



## BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

Amy H. Levin Learning & Conference Center, 1165 North Ridge Road East, Lorain 44055

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Daniel T. Urbin, Chair
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Dan Urbin (roll call vote)
  - Board Meeting of [January 27, 2026](#) – Approval of Minutes **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-01** (pages [3-14](#))
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - CP&O Committee – [John Nisky](#) (pages [15-22](#))
  - Governance Committee – [Kreig Brusnahan](#) (pages [23-55](#))
  - Finance Committee – [Wanda Ewing](#) (pages [56-78](#))
4. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT** – Dan Urbin ([verbal](#))
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Michael K. Doud (page [79-80](#))
6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – Dan Urbin (roll call vote)

*NOTE: Consent Agenda items are [highlighted](#) throughout the packet for review*

  - February 2026 Consent Agenda **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-02** (page [81](#))
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Walk-On: Approval of **Resolution No. 26-02-08** for release of retainage funds to Panzica Construction LLC for the Lorain County Crisis Recovery Center Project. (roll call vote) (page [82](#))
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Please limit comments to no more than three (3) minutes.)
10. **UPCOMING COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS:**
  - Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30pm – CP&O Committee Meeting
  - Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:30pm – Finance Committee Meeting
  - Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:30pm – Board Meeting



**BOARD MEETING**

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**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Daniel T. Urbin, Chair**

**Mike Babet, Vice Chair**

**Sandra Premura, Secretary**

**Kreig Brusnahan, Chief Governance Officer**

**Tim Barfield • Monica Bauer • Tim Carrion • Wanda Ewing**

**Michael Finch • Michele Flanagan • Paulette Grace • Thomas Lumsden**

**Pat McGervey • John Nisky • Clifton Oliver • James Schaeper • Mark Skellenger**



# **Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County**

## **Approval of January 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**

Attachments and resolutions referenced in these minutes were distributed prior to or at the meeting, will be included in the official minutes, but are not part of this packet.



**Minutes of the  
Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County  
Board Meeting held on January 27, 2026**

**at the Amy H. Levin Learning & Conference Center, 1165 North Ridge Road East, Lorain, OH 44055**

**Board Members Present:** Mike Babet, Tim Barfield, Kreig Brusnahan, Wanda Ewing, Michele Flanagan, Thomas Lumsden, Pat McGervey, John Nisky, Clifton Oliver, Sandra Premura, James Schaeper, Mark Skellenger

Board Members Absent: Monica Bauer, Tim Carrion, Michael Finch, Paulette Grace, Dan Urbin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Mike Babet called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum found.

**PRESENTATION**

Mark Johnson, Chief of Behavioral Health Services, presented the BODs an overview of the Ohio Department Behavioral Health's (DBH) Community Assessment Plan (CAP) requirements due January 30<sup>th</sup>. The CAP is a three (3) year tool assessing community behavioral health needs, to identify local behavioral priorities, and to support alignment with federal, state and local behavioral health priorities. The CAP can be modified to meet local needs. For more details, please see the attached handout.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 26-01-01** Pat McGervey made a motion to approve the November 18, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Clifton Oliver. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried. Minutes approved as is.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (reports attached)

- CP&O Committee – John Nisky
- Finance Committee – Wanda Ewing
- Executive Committee – Mike Babet

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** by Michael K. Doud

**Highlights**

- a. Encouraged BODs to reach out to federal & state representatives on proposed policy and funding reduction (Federal Block Grant, Crisis Block Grant Funding, HUD & SAMSHA). Contact Rick for template letter.



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- b. Kudos to Rebecca Jones and board staff for hosting a successful community forum addressing suicide prevention. The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation presented current data for Lorain County. The turnout was great with local and Channel 5 media on-site. Sal Rini, Perspectus, presented a donation to the coalition.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION No. 26-01-02** Pat McGervey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Sandra Premura. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried. Consent Agenda approved as is.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Role of the Board Training hosted by BVU and Community Foundation of Lorain County is available to board members. A flier with details and a QR code for registration is available.
- b. A couple BODs are needed to form the Frederick P. Slanina Foundation Fund (hereafter as Slanina Fund) Committee. The Slanina Fund is used as scholarships to assist Network staff in obtaining undergraduate or graduate education required for certification, and/or a grant to support a joint workshop for professional development in Lorain County. Michael Doud is the lead for the fund. More information to follow.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Please limit comments to no more than three (3) minutes.)

- a. John Lombardo of Primary Purpose thanked the BODs for their continued support and approving the Agency's capital improvement request. Mr. Lombardo thanked everyone for participating in the annual fundraising events.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Community Planning and Oversight Committee Report

Tuesday, January 13, 2025 5:32 p.m. MHARS Board Office – Conf Room

*COMMUNITY PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The Community Planning and Oversight Committee shall evaluate new programs and determine service gaps and unmet needs in the community. The Committee shall also set standards for evaluating service providers funded by the Board with respect to meeting the service terms of contracts, programs, goals and objectives, and the quality of service, and periodically monitor and review provider status. The Committee shall facilitate the development of a schedule of regular presentations to the BOD pertaining to current programming and emerging needs in the community.*

**Committee Members Present:** John Nisky (Committee Chair), Mike Babet, Kreig Brusnahan, Paulette Grace, Clifton Oliver, Mark Skellenger

**Staff Present:** Tonya Birney, Lauren Cieslak, Amanda Divis, Michael Doud, Arielle Edwards, Mark Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Vinaida Reyna, Rick Sherlock

### I. Informational Items

- A. Trainings and Outreach Events (see Attachments A1, A2, A3, A4)
  - Highlighted: January 27<sup>th</sup> – Community Meeting with the OSPF
  - Highlighted: 988 Crisis Hotline Coasters in Local Bars
  - Highlighted: 2026 Free CEU Scheduled Training for Provider Network ONLY
- B. Network Benefit Plan (see Attachment B)
  - This one-pager can be found on the website, and is available via all Provider Network
- C. HUD Funding (see Attachments C1, C2)
  - Funding through the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio is at risk
  - Talking Points encouraging members to reach out to their local/state representatives
- D. SOS 4.0 Year two Supplemental Funding – ODBH (see Attachment D)
  - Transitional Aged Young Adults (18-24) Recovery Housing
  - MHARS Board Awarded \$270,000

### II. Recommendations: *Agenda Process Sheet (APS)*

- A. FY26 Allocation Increase Access to Wellness (see APS 01.26.01)
  - Agency: A Place to Recover (P2R)
  - Amount of Increase: \$50,000.00

### III. Unfinished Business – None at this time

### IV. New Business

- A. Amy Levin Fund Committee
  - As staff lead of the Amy Levy Fund Committee, Rebecca Jones asked the committee members if a couple of them were interested in volunteering their time in reviewing and voting on potential applicants for these funds.

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**Community Planning and Oversight Committee Report**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 5:32 p.m. MHARS Board Office – Conf Room**

**Adjourned** at 6:35 p.m.

**Following Meeting:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:30pm at the MHARS Board Conference Room

## Finance Committee Meeting Report

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 5:30 p.m. Hybrid/Conference Room

***FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The Finance Committee shall review all expenditures of the Board monthly financial statements and shall report on these to the BOD. The Committee shall review the annual budget proposed by the Executive Director and shall make recommendations on the annual budget to the BOD. The Committee shall review results from the annual county financial audit and monitor the implementation of any corrective action plans required by the audit.*

**Committee Members Present:** Wanda Ewing (Committee Chair), Michelle Flanagan, Thomas Lumsden, Sandra Premura, Mark Skellenger and Dan Urbin (ex-officio)

**Staff Present:** Michael Doud and Barry Habony

### I. Informational

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*.

### II. Recommendations

1. **Approval of the Fiscal Year 25 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position** – The Committee reviewed the attached final fiscal year 25 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position, along with supporting schedules and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-01-03)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the final fiscal year 25 financial statements.

2. **Approval of the Fiscal Year 26 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position** – The Committee reviewed the attached fiscal year 26 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position, along with supporting schedules for the period ended December 2025 and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-01-04)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the fiscal year 26 financial statements for the period ended December 2025.

3. **Approval of the MHARS Board Listing of Expenses for November and December** – The Committee reviewed the attached Listing of Expenses for November 2025 totaling \$1,564,903.38 and December 2025 totaling \$2,287,130.07 and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-01-05)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the MHARS Board November and December Listing of Expenses.

4. **Approval of the MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for October and November 2025** – The Committee reviewed the attached MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for October and November 2025 and found them to be in order.

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### Finance Committee Meeting Report

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 5:30 p.m. Hybrid/Conference Room

**(Resolution 26-01-06)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for October and November 2025.

- 5. Approval of the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 26** – The Committee reviewed the attached MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 26. The budget revisions for fiscal year 26 were found to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-01-07)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the MHARS Board Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 26.

- 6. Approval of Contracts** – The Committee reviewed the attached list of *Contracts to be Authorized by the MHARS Board of Directors* and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-01-08)** The Committee **Recommends** that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the *Contracts to be Authorized by the MHARS Board of Directors*.

**III. Unfinished Business** – None at this time.

**IV. New Business** – None at this time.

**V. Discussion of Consent Agenda Items** – The Committee affirmed all recommendations to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting** of the Finance Committee scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30pm at the MHARS Board Office – Conference Room.

## Executive Committee Meeting Report

Thursday, January 22, 2026 5:30pm Conference Room

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Secretary, Chief Governance Officer, and ALL Chairs of Standing Committees. Between the meetings of the BOD, the Executive Committee, shall have, and may exercise, the authority of the BOD, except as such authority is limited by statute. The Executive Committee shall have only such power and authority of the BOD between meetings of the BOD as shall be necessary to address crisis situations of the Board; any such action taken by the Executive Committee between meetings of the BOD shall be subject to ratification or modification by the BOD at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Committee Members Present:** Daniel Urbin, Board Chair; Mike Babet, Vice Chair, Kreig Brusnahan, Chief Governance Officer; Wanda Ewing, John Nisky

Committee Members Absent: Sandra Premura, Secretary; James Schaeper

**Staff Present:** Michael Doud, Vinaida Reyna

### I. Informational

- a. Update on Strategic Plan 2026-2028 (attachment)
  - In recent years, the updates for the Strategic Plan have been shared with the full Board during the August BOD Retreat. The committee agreed in keeping this method as is.
- b. Update on Legal Matter: Housing Discrimination Complaint through Legal Aide Society
  - This matter is a 4-year case. Our legal team is requesting for the Board to be dismissed from this case. We've had two staff participate in deposition.

### II. Recommendations

- a. 120 Day Notice Letter (attachment)
  - After reviewing the attached draft, Kreig Brusnahan made a motion to approve moving the letter to the full board for approval. Motion was seconded by Wanda Ewing. All in favor. Motion carries.
- b. Appeal of Board Decision (attachment)
  - After some questions, Mike Babet made a motion to approve moving the policy to the full board for approval. Motion was seconded by Kreig Brusnahan. All in favor. Motion carries.

### III. Unfinished Business

- a. Kreig Brusnahan asked for update on the CRC Signage. Currently, the Admin is behind on creating checks on behalf of the Board. Once Wagner Sign is paid, next steps are electrical placement which will be overseen by Panzica Construction.

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**IV. New Business**

- a. John Nisky asked for any updates on Riveon's concern with EMS Transportation reimbursements for transporting clients to CRC. It was shared that a lobbyist is working on this matter. There may be a pilot program coming out transport of client's in crisis via EMS.

**V. Determination of Consent Agenda**

- a. Kreig Brusnahan made a motion to move Recommendations a and b to consent agenda. Mike Babet seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjourned** at 5:57pm

**Next Meeting:** as needed

## Executive Director Report

January 27, 2026

### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Speak Up Speak Out Event**

January 10<sup>th</sup> event is a community forum that brings together public officials to address residential questions relating to social, political and educational issues as well as concerns about public safety and business issues impacting the community. Tonya Birney and Michael Doud had the opportunity to respond to questions from the audience.

### **SAMHSA Announcement**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Kennedy, HHS/SAMHSA issued \$2B budget cut effective January 14<sup>th</sup> for mental health, substance use disorder services and opioid prevention and treatment targeted to the homeless population. Fortunately, Congressional members immediately stepped-in and the Secretary issued a reversal.

### **11th Annual MLK Day – From Chaos to Community**

January 19<sup>th</sup> event honored the work of Dr. Martin Luther King. Civic leaders, including myself, had the opportunity to share with the community events/activities that support the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King.

### **Elyria's 40th Annual Ruby Red Day of Service**

Rebecca Jones represented both the Lorain County Suicide Prevention Coalition and the MHARS Board during Elyria's 40th Annual Ruby Red Day of Service. She participated in the traditional honorary walk through the city and joined community members at the gathering held at Elyria High School, helping to show support for service, connection, and community well-being.

### **Community Meeting with OSPF**

January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Lorain County Suicide Prevention Coalition and the MHARS Board convened community members to focus on suicide prevention through awareness, connection, and action. With support from the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, keynote speakers shared valuable insight, while attendees received information, resources, and dedicated space for meaningful conversation about how we can support one another and reduce suicide risk across our community.

