00	7,170.00	6,650.00	8,540.00	6,910.00	6,910.00	6,520.00	8,280.00	8,150.00	61,280.00
Residential	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,458.89	2,050.64	3,222.39	3,320.01	1,025.32	408.90	18,486.15
Electronic Health Record	-	33,414.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,597.50	-	-	61,011.50
Phone System Upgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,040.00	-	-	39,040.00
LifeCare 6/1/21 - 5/30/24	-	38,292.70	11,080.13	25,747.15	26,822.85	24,095.16	36,296.19	33,709.85	36,880.04	115,914.37	51,373.12	95,351.50	495,513.06

Attachment C

BRIDGE POINTE COMMONS
ANNUAL FRONT DESK BUDGET

<u>Expense Detail</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
EDEN staff – Salaries & Benefits (Weekdays – 1 st shift)	\$42,240.00
Security Company – (Weekdays - 2 nd and 3 rd shifts)	\$80,080.00
Security Company – Weekends	<u>\$48,048.00</u>
Total Annual Budget	<u>\$170,368.00</u>

ATTACHMENT D



M · H · A · R · S

MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES
BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DATE: AUGUST 10, 2021**

COMMUNITY PLANNING & OVERSIGHT
 COMBINED COMMITTEE(S)

FINANCE COMMITTEE
 GENERAL MEETING

NEW PROGRAM **CONTINUING PROGRAM** **EXPANDING PROGRAM**

Subject:

Contract Entities: The Nord Center

Contract Term: October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Funding Source(s):

Contract Amount:

Project Description:

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Related Facts:

- MHARS Board is a member of the NEO Collaborative
- In 2020, OhioMHAS received a \$2 million SAMHSA grant for Emergency COVID-19 funding to address mental health and substance use disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Each collaborative originally received \$309,383 of this award from OhioMHAS.
- In February of 2021, OhioMHAS received an additional \$2,859,647 in SAMHSA Supplemental Emergency COVID-19 Funds, with a total of \$457,270 allocated to the NEO Collaborative.
- SAMHSA recommends being liberal with the clients who are deemed "affected" by COVID-19, since to some extent everyone's mental health has been affected over the past year; therefore, providers should not limit services based upon whether people identify COVID-19 as a factor. Category specifics remain the same as the original funding:
 - Can be used for either SMI, SED, SUD or both for adults and children:
 - 70% of the people served should be either SMI, SED, SUD or both.
 - 10% should be health care practitioners experiencing a non-SMI mental health disorder that requires care.

- 20% can be anyone with any diagnosis that is not SMI, SED or SUD, such as people who are experiencing loss of a job, grief, etc.

Number Serve:

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System Impact:

- Continued Crisis/Information/Referral/Support Hotline staff to provide services and the addition of peer services to follow-up with individuals affected by COVID-19 who contact the hotline.
- Increased awareness of the behavioral health impact of COVID-19 on front-line healthcare workers and that help is available.

<p>Metrics <i>(How will goals be measured)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports to OhioMHAS on July 14, 2021, October 14, 2021, January 14, 2022, and April 14, 2022, with the final report due on July 14, 2022. • The Nord Center will enter clinical care performance data, such as demographics, diagnostic categories, functioning, and other variables as required into the GPRA, and provide other information, such as occupation, that will be determined by OhioMHAS.
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<p>Evaluation/ Outcome Data <i>(Actual results from program)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 747 total calls related to COVID-19 received by The Nord Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 23 from individuals living with a SMI. ○ 22 from healthcare workers. ○ 702 from the general population. • 1,138 total calls related to COVID-19 received by the NEO Collaborative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 187 from individuals living with a SMI. ○ 71 from healthcare workers. ○ 880 from the general population.
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Recommendation to Board of Directors from Board Staff:

- Recommendation to CP&O Committee to accept & approve board staff recommendation to contract with The Nord Center to continue the expansion of Lorain a County's 24-Hour Suicide Prevention, Mental Health and Addiction Crisis/Information/Referral Hotline.