### **Lorain Cares Summit**

In December, the MHARS Board was excited to participate in Lorain Cares' "Healing Together for Grieving Students" summit - sponsored by the Education Service Center of Lorain County. Lauren Cieslak of the MHARS Board spoke about utilizing creative interventions with grief-stricken youth. More than 150 attendees had registered to attend the session, planned for provide learning and collaborative guidance to educators, school administrators, counselors, social workers, school-based mental health staff and community partners.

### **Zero Proof Mix-off**

Zero Proof Mix Off is a community event celebrating creative and delicious non-alcoholic drinks, crafted by several local organizations, including the MHARS Board of Lorain County. The goal of the

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event is to raise awareness about sober driving and highlight fun, flavorful zero-proof drink options. The Mix Off is proudly hosted by the Lorain County Safe Communities Coalition.

#### **Board of Director's Highlight**

MHARS BOD John Nisky was named by the Lorain County Commissioners an Alternate to Region 19 – One Ohio Governance Board, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

#### **UPCOMING TRAININGS AND OUTREACH**

##### **FEBRUARY 2026**

4 – Sheffield Lake Schools' Handle With Care Training

11 – Amherst Steele's Heart2Heart Wellness Fair

16 – Office Closed – Holiday: President's Day

16 – Mental Health & Well Being Training at Horizon

18 – Sheffield Lake Schools' Handle With Care Training

23 – Network CEU Training: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

##### **MARCH 2026**

18 – Connecting for Kids Resource Fair at LCCC Ewing Field House

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### I. Informational Items

#### A. Trainings and Outreach Events (see Attachment A)

- Community Services Team gave a quick run through of the upcoming training list. Please note, the highlighted event is open to the public.

#### B. Suicide Prevention Coalition and Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (see Attachment B1, B2)

- Link: [New data sparks lifesaving conversations in Lorain County](#)
- Rebecca Jones was excited to share the work the SP Coalition is doing for the community and a couple programs coming to Lorain County with full support from the OSPF. Details will be provided as programs are finalized.

#### C. HUD Funding through the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in OH (see Attachment C)

- Arielle Edwards expressed gratitude to all who have written letters to local and state representatives on behalf of the Board and community on the housing issue. Although we are not “out of the woods”, we are glad to see some positive recommendations being made to the Department of HUD.
- Per COHHIO’s recommendation, a template thank you letter will go out to members to send to representatives.

### II. Recommendations: *Agenda Process Sheet (APS)*

#### A. **FY26 Amendment to funding allocation (see APS 02.26.01)**

- Amendment to previous scope of work – Primary Purpose Capital Funding \$50,000
- Kreig Brusnahan made a motion to approve the amendment to the capital improvement list of projects as noted in APS 02.26.01. Paulette Grace seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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### III. Unfinished Business

#### A. CRC Staffing

- Dan Urbin asked if the CRC is fully staffed. Mark Johnson replied that there are still open positions, but the number of people utilizing the CRC is not at full capacity so there is some current balance.

#### B. CRC Signage

- Paulette Grace asked for updates on the CRC signage. Michael Doud shared that Wagner Sign will receive payment this week, and work should begin soon after.

### IV. New Business

#### A. Community Assessment Plan (CAP) Data preview

- Mark Johnson gave a brief walk through of the CAP Data via the Clear Impact page used by the State.

### V. Recommendation for Consent Agenda Items

#### A. Item II.A to be placed on consent agenda

**Adjourned** at 6:42 p.m.

**Following Meeting:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30pm at the MHARS Board Conference Room

**ATTACHMENT A**

**UPCOMING TRAININGS AND OUTREACH**

**FEBRUARY 2026**

- 11 – Amherst Steele’s Heart2Heart Wellness Fair 9-12:45pm – Staff: Lauren Cieslak
- 11 – C.A.L.M. Convo Training at ALC 9:30-4:00pm – Staff: Rebecca Jones
- 13 – You Belong Mentors Retreat at ALC 11:30-3:00pm – Staff: Rebecca Jones
- 16 – MH & Well Being Training at Horizon – Staff: Lauren Cieslak
- 17 – QPR Training at ALC 6:00pm – Staff: Rebecca Jones
- 18 – Handle With Care Training at Lorain Police Dept. – Staff: Lauren Cieslak
- 18 – Handle With Care Training at Sheffield Lake Schools – Staff: Lauren Cieslak
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- 27 – Handle With Care Training at Lorain Police Dept. – Staff: Lauren Cieslak

**MARCH 2026**

- 18 – Connecting for Kids Resource Fair at LCCC Ewing Field House 6-8pm – Staff: Peggy Baron
- 30-4/3 – Peer Recovery Supporter Training at ALC – Staff: Tonya Birney

**APRIL 2026**

- 14 & 15 – MHFA Training at ALC 12:30-4:30pm (both days) – Staff: Rebecca Jones
- 20-21 – ASIST Training at ALC (both full days) – Staff: Tonya Birney
- 27-5/1 – CIT Training at ALC – Staff: Arielle Edwards



In 2023, firearms were the leading mechanism of suicide in Ohio, accounting for **41% of female suicides** and **62% of male suicides.**

Ohio Department of Health

**1 in 10**

firearm suicides involved a gun that was purchased or rented within a week of the suicide.

NH Firearm Safety Coalition

Having conversations about safety in a community-based setting resulted in more people securing their firearms.

Forefronts Suicide Prevention

## Lethal Means Safety

We believe suicide prevention is everyone's responsibility. Therefore, we listen to hunters, collectors, enthusiasts, firearms instructors, men and women with training, and gun retailers to gain insight and experiences. By working together we can guide Life Side Ohio to reach more gun owners and save lives.

## Our Mission

To educate Ohioans on the importance of suicide prevention with the help of gun owners with various backgrounds across the state with one common goal: to save lives.

## Reasons for Secure Storage

- 1** Allows time for the moment of intense suicidal crisis to pass.
- 2** Allows time for someone to intervene with potentially lifesaving support and resources.
- 3** Securely protects children and adults by preventing unintentional shootings and gun suicides.

*Life Side Ohio is hosted by  
The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation*



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# Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Launches State-Funded Suicide Prevention Initiative for Men

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) is expanding to a new two-year initiative focused on reducing suicide among adult men. This population continues to experience disproportionately high suicide rates in Ohio. Funded by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), through a grant from Center for Disease Control and Prevention titled Expansion of Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Across the U.S. (CDC-RFA-CE22-2204), the project will expand evidence-based prevention strategies and community support efforts for men, ages 24-59, across Ohio, with priority focus in 10 counties disproportionately affected by suicide within this age group. These counties were determined using data for suicide deaths (2020-2024) and emergency department visits for suspected suicide attempts (2023-2024).

"Men have consistently higher rates of suicide compared with women, accounting for more than 80% of all suicide deaths in Ohio," said OSPF CEO Tony Coder. "This focused effort will build on our ongoing work to reduce stigma, promote proven prevention strategies, connect men with resources, and increase awareness across the state while strengthening efforts in the prioritized counties."

Working alongside local partners, the initiative will focus on the following counties: Clark, Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Montgomery, Richland, and Summit.

As part of the project, OSPF will:

- **Expand Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR)** trainings for healthcare professionals to help them recognize and respond to individuals in crisis.
- Expand and promote **Man Therapy Ohio**, which provides working-aged men with self-screening tools, educational resources, and a statewide provider directory.
- Expand **Life Side Ohio**, a community-led outreach program that promotes secure lethal means storage and other suicide prevention strategies.
- Launch a statewide **Community of Practice (COP)** for adult males, bringing together leaders, service providers, and men with lived experience to strengthen help-seeking behaviors and normalize mental health conversations.
- Increase **Suicide Fatality Review (SFR)** committees across Ohio to identify contributing factors in suicide deaths and support community-driven prevention recommendations.

This two-year effort will strengthen statewide infrastructure to support men's mental health. By expanding evidence-based programs, fostering multisector collaboration, and increasing the use of Suicide Fatality Reviews, OSPF aims to equip local communities with the tools they need to reduce suicide risk among adult men. As work begins in the counties identified by ODH, OSPF will continue partnering with state and local leaders, healthcare providers, and community organizations to build sustainable, community-driven prevention strategies across Ohio.



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### **Advocacy Update: Good News for Housing!**

The government funding bill passed by Congress yesterday carries some good news, including a \$7.2 billion increase for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and language requiring HUD to continue funding Continuum of Care (CoC) grants.

Passed as part of the bipartisan agreement to end the brief government shutdown, the legislation provides a total of \$77.3 billion for HUD in Fiscal Year 2026. This is a huge win, considering that previous versions would have cut critical homelessness and housing programs.

The spending bill provides \$34.9 billion for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, which should be enough to ensure the renewal of existing contracts, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. (NLIHC's analysis) It also increases Homeless Assistance Grants to \$4.4 billion over FY 2025. (NLIHC's budget chart)

Ohio's Congressional delegation mostly voted along party lines. It was a complex bill covering five budgets and there were other concerns. But from the housing perspective - this is a day of good news, so a big thank you for asking your members to support HUD programs. Advocacy works!

We're especially thankful to Rep. Dave Joyce (R-Chagrin Falls), who sits on the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee. We also want to give a shout out to Reps. Mike Turner (R-Dayton) and Joyce Beatty (D-Columbus), who promoted language requiring the administration to continue funding CoC grants.

With ongoing litigation and uncertainty surrounding the administration's drastic changes to the CoC program – the largest source of funding for homeless services – Congress added provisions that:

- Require HUD to renew all CoC grants expiring in the first quarter of 2026 for 12 months.
- Create a timeline for HUD to renew CoC grants expiring later in the year, assuming HUD is not permitted to issue a new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Requires HUD to issue its FY 26 CoC NOFO no later than June 1, and deliver funds no later than Dec. 1, 2026.
- States that HUD's FY26 NOFO must allocate at least 60% of CoC funds to "Tier 1" projects, which provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services to people experiencing homelessness.

We also appreciate the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the National Low-Income Coalition's efforts to coordinate advocacy surrounding the CoC program and the appropriations process.

Troubling changes to the CoC program and housing first policies may still be coming, but this legislation creates a more rational process and buys providers some time to prepare and advocate. So, take a moment to celebrate the win and thank your members of Congress for protecting vulnerable Ohioans.

Sincerely,  
Amy Riegel

Executive Director, [Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)]



# Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County

## Agenda Process Sheet

APS No. **02.26.01**

- COMMUNITY PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
- FINANCE COMMITTEE
- OTHER COMMITTEE
- BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

NEW PROGRAM

CONTINUING PROGRAM

EXPANDING PROGRAM

**Subject:** *Amendment to previously approved* Capital improvement funding

**Contract Entity(s):** Primary Purpose

**Contract Term:** FY26

**Funding Source(s):** Levy Dollars

**Contract Amount:** \$50,000.00 Funds were already awarded. Amending specific projects, below.

### Project Description:

#### 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Women's Bathroom Remodel	\$9,390.30
New Garage Roof N. Ridgeville	\$3,000
Entryway Canopy	\$11,885.75
Seal outside door in Kitchen	\$4,000
Catch basin Replacement drainage	\$5,500
Lighting	\$705.37
Drains, Downspouts and Sidewalks	\$6,819
Men's Multipurpose room floor	\$9,000

Total invoicing is \$50,300.42, but the board is recommending only the previously agreed upon \$50,000.

**Planning considerations or impact specific to population, cultural or geographic disparities for access and engagement:** capital improvements will enhance dignity and safety of residents

**Planning considerations or impact specific to the Strategic Plan:**



# Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County

## Agenda Process Sheet

***PARTNER WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPROVE LORAIN COUNTY'S HOUSING CAPACITY (RECOVERY, SUPPORTIVE, TRANSITIONAL) UTILIZATION AND EFFECTIVENESS.*** These funds will serve to enhance existing recovery housing.

**Related Facts:**

This is not an ask for additional money, but a change in the project deliverables. By investing in capital improvements, the cost is not passed on to clients resulting in increased rent.

**Number Served:** N/A

**System Impact:**

Investment in capital improvements ensures recovery housing building is able to provide high quality recovery housing to Lorain County residents for years to come.

<b>Metrics</b> <i>(How will goals be measured)</i>	N/A capital improvement project
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<b>Evaluation/ Outcome Data</b> <i>(Actual results from program)</i>	N/A
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## Governance Committee Meeting Report

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026    5:30 p.m.    MHARS Board Office – Conf Room**

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**Committee Members Present:** Kreig Brusnahan (CGO and Committee Chair), Tim Barfield, Monica Bauer, Michele Flanagan, Clifton Oliver, and Daniel Urbin (ex officio)

**Staff Present:** Michael Doud, Vinaida Reyna

**I. Informational**

- No informational items at this time

**II. Recommendation**

**a. Review suggested edits to the Bylaws (attachment)**

- Michele Flanagan made a motion to approve and move the suggested bylaws edits to consent agenda. Clifton Oliver seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**III. Unfinished Business**

- No unfinished business at this time

**IV. New Business**

- a. Consider dissolving the Nominating Committee into the Governance Committee
  - After some discussion, the committee agreed on moving this item to Executive Committee for further discussion.

**V. Determine Consent Agenda items**

- a. Item II.a to be placed on consent agenda

**Adjourned at 5:40pm**

**Next Meeting:** as needed

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

Board of Directors'

By-Laws

Adopted

07/16/2019\*

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\*Article V: Section 6: Virtual/Hybrid Meetings added under Resolution No. 25-05-02 Consent Agenda on 5/27/2025

\*Appendix A: Special Rules Item 2 revised to reflect time limits to include Committee Meetings under Resolution No. 24-06-05 on 6/25/2024

\*Code of Conduct Policy Form: Additional Language for Procedure Addressing Code of Conduct violation was approved and added 2/27/2024 to the form.

\*Appendix A: Special Rules Item 2 was amended to add time limits during debatable questions under Resolution 23-11-15 on 11/15/2023.

\*Article IX: Executive Director revised 5/23/2023 to add the communication between board members and staff shall be directed to the Executive Director or designee. (Section 3: Power and Duties – J)

\*Article VIII: Standing and Special (Ad Hoc) Committees revised 03/28/2023 to charge the Governance Committee to review BODs attendance and conduct the self-evaluation/training needs survey to the BODs instead of the Nominating Committee.

\*Article VIII: Standing and Special (Ad Hoc) Committees revised 03/22/2022 under Resolution 22-03-01: Nominating Committee (instead of the Governance Committee to monitor and conduct self-evaluation surveys of BOD.

\*Article VIII: Standing and Special (Ad Hoc) Committees revised 05/28/2020 under Resolution 20-05-08: Nominating Committee to monitor Board Member attendance; 06/25/2020 under Resolution 20-06-07 to change Nominating to Membership Committee; 07/25/2020 name and charge of Ad Hoc Disparities Committee; 08/27/2020 to update the MHARS Board's Vision Statement; 01/28/2021 under Resolution 21-01-06 to update the charge and name of the Community Review and Plan Committee; 09/28/2021 to return the "Membership" Committee's name to "Nominating" Committee.

\*Edits throughout Bylaws (09/28/2021 and 11/16/2021) to clean up policy language and remove some Ohio Revised Code language.

\*Article I: Mission and Vision Statement revised 10/20/2020 to align with the 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan.

\*Article I: Name and Purpose revised 08/27/2020.

\*Appendix A revised under amended Resolution 16-09-07 on 9/22/16

\*Appendix A adopted under Resolution 16-04-12 on 4/28/16

# Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County

## Board of Directors' By-Laws

### ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

The Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall conduct business and fulfill duties based on the following stated mission and vision:

The **mission** of the Board is to **invest in mental health, addiction and recovery services to build a healthier community.** ~~improve the well-being of our community by planning for, establishing and maintaining an effective, efficient, and quality system of mental health, addiction and recovery services for Lorain County.~~

Vision Statement:

~~All Lorain County residents will have access to the most comprehensive and progressive mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. Based on the fact that mental illness and substance use disorders are treatable diseases and that people can recover, we will:~~

- ~~• Work to build a system of care that has the best services, is client driven and encourages people to participate in their own care.~~
- ~~• Fund services based on performance measures and outcomes.~~
- ~~• Promote cooperation between the Board, the community and provider agencies.~~
- ~~• Advocate for clients and support services.~~

The **vision** of the Board is **prevention, treatment, and recovery are essential to a healthier, more connected Lorain County – where every individual and family is empowered to thrive.**

### ARTICLE II: SOURCE OF AUTHORITY

Subject to rules issued by the director of mental health and addiction services after consultation with relevant constituencies as required by division (A)(10) of Section 5119.12 of the Revised Code, the Board shall carry out the duties set forth herein.

### ARTICLE III: DUTIES

Serve as the community addiction and mental health services planning agency for the county under its jurisdiction and in so doing it shall fulfill its duties pursuant to Section 340.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

## **ARTICLE IV: BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

### *Section 1: Membership*

The Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the BOD, shall be composed of eighteen (18) members, ~~ten (10)~~ **twelve (12)** appointed by the Lorain County Commissioners and ~~eight (8)~~ **six (6)** appointed by the state appointing authority. ~~The Lorain County Commissioners and the state appointing authority shall make their appointments consisting of nine members interested in mental health program and facilities and nine other members interested in alcohol, drug or gambling addiction services.~~ The membership of the BOD shall, as nearly as possible, reflect the composition of the population of Lorain County as to ethnicity and gender. The membership composition is subject to the provisions of ORC §340.02(C). Members shall be residents of Lorain County.

### *Section 2: Terms of Office*

Members shall serve four-year terms, except as enumerated in the initial term appointments. No member shall be allowed to serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms (not to exceed eight years) or ten (10) years pursuant to ORC §340.02.

### *Section 3: Required Members*

~~At least one member shall fill each of the following categories~~ **Per ORC §340.02(C), the Director of Behavioral Health shall ensure that at least one member of the Board is a:**

- a. clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services;
- b. person who has received or is receiving mental health services;
- c. parent or other relative of such a person;
- d. clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services;
- e. person who has received or is receiving addiction services;
- f. parent or other relative of such a person.
- g. A single member who meets both qualifications may fulfill the requirements for clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services and a clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services.

### *Section 4: Conflict of Interest*

ORC 340.02(D) – No member or employee of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall serve as a member of the board of any provider with which the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities. No member of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be an employee of any provider with which the board has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities. No person shall be an employee of the board and such a provider unless the board and provider both agree in writing.

ORC 340.02(E) - No person shall serve as a member of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services whose 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 as a member of the board of

any provider with which the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services has entered into a contract for the provision of services or facilities. No person shall serve as a member or employee of the board whose 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.

All members of the BOD shall comply with the Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes as found in ORC Chapter 102 and §2921.42 and §2921.43. Generally, these laws prohibit public officials and employees from misusing their official positions for personal benefit or the benefit of family members or business associates. Specifically, members are prohibited from the following, but not limited to:

- Participating in their public role in any action that involves the direct interests of the BOD member, or those of a family member, or another with whom the BOD member has an ongoing private business relationship;
- Authorizing, or using a public position to secure a public contract or the investment of public funds in any security that benefits the BOD member, a family member, or a business associate;
- Improperly profiting from a public contract;
- Soliciting or accepting substantial and improper items of value, including, outside employment, consultation fees, gifts, travel, meals, lodging etc. from those dealing with the public agency;
- Unauthorized disclosure or use of information deemed confidential by law;
- Representing others before any public agency in a matter in which the BOD member or employee was involved, both during, and for a period of at least one year after leaving public service.

All members of the BOD shall comply with the Board Conflict of Interest policy [and the Board Code of Conduct policy](#) as adopted by the BOD.

#### *Section 5: Removal from Board*

ORC 340.02(G) - Any member of the board may be removed from office by the appointing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office, and shall be removed by the appointing authority if the member is barred by this section from serving as a board member. The member shall be informed in writing of the charges and afforded an opportunity for a hearing. Upon the absence of a member within one year from either four board meetings or from two board meetings without prior notice, the board shall notify the appointing authority, which may vacate the appointment and appoint another person to complete the member's term.

#### *Section 6: Removal Process*

When any member is to be removed pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 4 and 5 of this Article IV, the BOD shall inform the appropriate appointing authority in writing of the violation and request that the appointing authority commence the removal procedures.

Pursuant to the requirements of the ORC §340.02 the BOD shall notify the appointing authority when a member is absent from either four BOD meetings with notice; or two Board meetings without prior notice within one Fiscal Year. The appointing authority may vacate the appointment and appoint another person to complete the member's term.

*Section 7: Oath of Office*

Newly appointed or reappointment members of the BOD shall take the Oath of Office in accordance with state law at the Regular BOD meeting, prior to participating in any official voting processes at the regular BOD or committee meetings.

**ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

*Section 1: Regular Meetings*

The BOD shall meet not less than ten (10) times per year. Meetings are conducted in accordance with the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, as well as under "Special Rules" adopted following the guidance which parliamentary authority provides in its discussion of "Procedure in Small Boards."

*Section 2: Special Meetings*

A special meeting of the BOD may be called at any time by the **Chair** and shall be called by the **Chair** upon petition of at least one-third of the members. Except in emergency situations, at least 48 hours' notice will be given for special meetings and the purpose of the meeting shall be given at the time of notice. A member present at a meeting at which a special meeting is announced shall be considered to have additional notice.

*Section 3: Quorum*

A quorum shall consist of at least a majority of members currently appointed to the BOD. If there are vacancies on the BOD, a quorum shall consist of a majority of positions filled by the appointing authorities at the time the meeting is held. A motion may be passed by an affirmative vote of one more than half of a quorum present at any given meeting.

*Section 4: Voting*

Only duly appointed members attending in person will be permitted to vote. Members not physically in attendance will not be permitted to participate in any discussion or vote by any other means including, but not limited to, the use of a conference call. The majority of the members present at a BOD meeting or a committee meeting, for which there is quorum, shall determine its action.

*Section 5: Open Meeting Act*

All business shall be conducted according to the Open Meeting Act, Ohio Revised Code §121.22. The public shall be reasonably informed of all public meeting dates and locations. An agenda shall be available to the public at each meeting. Pursuant of Ohio law, executive sessions may be held during a public meeting for the very limited valid

reasons which include discussions regarding the following matters:

- a. Appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee or BOD member or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee or BOD member
- b. To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purpose
- c. Conferences with an attorney concerning disputes that are the subject of pending, imminent, or ongoing court action
- d. Matters required to be kept confidential pursuant to federal law, federal rules or state statutes
- e. Client specific matters
- f. Specialized details of security arrangements

During executive sessions, the BOD is only permitted to discuss those legitimate executive session topics that have been approved by the roll call vote.

#### *Section 6: Virtual/Hybrid Meetings*

##### Policy

Members of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County (MHARS Board) may hold, conduct and attend meetings and/or hearings “virtually” consistent with this Policy. More specifically, members may hold, conduct and/or attend meetings and/or hearings by means of video conference, or any other similar electronic technology, provided the virtual meeting and/or hearing complies with this Policy. Please note that this virtual attendance option does **not** apply to meetings of the full Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or the Nominating Committee. These meetings must be conducted in person.

##### Notice

Prior to holding any meeting and/or hearing virtually, the Board shall provide notice of the meeting and/or hearing to the public, media and/or any party requesting notification at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the time, location, agenda, and the manner by which the meeting and/or hearing will be conducted, except in the case of an emergency as determined by the Board and as set forth herein.

In the event of an emergency as determined by Board, it shall immediately notify the public, media and/or any other party requesting notification of the time, place, and purpose of the emergency meeting and/or hearing.

Notice of any meeting and/or hearing is to be provided by reasonable methods that would permit any party to reasonably determine the time, location, agenda, and manner of the meeting and/or hearing.

### Public Access

The Board shall provide public access to any virtual meeting and/or hearing in the same manner as the public would otherwise be entitled if the meeting and/or hearing were to occur in person. Such access must be commensurate with the method in which the meeting and/or hearing is being held.

Members of the public shall be provided access to the meeting and/or hearing in the same manner in which the meeting and/or hearing is being conducted, including but not limited to the following: livestreaming via the internet, television, cable, public access channel, or by means of any other technology.

If the meeting and/or hearing is to occur virtually, the Board shall maintain a sufficient connection to allow members to be seen and heard clearly at all times. Board members attending meetings and/or hearings virtually must be visible at all times.

When meetings and/or hearings are conducted virtually, the Board will ensure that there is an established method to converse virtually with witnesses, receive documentary testimony and physical evidence, and to permit public comment, when/if applicable. Any such method established by the Board shall involve the use of electronic equipment that is widely available to the general public. The Board may take efforts to restrict and/or prohibit access to virtual meetings by unauthorized artificial intelligence (“AI”) programs, entities, and bots.

### Member Attendance

If attending a meeting and/or hearing virtually, members of the Board shall be considered present, and in-person for purposes of determining quorum and voting on any action, so long as notice was provided consistent with this Policy. If a member of the Board is to participate in a meeting and/or hearing virtually, they must notify the Board’s [Chair](#) or the Board’s Executive Director, acting as the [Chair](#)’s authorized designee, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting of their desire to attend virtually, barring an emergency as determined by the Board and as defined by this Policy.

Members attending virtually shall be permitted to vote and be counted as present for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

### Voting

Roll call is to be taken during any vote conducted virtually, or for any vote occurring with some members participating virtually, unless there is a non-objected motion for unanimous consent. Any resolution, rule, or other formal action taken during a virtual meeting will have the same effect as if it occurred during an open, in-person meeting or hearing of the Board.

### Exclusions to Virtual Meeting or Hearing

Meetings and/or hearings of Board may not be conducted virtually, nor may any board member attend virtually, if any of the following conditions occur:

- The meeting or hearing involves a possible vote to approve a major, non-routine expenditure as defined by this Policy.
- The meeting or hearing involves a vote to approve a significant hiring decision as defined by this Policy.
- The meeting or hearing involves a purpose to propose, approve, or vote on a tax issue or tax increase.
- At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, two (2) or more members of the Board notify the Board **Chair** that an item on the agenda must be acted upon at meeting conducted fully in person. The Board **Chair** shall confirm receipt of the request. If such notice is provided to the Board **Chair**, all members shall be notified and the meeting or hearing shall be conducted in-person.

### Definitions

As used in this Policy:

- “Emergency” shall be an event as determined by the Board, through communications primarily between the Board **Chair** and the Board’s Executive Director, requiring immediate action whereby 72-hours’ notice, or other timely notice, may not be able to be practically provided.
- “Hearing” means an administrative hearing, hearing as defined in R.C. § 119.01, or other hearing at which a person may present written or oral testimony on a matter before the Board.
- “Major nonroutine expenditure” means any non-contractual funding expenditure not routinely approved by the Board, not delegated to the Executive Director to execute via the Board’s bylaws, and exceeding \$25,000.
- “Meeting” and “public body” have the same definition as in R.C. § 121.22.  
“Significant hiring decision” means the consideration of an employment contract and/or renewal employment contract, or amendment thereto, for the Board’s Executive Director.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

The officers of the BOD shall consist of the **Chair**, Vice **Chair**, Secretary and Chief Governance Officer. The officers of the BOD shall be elected annually. The officers shall be elected by the Board from its membership at the regular monthly meeting of the BOD in June with terms of office beginning July of the new fiscal year.

Any officers may be removed for causes by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the full membership of the BOD, at any special meeting of the BOD called for that purpose, or at any regular meeting of the BOD. Such officer shall be informed by the notice of the meeting of the charges against him/her prior to the meeting.

Vacancies in any office of the BOD may be filled for the unexpired term by the BOD, at any special meeting of the BOD called for that purpose, or at any regular meeting of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### *Section 1: Chair*

#### **Chair Duties:**

- Preside at all meetings of the BOD
- Serve as **Chair** of the Executive Committee
- Act as ex-officio member of all committees with the privilege of attending meetings and casting the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- Appoint the chair and other members of the standing committees
- Appoint members of the BOD to all ad hoc committees
- May call for special meetings of the BOD consistent with Ohio Revised Code and these By-Laws
- Plan and prepare, in consultation with the Executive Director, agendas for BOD meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee
- Give leadership to the BOD and encourage all members to their best effort

### *Section 2: Vice-Chair*

The duties of the Vice-**Chair** shall be to preside in the absence of the **Chair**; to aid the **Chair** and perform the duties of the **Chair** in his/her absence; serve as member of the Executive Committee; and to perform such other duties designated by the **Chair**. The Vice-**Chair** shall assume duties of the **Chair**, if vacancy occurs, until the next regular or special meeting of the BOD.

### *Section 3: Secretary*

In absence of the **Chair** and Vice-**Chair**, the BOD Secretary, or his/her designee will conduct the meeting. The Secretary shall certify the evidence of BOD actions, including BOD policies and minutes.

### *Section 4: Chief Governance Officer*

The Chief Governance Officer (CGO) has the responsibility to be familiar with the BOD's By-Laws and shall advise the BOD if, in his/her opinion, the BOD is not in compliance with its own By-Laws. The CGO shall chair the Governance Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII: STANDING AND SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES**

In addition to the regular attendance at BOD meetings, individual BOD members are required to serve on one standing committee and voluntarily serve at functions that

support the efforts of the Board.

*Section 1: Standing Committees*

The **Chair** of the BOD shall endeavor to appoint a cross section of the entire BOD to the committees. Each member must participate on at least one committee. Committee meetings will be called by the committee chair as required.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the **Chair**, Vice **Chair**, Secretary, and all chairs of standing Committees. Between the meetings of the BOD, the Executive Committee, shall have, and may exercise, the authority of the BOD, except as such authority is limited by statute. The Executive Committee shall have only such power and authority of the BOD between meetings of the BOD as shall be necessary to address crisis situations of the Board; any such action taken by the Executive Committee between meetings of the BOD shall be subject to ratification or modification by the BOD at its next regularly scheduled meeting. For the purposes of this section, "crisis situations" shall include the following:

- a. Litigation or claims (pending, threatened, or anticipated); matters requiring BOD action or decision that cannot be delayed;
- b. Public relations matters that cannot be delayed;
- c. Natural disaster issues, (e.g. floods, fire, tornadoes, etc.);
- e. Workplace violence, sabotage, systems security/failures, computer hacking, data destruction or alteration;
- f. Staff/volunteer theft, fraud, or mismanagement;
- g. Financial decisions requiring board action or board decisions that cannot be delayed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**: The Finance Committee shall review all expenditures of the Board monthly financial statements and shall report on these to the BOD. The Committee shall review the annual budget proposed by the Executive Director and shall make recommendations on the annual budget to the BOD.

The Committee shall review results from the annual county financial audit and monitor the implementation of any corrective action plans required by the audit.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**: The Committee shall conduct interviews and shall make recommendations of potential BOD members to the BOD to formally request the appropriate appointing authorities to fill vacancies. The Committee shall endeavor to ensure that the composition of the BOD reflects the demographic characteristics of Lorain County.

The Nominating Committee shall have the responsibility to prepare, recommend, and nominate candidates for election as officers to be submitted to the BOD at its May meeting, after soliciting names of candidates from the members of the BOD after which the nominations shall be closed. The Nominating Committee shall convene, consider, and recommend to the BOD candidates for vacant officer positions and shall act by a majority

vote of its members. The Nominating Committee shall propose the slate of candidates for BOD officer positions by the June Board meeting each year.

The Committee will have supervisory capacity regarding:

- New member orientation

The Committee will establish and supervise a:

- Board Member Mentoring Procedure
- Process for Community Representatives serving on the Committees.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** The Community Planning and Oversight Committee shall evaluate new programs and determine service gaps and unmet needs in the community. The Committee shall also set standards for evaluating service providers funded by the Board with respect to meeting the service terms of contracts, programs, goals and objectives, and the quality of service, and periodically monitor and review provider status. The Committee shall facilitate the development of a schedule of regular presentations to the BOD pertaining to current programming and emerging needs in the community.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** The Governance Committee shall review Board By-Laws and recommend revisions to the BOD for adoption. Any BOD member or the Executive Director may suggest By-Law changes for the Governance Committee to consider. All discussions regarding By-Law changes shall include input from the Executive Director.

The Committee will review and supervise Board Member attendance.

The Committee shall monitor and conduct self-evaluation surveys of BOD members to inform the future educational training needs of the BOD. These surveys shall be conducted not later than June of each year.

### *Section 2: Special Committees*

The **Chair** of the BOD, with BOD approval, may appoint special (Ad Hoc) committees as needed. The meetings held by any committee established by the BOD shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

## **ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### *Section 1: Appointment and duties of the Executive Director*

The BOD shall appoint a qualified mental health or addiction services professional with experience in administration or professional administrator with experience in mental health or addiction services to serve as the Executive Director, to perform the duties prescribed by the BOD and as prescribed in Section 340.04 of the Revised Code.

### *Section 2: Compensation*

The BOD shall fix the compensation of the Executive Director which shall include reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the performance of his or her official duties.

*Section 3: Powers and duties*

Per Section 340.041 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Executive Director of the Board shall:

- A. Serve as the chief executive officer of the Board and, subject to prior approval of the BOD for each contract, and execute contracts on its behalf with this exception:
  1. The BOD may allow the executive director of the Board to execute both of the following types of contracts valued at twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less, as determined by the BOD, on behalf of the BOD without the BOD's prior approval:
    - a. Emergency contracts for clinical services or recovery support services
    - b. Standard service contracts pertaining to the Board's operations.
  2. For the purposes identified above, the BOD shall define the scope of contracts, and the BOD shall disclose the existence of a contract executed pursuant to the rule, operating procedure, standard or bylaw at the first BOD meeting that occurs after the contract was executed and ensure that a record of disclosure is included in the written minutes of that meeting.
- B. Supervise addiction services, mental health services, recovery supports and facilities provided, operated, contracted, or supported by the Board to the extent of determining that services, supports and facilities are being administered in conformity with this chapter and the rules of the director of mental health and addiction services
- C. Provide consultation to community addiction services providers and mental health services providers.
- D. Recommend to the BOD changes necessary to increase the effectiveness of addiction services, mental health services and recovery supports.
- E. Employ and remove from office such employees and consultants, and subject to the approval of the BOD, employ and remove such employees and consultants as may be necessary for the work of the Board, and fix their compensation and reimbursement within the limits set by the salary schedule and budget approved by the BOD.
- F. Encourage the development and expansion of prevention, treatment, and consultation services as well as recovery supports, in the fields of addiction services and mental health services with emphasis on continuum of care.
- G. Prepare for BOD approval an annual report of the addiction services, mental health services, recovery supports and facilities under the jurisdiction of the BOD, including a fiscal accounting of all services and supports.
- H. Conduct such studies as may be necessary and practicable for the promotion of mental health, promotion of addiction services, and the prevention of mental illness, emotional disorders and addiction.
- I. Authorize the county auditor to issue warrants for the payment of Board obligations approved by the BOD, provided that all payments from funds distributed to the Board by the department of mental health and addiction services are in accordance with the budget submitted as approved by the department of mental health and addiction

services.

- J. Effective communication between board members and staff ranks high on the organization priority to support a learning environment for board members. It is recognized staff are considered a resource, often called upon by a board member to provide advice or guidance in their area of expertise. Matters relating to the operations, policy and financial concerns shall be directed to the executive director or designee.

*Section 4: Removal*

The BOD may, by majority vote of the full membership, remove the Executive Director for cause, upon written charges, after an opportunity has been afforded him/her for a hearing before the BOD, if requested.

*Section 5: Evaluation*

The BOD shall carry out through the Executive Committee an annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director within thirty (30) days of the Executive Director's anniversary date of employment. The evaluation shall be written and be based on established performance standards and evaluation criteria and be relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director. An appeal of the evaluation, initiated at the written request of the Executive Director, shall be carried out through the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may modify or amend the evaluation and recommend same to the BOD.

**ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee these By-Laws can be amended at any regular meeting of the BOD by a simple majority vote of those present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to all members of the BOD at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE XI: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

All services and facilities contracted by the Board of Directors shall be made available without discrimination on account of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status and ability to pay or any legally impermissible basis. No professional qualified person shall be discriminated against with respect to employment on account of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status or any legally impermissible basis.

## APPENDIX A

### “Special Rules”

Adapted from *RONR, latest edition*, § 49, **Conduct of Business in Boards**

GENERAL PROCEDURE: The executive board of an organized society operates under the society’s bylaws, the society’s parliamentary authority, and any special rules of order or standing rules of the society which may be applicable to it. Such a board may adopt its own special rules of order or standing rules only to the extent that such rules do not conflict with any of the rules of the society listed above. A board that is not part of a society can adopt its own rules, provided that they do not conflict with anything in the legal instrument under which the board is constituted. *[Emphasis added.]*

Under the general parliamentary law, business is transacted in large boards according to the same rules of procedure as in other deliberative assemblies. In smaller boards, these rules apply as far as practicable, with the exceptions noted below.

PROCEDURE IN SMALL BOARDS: In a board meeting where there are not more than about a dozen members present, some of the formality that is necessary in a large assembly would hinder business. The [special] rules governing such meetings are different from the rules that hold in other assemblies.

**With *RONR* (above) as parliamentary authority, the MHARS Board of Lorain County adopts these "Special Rules" for the conduct of its full Board and Committee meetings:**

1. A member may raise a hand instead of standing when seeking to obtain the floor, and may remain seated while making motions or speaking. In providing the floor, the **Chair** recognizes the member or other speaker by name.
2. There is a limit to the number of times a member can speak to a debatable question. Members may speak up to 2 times per debatable question with 2-minute limit each time. The agenda item will list the allotted time per item but not to exceed 10 minutes, if no time is noted on the agenda. However, motions to close or limit debate, including motions to limit the number of times a member can speak to a question, are in order even in Committee meetings of a small board, although occasions where they are necessary or appropriate may be rarer than in larger assemblies. (Appeals, on the other hand, are debatable under the regular rules – that is, the **Chair** may speak twice in debate on them, and each member can speak only once.)
3. Informal discussion of a subject is permitted while no motion is pending.
4. The **Chair** may, without leaving the chair, speak in informal discussions and in debate, and vote on all questions.
5. Roll call votes shall be taken for motions to enter into executive session, motions concerning the allocation of funds and/or the authorization of contracts, or for other matters as required by law. Voice votes shall be taken for all other motions. Any member may ask the **Chair** for a roll call vote on any motion. If this request is supported by at least one additional Board Member, a roll call vote shall be taken. In all cases a simple majority shall determine the question.



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**BOARD MEMBER  
CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

*This document is to be signed prior to each new board member being sworn in with the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County and annually thereafter by all board members.*

I have read and understand the MHARS Board Code of Conduct, ORC Chapter 340, [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), and selected materials from the Ohio Ethics Laws that outlines the expectations of my comporment as a board member.

I agree to follow and adhere to these policies as a condition of my initial and continued appointment. In situations not covered by policy, I will normally consult with the Chairperson before acting. Other authorities such as the Lorain County Prosecutor's office or the Ohio Ethics Commission may also be contacted for further clarification.

1. The Board expects from itself and its members ethical and businesslike conduct. This commitment includes proper use of authority and appropriate decorum in groups and individual behavior when acting as Board members.
2. Should a Board member apply for employment with the Board, he or she must voluntarily resign prior to being considered for employment. Board members may not accept employment with a contractor of the Board until one year has elapsed from their termination as a Board member. Board members will sign a statement attesting to the absence of conflict of interest at the time of their original appointment and annually thereafter. Board members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over the organization except as explicitly set forth in Board policies.
  - 2.1 Board members' interaction with the Executive Director or with staff must recognize the lack of authority in any individual Board member or group of Board members except as noted above.
  - 2.2 Board members' interaction with the public, press or other entities must recognize the same limitation and the similar inability of any Board member or Board members to speak for the Board. Board members will make no judgments of the Executive Director or staff performance except as that performance is assessed against explicit Board policies by the official process.



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3. Board members may not accept anything of value from a private citizen under circumstances that creates a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety. Board members may not accept anything of value from members of the Board or board members of contracted provider agencies, employees of the Board or contracted provider agencies, or consumers. “Anything of value” includes money, supplemental compensation from any party, goods, chattel, future employment, interest in realty, travel, meals and lodging, frequent flyer benefits or credit card benefits and every other thing of value. Common sense exceptions to this requirement include ordinary social hospitality such as special social celebrations and recognition (e.g., recognition certificates and plaques). Board members will receive a copy of the Ohio Ethics Law within 15 days of their appointment and may refer questions to the Ohio Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090 or [www.ethics.state.oh.us](http://www.ethics.state.oh.us).
4. Board members are prohibited from representing a private client before the Board for one year following departure from the Board.
5. Current and former Board members are prohibited from disclosing any information officially designated as confidential, including:
  - 5.1 Anything that identifies individual consumers without a signed authorization;
  - 5.2 The location of the battered women’s shelter;
  - 5.3 Sensitive information such as budget, personnel and property acquisition until final decisions and negotiations have been completed;
  - 5.4 Quality management information;
  - 5.5 Proprietary information of contracted provider agencies.



## **BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT PROCEDURE**

### **1. Procedures for Review of Board Member Conduct**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

- 1.1.1** This Procedure serves as a code of conduct for members of the Board in their capacity as Board Members. Members of the Board affirm their endorsement of the Code and acknowledge their commitment to uphold its principles by accepting and retaining membership on the Board. Violations of the Code may result in sanctions imposed under these Procedures.
- 1.1.2** The grounds for disciplinary action are one or more material, demonstrable violations of any provision of the Code. Multiple alleged violations of the Code may be consolidated, at the discretion of the Chair (as such term is defined below), into a single complaint (as such term is defined below).
- 1.1.3** These Procedures shall apply to all complaints, allegations, inquiries, or submissions involving a potential violation of the Code (hereinafter collectively referred to as “complaints”) received by MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY about a Board member, whether initiated by another Board member, an officer, employee, member, or agent of MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY, or other third party.
- 1.1.4** Actions taken under these Procedures do not constitute enforcement of the law, although referral to appropriate federal, state or local government agencies may be made about a Board member's conduct in appropriate situations. Persons bringing complaints are not entitled to any relief or damages by virtue of this process, although they will receive notice of the actions taken. Complaints essentially of a commercial nature (such as claims alleging defamation by or unfair business practices of a competitor), or primarily requesting judicial-type relief, may not be considered under these Procedures unless they also involve potential violations of the Code.

#### **1.2 Development and Administration of Procedures**

- 1.2.1** The Board is responsible for the development and administration of these Procedures; however, the MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is delegated to administer these Procedures on behalf of the Board.

- 1.2.2 The Chair of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (the “Chair”) is specifically responsible for ensuring that these Procedures are implemented and followed consistently and objectively. **In the event the Chair is the subject of the complaint, the Vice-Chair shall assume said responsibilities, and all references to the Chair as set forth herein shall apply to the Vice-Chair.**
- 1.2.3 All Committee members, MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY employees, and other individuals engaged in investigations or decisions on behalf of MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY with respect to any complaint under these Procedures are indemnified and shall be held harmless and defended by MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY against any liability arising from such activities to the extent permitted by law, provided such individuals act in good faith and with reasonable care, without gross negligence or willful misconduct, and do not breach any fiduciary duty owed to MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY. No individual who (directly or through his or her family or business) has any personal or private business involvement in or connection to the alleged misconduct or any other conflict of interest shall be permitted to participate in the matter to be reviewed. Any such involvement or connection shall be immediately disclosed by the affected individual to the Committee and to the Board.

### 1.3 Complaints

- 1.3.1 Complaints may be made and transmitted by any person to the Chair, any member of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, or any officer or director of MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY in any manner by any individual. While complaints generally should be in writing and the complaining individual generally should be identified, if credible evidence of a violation of the Code is presented, the Complaint Recipient that receives such evidence shall reduce the evidence to writing (including identifying the complaining individual) and promptly forward it to the Chair. Moreover, all credible evidence of Code violations received by a Complaint Recipient, or of which a Complaint Recipient becomes aware, shall be subject to mandatory written referral by the Complaint Recipient to the Chair, such referrals that shall be subject to these Procedures. In addition, in all instances, any Complaint Recipient may self-initiate a written complaint if circumstances warrant. All complaints received by any person other than a Complaint Recipient should be immediately



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directed or forwarded to the Chair.

- 1.3.2** Direct or indirect retaliation of any kind by MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY or its officers, directors, employees, members, or agents against any individual that makes, initiates or is involved in the making of a complaint is strictly prohibited. This prohibition on retaliation shall be enforced strictly by the Board. Similarly, complaints made with knowledge of their falsity, in whole or in part, are strictly prohibited. This prohibition on the making of knowingly false complaints shall be enforced strictly by the Board.
- 1.3.3** Upon receipt and preliminary review of each complaint, the Chair may conclude, in the Chair's sole discretion, that the complaint: (1) contains facially unreliable or insufficient information or (2) are patently frivolous or trivial. In such cases, the Chair may determine that the complaint does not constitute a potentially actionable complaint that would justify bringing it before the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for determination of whether there has been a material violation of the Code. If so, such complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice by the Chair, and notice to its submitter of such action shall be provided by the Chair in writing. All such preliminary dispositions of complaints by the Chair shall be immediately reported in writing to all members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, with a copy to the MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY general counsel. Any such complaint may be re-initiated at any subsequent time pursuant to these Procedures.
- 1.3.4** If a complaint is deemed by the Chair on a preliminary basis to be a potentially actionable complaint, the Chair shall see that written notice is provided to the Board member, whose conduct has been called into question, advising the Board member that an investigation is being initiated. The Chair also shall provide written notice to the individual who submitted the complaint that the complaint is being reviewed by the Committee.

**1.4** Review of Complaint

- 1.4.1** For each complaint involving an alleged violation of the Code that the Chair believes is a potentially actionable complaint, the Chair shall authorize an investigation into its specific facts or circumstances to whatever extent is necessary in order to clarify, expand or corroborate the information provided by its submitter, and in order to assist the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in making determination as to whether charges (and, if so, what charges) against the Board member should be brought. The Committee may be assisted in the conduct of its



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investigation by MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY staff, legal counsel, and/or outside experts, provided that no such staff person, legal counsel, or outside expert has any actual or apparent conflict of interest with respect to the matter and provided such individuals agree to maintain the complete confidentiality of the investigation. Both the individual submitting the complaint and the Board member who is the subject of the charge also may be contacted by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or its agents for additional information with respect to the complaint. In addition, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or its agents may contact such other individuals who may have knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the complaint.

- 1.4.2** The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall then determine whether the complaint warrants the bringing of charges under these Procedures against the Board member who is the subject of the complaint. If the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE concludes that charges should be brought, it shall prepare written charges and a written report explaining the alleged aggrieved conduct and why such conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under the Procedures. If the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE concludes that no charges should be brought, it shall dismiss the charges without prejudice and so notify the Board member in writing. All such dispositions of complaints shall be immediately reported in writing to all members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, with a copy to the MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY general counsel. Any such complaint may be re-initiated at any subsequent time pursuant to these Procedures. Whether or not charges are brought, for all complaints, the Committee should determine whether the matter should be referred to another entity engaged in the administration of law, and, if so, should promptly do so.
- 1.4.3** If the Committee recommends that charges be brought, the Chair shall notify the Board member to be charged and send the Board member a copy of the charges and the Committee's report. The Chair shall advise the Board member that an investigation will be conducted and that a hearing will be held, providing the Board member with the proposed date and time for such hearing. The Board member shall be advised that he or she may request the opportunity to submit information or arguments contesting the charge in person or in writing, by submitting such request to the Committee within thirty days from receipt of the notice (or such other period established by the Committee, if any). The Board member also shall be advised that he or she may have the right to review evidence to be presented at the hearing and that he or she may be represented by legal counsel. The Board member shall be sent a copy of these Procedures.



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- 1.4.4** All investigations and deliberations of the Committee are to be conducted in strict confidence to the extent possible, except that the Committee shall be permitted to disclose any relevant information when compelled by law or to parties essential to the review and investigation of the alleged misconduct. All investigations and deliberations of the Committee shall be conducted objectively, without prejudgment of any kind. An investigation may be directed toward any aspect of a complaint that is relevant or potentially relevant.
- 1.4.5** The Committee hearing shall be held in person. The Chair shall preside and make evidentiary and other procedural rulings with the advice of MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY's general counsel. If a hearing is held with the charged Board member present, the Chair shall, in his or her discretion, determine the rules of evidence and for oral presentations by the parties, as advised and approved by MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY's general counsel. Written statements may be accepted as evidence. If witnesses appear, they shall be subject to cross-examination. The Board member may be accompanied and represented by legal counsel at all times, at the Board member's sole discretion and expense.

**1.5** Determination of Violation

- 1.5.1** Upon completion of its investigation and the hearing, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall determine by majority vote, upon a preponderance of the evidence, whether or not there has been a violation of the Code, and whether the Board should impose sanctions. When the Committee finds that there has been a violation, it also shall recommend imposition of an appropriate sanction. If the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE so recommends, a written determination with a proposed sanction shall be prepared under the supervision of the Chair, and shall be presented by a representative of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to the Board, along with the record of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S Investigation and deliberation. Written notice of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S determination, the proposed sanction, and the fact that the matter will be reviewed by the Board shall thereafter be provided to the charged Board member. If the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE determines that a violation has not occurred, the complaint shall be dismissed with prejudice, with written notice thereof provided to the affected Board member, as well as to the individual who submitted the complaint. A summary report also shall be made in writing to the Board.



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- 1.5.2** If a violation is found and sanctions are recommended by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, the Board shall review the recommendations of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE based upon the record presented. The Board member charged may submit a written statement to the Board prior to the Board making its decision, but may not otherwise appear before or participate in the Board's deliberations. The Board may accept, reject or modify the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S determinations either with respect to the determination of a violation or the recommended sanction to be imposed. If the Board agrees by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of a quorum that a violation has occurred, then the determination and imposition of a sanction, as determined by the Board based on the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of a quorum, shall be promulgated by written notice to the affected Board member, as well as to the individual who submitted the complaint, if the submitter agrees in advance and in writing to maintain in confidence whatever portion of such information is not made public by the Board. If the Board determines that a violation has not occurred, then the complaint shall be dismissed with prejudice, with written notice thereof provided to the affected Board member, as well as to the individual who submitted the complaint.
- 1.5.3** The Board may consider a recommendation from the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE that the Board member in violation of the Code should be offered the opportunity to submit a written assurance that the conduct in question has been terminated and will not recur. The decision of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to make such a recommendation and of the Board to accept it are within their respective discretionary powers. If such an offer is extended, the affected Board member must promptly submit the required written assurance to the Board, and the assurance must be submitted in terms that are acceptable to the Board, including but not limited to any probationary period, if required by the Board. If the Board accepts the assurance, then written notice thereof shall be provided to the affected Board member, as well as to the individual who submitted the complaint, if the submitter agrees in advance and in writing to maintain in confidence whatever portion of such information is not made public by the Board. Complaints disposed of in this manner shall be deemed to have been disposed of without prejudice.
- 1.5.4** All examinations of the record by and deliberations of the Board are to be conducted in strict confidence to the extent possible, except that the Board shall be permitted to disclose any relevant information when compelled by law. All examinations of the record and deliberations of the Board



shall be conducted objectively, without prejudgment of any kind.

## **1.6**    Sanctions

One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed by the Board upon a Board member whom the Board has determined to have violated the Code. The sanction applied must reasonably relate to the nature and severity of the violation, focusing on reformation of the conduct of the affected Board member and deterrence of the same or similar conduct by others. The sanctions are:

- 1.6.1**    Written reprimand to, or censure of, the Board member (combined with any probationary period, if desired);
- 1.6.2**    Suspension of the Board member from membership on the Board for a designated period of time (combined with any probationary period, if desired);
- 1.6.3**    Recommendation to the appointing authority the removal of the Board member from membership on the Board;
- 1.6.4**    Suspension of the Board member from membership on one or more MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY committees or similar bodies for a designated period of time (combined with any probationary period, if desired);
- 1.6.5**    Suspension of the Board member from membership in MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY (combined with any probationary period, if desired).

Once one or more of the above sanctions is imposed, the complaint shall be deemed to have been disposed of with prejudice. For each of these sanctions, a written summary of the determination and the sanction, along with the Board member's name, may be published, in the sole discretion of the Board, in a printed or electronic medium that is distributed to all MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY members.

## **1.7**    Resignation

If a Board member who is the subject of a complaint voluntarily resigns (in writing) his or her membership on the Board at any time during the pendency of a complaint under these Procedures, the complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice and without any further action by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or the Board. The Board member may not seek membership on the Board or any MHARS BOARD OF



LORAIN COUNTY committee or similar body for a period of five years from the effective date of his or her resignation. However, the Board may communicate the fact and date of Board member's resignation, and the fact and general nature of the complaint that was pending at the time of resignation, to or at the request of one or more government entities engaged in the administration of law. Similarly, in the event of such resignation, the individual who submitted the complaint shall be notified in writing of the fact and date of the resignation and that the Board has dismissed the complaint (without prejudice) as a consequence.



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**BOARD MEMBER  
STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**

*The following expectations are specific to the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County and are articulated for the purpose of complementing or clarifying certain aspects of the traditional governing responsibilities of Board members.*

- 1. Commit to the mission and goals of the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County.**
- 2. Attend meetings of the Board of Directors.** Ten meetings are scheduled each year. Board members are encouraged to attend all ten meetings (they are usually scheduled one year in advance). Minimum attendance expected of each individual Board member is 60%.
- 3. Serve on at least one standing committee and attend committee meetings:** Board members are encouraged to attend all meetings of the committees on which they serve. However, attendance at 60% of the meetings is expected at a minimum.
- 4. Annual Training Requirement:** Every member of the Board of Directors is required to attend at least one approved training program each year.
- 5. Contribute expertise and participate in strategic development of Board and organization, including responding to communications and requests from the Board of Directors and staff.**
- 6. Develop funding and support:** Assist the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County and staff in its membership development and levy campaign efforts by arranging introductions, signing letters to friends and associates, speaking in support and allowing his/her name to be used in support of the levies and programs.
- 7. As much as possible, attend Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County special events.**
- 8. Duty to Manage Accounts:** Board members are responsible for assuring the financial accountability of the Board. Procedures should be established to keep the organization fiscally sound and ensure that it operates in a fiscally responsible manner. Care must be taken for the proper use of any restricted funds. Board Members should oversee the Executive Director and determine that the Board's purposes are fulfilled without waste.

*I understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of the MHARS Board of Lorain County, I will be held accountable to the expectations above.*



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**BOARD MEMBER  
CODE OF ETHICS**

*This document is to be read, understood and signed by MHARS Board Members as part of their orientation process and annually by all Board Members.*

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/102>

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/2921.42>



**BOARD MEMBER  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

*This document is to be signed prior to each new board member being sworn in with the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County and annually thereafter by all board members.*

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the Board from potential conflicts of interest that may benefit the private interest of a Director or that could create an excess benefit transaction. All Directors have a duty to ensure that the integrity of the decision-making processes of the Board are maintained by ensuring that they and other members of the Board are free from conflict or potential conflict in their decision-making. It is inherent in a Director's fiduciary duty that conflicts of interest be avoided. It is important that all Directors and Officers understand their obligations when a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest arises.

The intent of this policy is to supplement any applicable state or federal law that governs conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, Ohio Revised Code Sections 340.01, et seq; 102.01, et seq.; 2931.42 and 2931.43. All DIRECTORS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REVIEW AND COMPLY WITH THE AFORESAID STATUTES.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

This policy applies to all Directors and Officers. The use of the term Director or Directors herein shall also be applicable to Officers.

“BOARD” MEANS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY AKA MHARS BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY.

“DIRECTOR(s)” MEANS A BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED BY EITHER THE LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (OMHAS).

“Officer(s)” means Officers appointed OR ELECTED by the Board including the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary AND Chief Governance Officer.

**a. Financial Interest**

AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR has a financial interest when they have any actual or potential ownership, investment or compensation agreement with the Board, either directly or indirectly.



3. POLICY

Directors shall avoid situations that may result in a potential or actual conflict of interest. No Director or Officer shall use their position to secure anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial influence over them in the performance of their duties.

4. DESCRIPTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest arises in any situation where a Director's duty to act solely in the best interests of the Board and to adhere to the Director's fiduciary duties is compromised or impeded by any other interest, relationship or duty of the Director. A conflict of interest also includes circumstances where the Director's duties to the Board are in conflict with other duties owed by the Director such that the Director is not able to fully discharge the fiduciary duties owed to the Board.

5. PROCEDURES

a. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, the Director must disclose the existence of any actual or potential financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board.

b. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the Director, said Director shall leave the Board meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

c. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

After making a careful review of the facts, the Board shall make a determination on whether the Board would be able to make arrangements for a different agreement or transaction that doesn't produce a conflict of interest. During the discussions on the determination, said Director shall not be present.

In the event that no alternative transaction or agreement is possible, the Board shall determine whether the transaction or agreement is in the best interests of the Board and is fair and reasonable for its own benefit. The Board shall make this determination by majority vote. The majority vote counts as the deciding factor on whether the Board shall enter into the transaction or arrangement.



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d. **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

If the Board reasonably believes that said Director failed to disclose an actual or potential conflict of interest, the Board will inform said Director and provide an opportunity for SAID DIRECTOR to offer an explanation about why they failed to disclose the conflict or potential conflict of interest. The Board shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action if they continue to believe that a conflict of interest still exists.

6. **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

The minutes of the Board shall contain the name of the Director who disclosed or was found to have a conflict or potential conflict, the nature of the conflict, any action taken by the Board and the Board's decision on the existence of the conflict. The record will also show the names of the persons present for discussions and votes and a record of votes taken.



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I have read and understand the following documents provided by the MHARS Board of my role as Board Member:

- Code of Conduct Policy and Procedure
- Statement of Expectations
- Ohio Revised Code Chapter 102 and Section 2921.42
  - <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/102>
  - <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/2921.42>
- Conflict of Interest Policy

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Board of Director Signature

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Date Signed

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## Finance Committee Meeting Report

Wednesday, February 17, 2026 5:30 p.m. Hybrid/Conference Room

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***FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The Finance Committee shall review all expenditures of the Board monthly financial statements and shall report on these to the BOD. The Committee shall review the annual budget proposed by the Executive Director and shall make recommendations on the annual budget to the BOD. The Committee shall review results from the annual county financial audit and monitor the implementation of any corrective action plans required by the audit.*

**Committee Members Present:** Wanda Ewing (Committee Chair), Michelle Flanagan, Thomas Lumsden and Sandra Premura

Committee Members Absent: Mark Skellenger and Dan Urbin (ex-officio)

**Staff Present:** Michael Doud, Barry Habony and Johanna Vakerics

**I. Informational Items** – None at this time.

### **II. Recommendations**

1. **Approval of the Fiscal Year 26 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position** – The Committee reviewed the attached fiscal year 26 Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Statement of Cash Position, along with supporting schedules for the period ended January 2026 and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-02-04)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the fiscal year 26 financial statements for the period ended January 2026.

2. **Approval of the MHARS Board Listing of Expenses for January** – The Committee reviewed the attached Listing of Expenses for January 2026 totaling \$939,515.85 and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-02-05)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the MHARS Board January Listing of Expenses.

3. **Approval of the MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for December 2025 and January 2026** – The Committee reviewed the attached MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for December 2025 and January 2026 and found them to be in order.

**(Resolution 26-02-06)** The Committee **Recommends** approval of the MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for December 2025 and January 2026.

**III. Unfinished Business** – None at this time.

**IV. New Business** – None at this time.

**V. Discussion of Consent Agenda Items** – The Committee affirmed all recommendations to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**VI. Adjournment**

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## Finance Committee Meeting Report

Wednesday, February 17, 2026 5:30 p.m. Hybrid/Conference Room

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**Next Meeting** of the Finance Committee scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:30pm at the MHARS Board Office – Conference Room.

## MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FY26

Unaudited

JULY 1, 2025 TO JANUARY 30, 2026

	BUDGET		ACTUAL			
	AMENDED FY26 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	JANUARY 2026	VARIANCE	% OF VARIANCE
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Levy 0.6 mill 5-year renewal expires 12/31/27	\$ 4,090,258	\$ 1,873,108	\$ 1,931,445	\$ -	\$ 58,337	3.1%
Levy 1.2 mill 10-year renewal expires 12/31/34	8,748,755	4,008,255	4,130,746	-	122,491	3.1%
Local Grants	19,530	19,530	19,530	5,000	-	0.0%
State Allocations & Grants	2,972,012	2,279,009	2,279,009	693,003	-	0.0%
Federal Allocations & Grants	4,069,576	1,363,928	1,363,928	239,032	-	0.0%
Pass-Through Grants	1,049,252	595,464	595,464	-	-	0.0%
Integrated Services Partnership	1,085,000	575,000	575,895	845	895	0.2%
Capital Reimbursements	640,871	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Miscellaneous	122,622	33,345	33,345	4,715	-	0.0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 22,797,876</b>	<b>\$ 10,747,639</b>	<b>\$ 10,929,362</b>	<b>\$ 942,595</b>	<b>\$ 181,723</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Personnel - Salary & Benefits	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 1,329,540	\$ 1,171,046	\$ 188,129	\$ 158,494	11.9%
Operating	460,000	259,227	193,354	16,056	65,873	25.4%
Printing & Advertising	60,000	30,137	22,142	1,438	7,995	26.5%
Operations - Capital Outlay	80,000	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Crisis Recovery Center - Capital Outlay	2,900,000	832,082	832,082	6,228	-	0.0%
Auditor & Treasurer Fees - Levy	213,500	85,000	86,702	-	(1,702)	-2.0%
Integrated Services Partnership	1,347,142	741,522	300,375	1,448	441,147	59.5%
Pass-Through Grants	1,049,252	595,464	595,464	-	-	0.0%
Agency & Community	4,164,977	1,969,806	1,634,358	44,223	335,448	17.0%
Crisis Recovery Center - Operations	2,191,461	415,244	418,237	351,112	(2,993)	-0.7%
Network Agency Contracts	14,279,823	7,144,308	5,809,165	519,010	1,335,143	18.7%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 29,121,155</b>	<b>\$ 13,402,330</b>	<b>\$ 11,062,925</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,644</b>	<b>\$ 2,339,405</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ (6,323,279)</b>	<b>\$ (2,654,691)</b>	<b>\$ (133,563)</b>	<b>\$ (185,049)</b>	<b>\$ 2,521,128</b>	

FY26 Payroll	188,129
Report of Expenses	939,515
	1,127,644

# MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY

## STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION FY26

Unaudited

JULY 1, 2025 TO JANUARY 30, 2026

	AMENDED FY26 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL
Board Levy Cash Balance - Beginning of Period	\$15,088,748	\$15,088,748
Board Levy Cash Balance - End of Period	\$9,622,920	\$13,301,058
Board Unrestricted Cash Balance - Beginning of Period	\$0	\$0
Board Unrestricted Cash Balance - End of Period	\$0	\$0
Local/State/Federal Allocations & Grants Cash Balance - Beginning of Period	\$629,520	\$629,520
Local/State/Federal Allocations & Grants Cash Balance - End of Period	\$34,211	\$2,008,127
Pass-Through Cash Balance - Beginning of Period	\$0	\$0
Pass-Through Cash Balance - End of Period	\$0	\$0
ISP Cash Balance Held by Board as Fiscal Agent - Beginning of Period	\$262,142	\$262,142
ISP Cash Balance Held by Board as Fiscal Agent - End of Period	\$0	\$537,662
<b>Total Cash Balance - Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$15,980,410</b>	<b>\$15,980,410</b>
<b>Total Cash Balance - End of Period</b>	<b>\$9,657,131</b>	<b>\$15,846,847</b>
<b>Net Difference</b>	<b>(\$6,323,279)</b>	<b>(\$133,563)</b>

<b>Board Levy Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$9,622,920</b>
Reserve: Committed to Crisis Receiving Center Operations for 5 yrs	(\$2,697,857)
Reserve: Housing Continuum	(\$1,000,000)
Reserve: Medicaid Group VIII Rollback of Expansion	(\$2,000,000)
Reserve: Capital Improvements	(\$350,000)
Reserve: Sick/Vacation Payout at Retirement or Separation	(\$301,748)
Reserve: Cash Flow	(\$2,602,741)
<b>Board Levy Unobligated Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$670,574</b>

**Allocations & Grants Supporting Schedule**

	<u>FY26 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY26 RECEIVED</u>
<b>Local Grants:</b>		
Hold for Unallocated	-	-
988 Ohio Awareness Mini-Grant	-	-
Overdose Awareness Day	9,530	9,530.00
CIT - NAMI - MEOMED	-	-
Suicide Prevention Coalition	10,000	10,000.00
OACBHA Week of Appreciation	-	-
	<u>19,530</u>	<u>19,530.00</u>
<b>State Allocations &amp; Grants:</b>		
Continuum of Care Services - MH State Block Grant	1,313,626	985,219.50
Continuum of Care Services - Recovery Supports State Block Grant	461,534	346,150.50
Continuum of Care Services - SUD State Block Grant	197,900	148,425.00
Criminal Justice Services - Addiction Treatment Program (ATP)	330,000	247,500.00
Criminal Justice Services - Criminal Justice State Block Grant	48,351	36,263.25
NEO Collaborative - Crisis Services	200,000	200,000.00
Prevention & Wellness - Prevention State Block Grant	102,485	76,863.75
Problem Gambling and Casino Addiction - SUD Gambling Addiction Prevention Allocation	98,947	74,210.25
Recovery Housing - Crisis Services State Block Grant	219,169	164,376.75
	<u>2,972,012</u>	<u>2,279,009.00</u>
<b>Federal Allocations &amp; Grants:</b>		
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Grant	61,250	28,250.00
Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant - Shelter + Care	588,463	-
Mental Health Block Grant - MH Community Investments Board Allocation	127,798	95,848.50
Prevention - Project AWARE	50,000	50,000.00
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant	113,758	16,047.29
Social Services Block Grant - Title XX MH Community Investments Board Allocation	145,336	36,753.00
State Opioid & Stimulant Response (SOSR) Grant - Local Project Treatment and Recovery (Oct-Jun FFY26) SOS 4.2	1,118,861	-
State Opioid & Stimulant Response (SOSR) Grant - Local Project Treatment and Recovery (Oct-Jun FFY26) SOS 4.0 Year 2	270,000	-
State Opioid & Stimulant Response (SOSR) Grant - Local Project Treatment and Recovery (Jul-Sep FFY25) SOS 3.0 NCE	156,626	156,626.38
State Opioid & Stimulant Response (SOSR) Grant - Local Project Treatment and Recovery (Jul-Sep FFY25) SOS 4.0	359,155	359,154.52
Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant - Primary Prevention Board Allocation	295,762	221,821.50
Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant - SUD Community Investments Board Allocation	532,567	399,425.25
Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) - Adolescent Treatment Services	250,000	-
	<u>4,069,576</u>	<u>1,363,926.44</u>
<b>Pass-Through Grants:</b>		
Crisis Intervention Program (1/1/24 - 12/31/25)	242,115	61,377.53
Crisis Intervention Program (9/1/25 - 9/30/26)	273,051	-
BH Drug Reimbursement Program - Advance to Jail and CBCF	294,086	294,087.00
Subsidized Docket Support - Specialized Docket Payroll Subsidy Project	240,000	240,000.00
	<u>1,049,252</u>	<u>595,464.53</u>

Agency & Community Supporting Schedule

	Allocation/Grant FY26 Budget	Levy FY26 Budget	TOTAL FY26 BUDGET	Allocation/Grant FY26 Expense	Levy FY26 Expense	TOTAL FY26 EXPENSE
Supplies/Materials/Other	-	4,000	4,000	-	1,565.64	1,565.64
Contractual/Purchased Services (Trainings and Consultations)	5,869	35,500	41,369	-	10,429.16	10,429.16
Pooled Agency Services (Bilingual Staff Incentive, Internship, Interpreting, Youth Wrap)	-	19,500	19,500	-	1,303.20	1,303.20
Lorain County Sheriff Jail Re-Entry Coordinator	79,701	-	79,701	20,368.80	-	20,368.80
Respite (Blessing House)	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Youth Led Suicide "You Belong" Initiative	1,132	42,000	43,132	1,131.47	31,078.98	32,210.45
Suicide Prevention Coordinator	-	129,160	129,160	-	61,402.18	61,402.18
Indigent/Youth Inpatient Local Bed Days	304,445	350,000	654,445	152,900.50	-	152,900.50
The Galilean Theological Center	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
Housing Needs Assessment	-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-
Transport Services - LifeCare	-	7,000	7,000	-	283.94	283.94
Lorain County Children and Family First Council (LCCFFC) Funding Allocation	-	40,000	40,000	-	-	-
Integrated Services Partnership (ISP) Funding Allocation	-	400,000	400,000	-	400,000.00	400,000.00
Road to Hope Capital Allocation	-	500,000	500,000	-	500,000.00	500,000.00
Broadway Commons Capital Allocation	-	250,000	250,000	-	-	-
Opiate Outreach	-	20,000	20,000	-	3,465.93	3,465.93
OACBHA Week of Appreciation	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Overdose Awareness Day	9,530	5,500	15,030	9,530.00	4,856.77	14,386.77
First Responders Support	-	10,000	10,000	-	410.00	410.00
Naloxone Push Strike Team Event	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Grant	50,000	-	50,000	28,778.10	-	28,778.10
NAMI/NEOMED - CIT Grant	4,389	-	4,389	-	-	-
Suicide Prevention Coalition	11,543	-	11,543	2,322.60	-	2,322.60
988 Ohio Awareness Mini-Grant	553	-	553	553.00	-	553.00
Addiction Treatment Program (ATP)	330,000	-	330,000	120,952.49	-	120,952.49
Prevention & Wellness	196,739	-	196,739	13,892.75	-	13,892.75
Behavioral Health Wellness Coordinator	98,026	-	98,026	49,880.67	-	49,880.67
Gambling Prevention	4,000	-	4,000	672.57	-	672.57
Access to Wellness Recovery Supports	100,000	-	100,000	41,436.97	-	41,436.97
Crisis Services	-	55,000	55,000	-	-	-
Recovery Supports	374,184	-	374,184	1,437.77	-	1,437.77
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Grant	63,039	-	63,039	30,038.57	-	30,038.57
Quick Response Teams (QRT)	12,000	-	12,000	-	-	-
EMS Experience Buprenorphine Project	7,500	-	7,500	-	-	-
Adolescent System of Care Grant	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-
SOS 3.0 NCE (Jul-Sep FFY25) - Lorain County Sheriff	108,154	-	108,154	108,153.30	-	108,153.30
SOS 4.0 (Jul-Sep FFY25) - Lorain County Sheriff	37,513	-	37,513	37,512.92	-	37,512.92
SOS 4.0 Year 2 Supplemental (Oct-Jun FFY26) - Young Adult	270,000	-	270,000	-	-	-
SOS 4.2 (Oct-Jun FFY26) - Lorain County Sheriff	75,000	-	75,000	-	-	-
	<u>2,243,317</u>	<u>1,921,660</u>	<u>4,164,977</u>	<u>619,562.48</u>	<u>1,014,795.80</u>	<u>1,634,358.28</u>

**Crisis Recovery Center Supporting Schedule**

	FY26 Budget		25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	26-Jan	Actuals Total FY26	
<b>REVENUES</b>											
MHARS Board POS*	677,289	20.6%	-	-	-	51,091.33	72,626.94	2,024.35		125,742.62	28.0%
Medicaid	2,192,740	66.5%	-	-	-	60,454.34	49,146.37	66,383.10		175,983.81	39.2%
Medicare	173,864	5.3%	-	-	-	6,479.34	892.98	(529.28)		6,843.04	1.5%
Insurance	218,756	6.6%	-	-	-	2,990.09	(43,182.47)	52,993.49		12,801.11	2.9%
Self-Pay	32,956	1.0%	-	-	-	3,546.20	549.07	6,138.17		10,233.44	2.3%
Grants	-	0.0%	-	-	-	77,554.81	19,122.54	20,546.38		117,223.73	26.1%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,295,607</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,116.11</b>	<b>99,155.43</b>	<b>147,556.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>448,827.75</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>											
Salaries	2,625,106		-	-	-	229,063.20	261,551.28	254,501.57		745,116.05	
Benefits	735,030		-	-	-	40,087.65	56,509.51	58,047.70		154,644.86	
	3,360,135		-	-	-	269,150.85	318,060.79	312,549.27	-	899,760.91	
Non-Salary	815,753		-	-	-	99,390.29	94,393.00	122,170.52		315,953.81	
Administration - Riveon (10% Salaries/Benefits)	383,889		-	-	-	26,915.09	31,806.08	31,254.93		89,976.10	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,559,777</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>395,456.23</b>	<b>444,259.87</b>	<b>465,974.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,305,690.82</b>	
<b>Total Revenues Less Expenses = Gap Funding*</b>	<b>1,264,170</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193,340.12</b>	<b>345,104.44</b>	<b>318,418.51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>856,863.07</b>	
*Riveon CRC Contract - Board POS & GAP Funding	1,941,461		-	-	-	244,431.45	417,731.38	320,442.86	-	982,605.69	
MHARS Budgeted Expenses	250,000		7,914.37	9,138.39	7,341.16	13,567.46	24,657.25	4,506.13	6,006.99	73,131.75	
	2,191,461		7,914.37	9,138.39	7,341.16	257,998.91	442,388.63	324,948.99	6,006.99	1,055,737.44	
										1,055,737.44	
										MHARS Board POS In Process	(125,742.62)
										October Gap Funding in Process	(193,340.12)
										December Gap Funding in Process	(318,418.51)
										<b>Agrees to Statement of Revenues and Expenses FY26</b>	<b>418,236.19</b>

**Network Agency Contracts Supporting Schedule**

	Allocation/Grant FY26 Budget	Levy FY26 Budget	TOTAL FY26 BUDGET	Allocation/Grant FY26 Expense	Levy FY26 Expense	TOTAL FY26 EXPENSE
Applewood	127,000	211,600	338,600	27,874.32	55,734.41	83,608.73
Beech Brook	-	40,000	40,000	-	15,821.31	15,821.31
Bellefaire JCB	-	212,800	212,800	-	22,888.16	22,888.16
Big Brothers Big Sisters	204,037	45,000	249,037	62,259.25	-	62,259.25
Catholic Charities	-	156,000	156,000	-	31,280.86	31,280.86
Colors+ Counseling	-	60,500	60,500	-	13,847.98	13,847.98
EDEN	32,990	439,765	472,755	11,100.00	134,715.50	145,815.50
El Centro	-	280,000	280,000	-	125,102.27	125,102.27
Far West	-	202,500	202,500	-	97,784.31	97,784.31
Gathering Hope House	-	392,438	392,438	-	196,219.00	196,219.00
Hitchcock Center for Women	-	1,610	1,610	-	462.00	462.00
Let's Get Real	382,877	194,375	577,252	171,393.50	5,331.72	176,725.22
Lorain County Health & Dentistry	128,414	-	128,414	38,072.71	-	38,072.71
Lorain Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP)	198,089	17,679	215,768	49,362.37	-	49,362.37
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry - Guardianship Services	-	55,000	55,000	-	-	-
MedMark Treatment Centers (Baymark Health)	122,724	-	122,724	48,473.08	-	48,473.08
NAMI	-	150,000	150,000	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
Neighborhood Alliance	113,758	89,202	202,960	16,047.29	30,636.24	46,683.53
New Directions (Crossroads Health)	-	51,000	51,000	-	22,598.24	22,598.24
New Sunrise	550,128	528,026	1,078,154	-	138,522.98	138,522.98
NORA	11,390	-	11,390	4,182.51	-	4,182.51
Ohio Guidestone	-	426,104	426,104	-	206,498.06	206,498.06
Pathways	-	65,000	65,000	-	37,593.61	37,593.61
Place to Recover Training and Resource Center	677,215	-	677,215	335,511.31	-	335,511.31
Primary Purpose	150,000	150,000	300,000	-	-	-
Psych & Psych	7,000	8,000	15,000	-	626.40	626.40
Riveon Mental Health & Recovery	2,121,532	4,535,598	6,657,130	699,771.49	2,836,708.05	3,536,479.54
Road to Hope House	236,450	73,550	310,000	130,882.00	-	130,882.00
Safe Harbor/Genesis House	-	195,000	195,000	-	97,500.00	97,500.00
Signature Health	-	33,100	33,100	-	-	-
Silver Maple Recovery	235,985	40,000	275,985	44,635.58	-	44,635.58
Stella Maris	45,000	18,000	63,000	24,729.26	-	24,729.26
Zepf Center	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
	5,344,589	8,673,847	14,018,436	1,664,294.67	4,144,871.10	5,809,165.77
<i>Reserves</i>	-	260,775	260,775			
<i>Unallocated</i>	612	-	612			
	5,345,201	8,934,622	14,279,823			

**Pass-Through Grants:**

Crisis Intervention Program (1/1/25 - 12/31/25)	242,115	61,377.53
Crisis Intervention Program (9/1/25 - 9/30/26)	273,051	-
BH Drug Reimbursement Program - Advance to Jail and CBCF	294,086	294,087.00
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	1,049,252	595,464.53

**Variance Analysis  
January 2026**

**REVENUES:**

**Levy – \$58,337 & 3.1% and \$122,491 & 3.1%**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Calendar Year 2025 Tax Settlement came in higher than budgeted.

**Local Grants – No Variance**

- Please refer to Allocations & Grants Supporting Schedule for detail.

**State Allocations & Grants – No Variance**

- Please refer to Allocations & Grants Supporting Schedule for detail.

**Federal Allocations & Grants – No Variance**

- Please refer to Allocations & Grants Supporting Schedule for detail.

**Pass-Through Grants – No Variance**

- Please refer to Allocations & Grants Supporting Schedule for detail.

**Integrated Services Partnership – Variance Deemed Immaterial**

**Capital Reimbursements – No Variance**

**Miscellaneous – No Variance**

**Variance Analysis  
January 2026**

**EXPENSES:**

**Personnel-Salary & Benefits – \$158,494 & 11.9%**

- Variance due to vacant positions through August and 1.5 FTE remaining vacant.

**Operating – \$65,873 & 25.4%**

- Operating expenses are currently under budget and are being monitored continuously by the Chief of Business Operations.

**Printing & Advertising – \$7,995 & 26.5%**

- Printing & Advertising expenses are currently under budget and are being monitored continuously by the Communications & Community Relations Director.

**Operations - Capital Outlay – No Variance**

**Crisis Receiving Center - Capital Outlay – No Variance**

**Auditor & Treasurer Fees-Levy – (\$1,702) & (2.0%)**

- Fees associated with tax settlements were slightly higher than estimated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half settlement collection.

**Integrated Services Partnership \$441,147 & 59.5%**

- This variance results from the timing of billings from placement agencies and the number of children in care.

**Pass-Through Grants – No Variance**

**Agency & Community – \$335,448 & 17.0%**

- Please refer to Agency & Community Supporting Schedule for detailed breakdown.

**Crisis Recovery Center - Operations – (\$2,993) & (0.7%)**

- Currently only utilities and November gap funding has been paid, costs for October and December operations in process.

**Network Agency Contracts – \$1,335,143 & 18.7%**

- Please refer to Network Agency Contracts Supporting Schedule for detailed breakdown.

**MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY**

**LISTING OF EXPENSES JANUARY 2026**

Warrant#	Chk Date	Inv Date	Journal Description/Payee Name	Amount
<b>OPERATING</b>				
5176709	23-JAN-26	14-DEC-25	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340 *2025 (1) & (3) & (4) & (7)	410.21
5178321	30-JAN-26	14-JAN-26	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340.A100 (12) & (13) & (14) & (15)	446.17
5176860	23-JAN-26	12-DEC-25	MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY:SUPPLIES-DEC 2025	50.58
5177169	27-JAN-26	16-DEC-25	PRIMESOURCE DISTRIBUTION LLC:CUT N DRY-HAND SOAP-DEC 2025	146.00
5176865	23-JAN-26	16-DEC-25	WHITE HOUSE ARTESIAN SPRINGS INC:WATER DEC 2025	42.00
5177177	27-JAN-26	06-JAN-26	WHITE HOUSE ARTESIAN SPRINGS INC:WATER-JAN 2026	34.00
			<b>SUPPLIES/MATERIALS</b>	<u>1,128.96</u>
5177158	27-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION:LICENSES-DEC 2025	210.00
5177159	27-JAN-26	01-JAN-26	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION:LICENSES-JAN 2026	315.00
5176855	23-JAN-26	01-DEC-25	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION:LICENSES-NOV-DEC 2025	519.00
5176713	23-JAN-26	14-DEC-25	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340 *2025 (8)	181.48
5178322	30-JAN-26	14-JAN-26	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340.A100 (16)	599.97
5176858	23-JAN-26	04-DEC-25	MARKET VISION PARTNERS INC:2025 PUBLIC OFFICAS BREAKFAST- FY26	550.00
			<b>COMPUTER SYSTEM SOFTWARE</b>	<u>2,375.45</u>
5177062	26-JAN-26	01-DEC-25	Abraham, Amy L:MHARS 3340.A100	70.18
5177066	26-JAN-26	01-DEC-25	CIESLAK, LAUREN M:MHARS 3340.A100	68.91
5177068	26-JAN-26	26-NOV-25	DOUD, MICHAEL K:MHARS 3340.A100	621.18
5177069	26-JAN-26	18-NOV-25	EDWARDS, ARIELLE H:MHARS 3340.A100	345.10
5178375	30-JAN-26	01-DEC-25	REYNA, VINAIDA R:MHARS 3340	35.38
			<b>GAS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<u>1,140.75</u>
5176711	23-JAN-26	14-DEC-25	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340 *2025 (2)	405.98
			<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<u>405.98</u>
5177148	27-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	ACCESS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION DBA ACCESS:CONTR SVCS-JAN 2026	293.27
5176846	23-JAN-26	01-JAN-26	AMERICAN SECURITY & AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS INC:MONITORING-JAN 2026	586.80
5176847	23-JAN-26	01-JAN-26	AMERICAN SECURITY & AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS INC:MONITORING-JANUARY 2026	689.10
5176854	23-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION:BACKUP FEE-DEC 2025	650.00
5177160	27-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION:ON SITE CONFRENCE ROOM-DEC 2025	212.50
5176861	23-JAN-26	08-DEC-25	MHOBAN SERVICES:CONTR SVCS PEST CONTROL-DEC 2025	230.00
5176864	23-JAN-26	16-JAN-26	STERICYCLE INC:SHREDDING-DEC 2025	266.41
			<b>CONTRACTUAL/PURCHASED SERVICES</b>	<u>2,928.08</u>
5178306	30-JAN-26	08-JAN-26	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS:MHARS 3340.A100 2026000642	538.97
5175642	15-JAN-26	01-JAN-26	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC:MHARS 3340	379.00
5178310	30-JAN-26	14-JAN-26	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC:MHARS 3340.A100 2026000639	595.00
5176719	23-JAN-26	21-JAN-26	ELYRIA PUBLIC UTILITIES:MHARS 3340	149.95
5176720	23-JAN-26	07-JAN-26	ELYRIA PUBLIC UTILITIES:MHARS 3340	37.17
5176722	23-JAN-26	20-JAN-26	LORAIN COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER:MHARS 3340	92.82
5178332	30-JAN-26	15-JAN-26	OHIO EDISON COMPANY:MHARS 3340.A100 2026000202 *2026	143.28
5178333	30-JAN-26	16-JAN-26	OHIO EDISON COMPANY:MHARS 3340.A100 2026000202 *2026	1,211.89
5178334	30-JAN-26	15-JAN-26	OHIO EDISON COMPANY:MHARS 3340.A100 2026000202 *2026	1,102.04
			<b>UTILITIES</b>	<u>4,250.12</u>
5176851	23-JAN-26	08-DEC-25	FISHEL DOWNEY ALBRECHT & RIEPENHOFF LLC:GENERAL COUNSEL-NOV 2025	131.25
5176852	23-JAN-26	05-DEC-25	FRIEDMAN, PAUL M:HEARINGS-OCT 2025	300.00
5176853	23-JAN-26	10-DEC-25	FRIEDMAN, SCOTT J:HEARINGS-DEC 2025	100.00
5177157	27-JAN-26	23-DEC-25	FRIEDMAN, SCOTT J:HEARINGS-DEC 2025	200.00
5176856	23-JAN-26	12-DEC-25	HUNTER INTERNATIONAL, INC:EMPLOYMENT SVCS DEC 2025	939.60
5176857	23-JAN-26	30-NOV-25	HUNTER INTERNATIONAL, INC:EMPLOYMENT SVCS NOV 2025	939.60
			<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<u>2,610.45</u>
5177152	27-JAN-26	05-JAN-26	BRIAN KYLES CONSTRUCTION INC:GROUNDS MAINT-JAN 2026	524.00
5177161	27-JAN-26	01-JAN-26	HAUSCH LLC DBA HAUSH:CLEANING SVCS-JAN 2026	540.00
			<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	<u>1,064.00</u>
5177068	26-JAN-26	26-NOV-25	DOUD, MICHAEL K:MHARS 3340.A100	12.00
5177069	26-JAN-26	18-NOV-25	EDWARDS, ARIELLE H:MHARS 3340.A100	101.92
5178326	30-JAN-26	14-JAN-26	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340.A100 (11)	10.61
			<b>TRAVEL</b>	<u>124.53</u>
5178325	30-JAN-26	14-JAN-26	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340.A100 (10)	28.00
			<b>OTHER</b>	<u>28.00</u>
			<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<u><u>16,056.32</u></u>

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**LISTING OF EXPENSES JANUARY 2026**

Warrant#	Chk Date	Inv Date	Journal Description/Payee Name	Amount
<b>PRINTING &amp; ADVERTISING</b>				
5176712	23-JAN-26	14-DEC-25	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340 *2025 (5) & (9)	938.00
5176859	23-JAN-26	04-DEC-25	MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION ADVOCACY COALITION:2025 PUBLIC OFFICAS BREAKFAST- FY26	500.00
<b>TOTAL PRINTING &amp; ADVERTISING</b>				<u>1,438.00</u>
<b>CRISIS RECOVERY CENTER - CONSTRUCTION</b>				
5177170	27-JAN-26	18-DEC-25	QUORUM GROUP LLC DBA TAKEFORM:CRC PROJECT-DEC 2025	6,228.10
<b>TOTAL CRISIS RECOVERY CENTER - CONSTRUCTION</b>				<u>6,228.10</u>
<b>INTEGRATED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP</b>				
5176290	22-JAN-26	16-DEC-25	CEDAR EQUITY MANAGEMENT LTD:MHARS 3340 2026000126 *2025	1,250.00
5177153	27-JAN-26	20-JAN-26	CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORP DBA CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND:ISP EXP-NOV 2025	198.43
<b>TOTAL INTEGRATED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP</b>				<u>1,448.43</u>
<b>AGENCY &amp; COMMUNITY</b>				
5178346	30-JAN-26	19-AUG-25	AK VELEZ LLC DBA SUPERPRINTER:MHARS 3340	340.00
5177154	27-JAN-26	04-NOV-25	CITY OF OBERLIN:1ST RESPONDER CONFERENCE-NOV 2025	410.00
5176849	23-JAN-26	24-NOV-25	DAFONSECA, ALEXIS:TRAINING-NOV 2024	300.00
5176850	23-JAN-26	03-DEC-25	EL CENTRO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES INC:INTERPRETATION SVCS-SEPT-NOV 2025	702.41
5177162	27-JAN-26	09-JAN-26	LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DBA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY:SUICIDE	9,160.99
5176882	23-JAN-26	05-DEC-25	LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DBA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY:SUICIDE	12,029.72
5177163	27-JAN-26	09-JAN-26	LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DBA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN	7,557.68
5176881	23-JAN-26	05-DEC-25	LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DBA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF LORAIN	10,580.75
5176710	23-JAN-26	14-DEC-25	LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:MHARS 3340 2026000124 *2025 (6)	1,004.59
5177167	27-JAN-26	09-JAN-26	PHILLIPS, REGAN L:BLACK GIRL RISING REIMBURSEMENT-OCT 2025	288.68
5177168	27-JAN-26	02-JAN-26	PRIMARY PURPOSE CENTER INC:PATIENT CARE-DEC 2025	550.00
5178360	30-JAN-26	19-JUL-25	PULITO, ALISCIA:MHARS 3340	250.00
5177175	27-JAN-26	02-JAN-26	THE RIVER IOP LLC:RECOVERY SUPPORT DEC 2025	603.70
5177176	27-JAN-26	30-NOV-25	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO:CENTRAL PHARMACY-OCT-NOV 2025	444.36
<b>TOTAL AGENCY &amp; COMMUNITY</b>				<u>44,222.88</u>
<b>CRISIS RECOVERY CENTER - OPERATIONS</b>				
5177312	27-JAN-26	12-DEC-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:MHARS 3340 2026000351	345,104.44
5178313	30-JAN-26	14-JAN-26	COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO INC:MHARS 3340.A100 2026000375 *2026	4,787.06
5176717	23-JAN-26	01-JAN-26	CITY OF LORAIN UTILITIES DEPARTMENT:MHARS 3340 2026000125 *2025	1,033.97
5175651	15-JAN-26	25-DEC-25	REPUBLIC SERVICES INC DBA BROWNING FERRIS INDUSTRIES OF OHIO INC:MHARS 3340	185.96
<b>TOTAL CRISIS RECOVERY CENTER - OPERATIONS</b>				<u>351,111.43</u>
<b>NETWORK AGENCY CONTRACTS</b>				
5176848	23-JAN-26	05-AUG-25	APPLEWOOD CENTERS INC:PATIENT CARE- AUG 2025	100.00
5176870	23-JAN-26	21-OCT-25	APPLEWOOD CENTERS INC:PATIENT CARE SEP 2025	3,073.30
5177149	27-JAN-26	29-DEC-25	APPLEWOOD CENTERS INC:PATIENT CARE-NOV 2025	2,842.86
5177150	27-JAN-26	06-JAN-26	APPLEWOOD CENTERS INC:PATIENT CARE-NOV 2025	1,148.18
5176871	23-JAN-26	03-DEC-25	APPLEWOOD CENTERS INC:PATIENT CARE-OCT 2025	3,239.05
5176874	23-JAN-26	16-AUG-25	BELLEFAIRE JEWISH CHILDRENS BUREAU:PATIENT CARE JULY-NOV 2025	724.58
5176872	23-JAN-26	03-NOV-25	BELLEFAIRE JEWISH CHILDRENS BUREAU:PATIENT CARE OCT 2025	175.00
5176873	23-JAN-26	14-AUG-25	BELLEFAIRE JEWISH CHILDRENS BUREAU:PATIENT CARE SEP-OCT 2025	2,198.72
5177151	27-JAN-26	08-JAN-26	BELLEFAIRE JEWISH CHILDRENS BUREAU:PATIENT CARE-NOV-DEC 2025	335.00
5176875	23-JAN-26	14-AUG-25	CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORP DBA CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND:PATIENT CARE AUG-NOV	28,472.02
5177155	27-JAN-26	23-DEC-25	COLORS AND COUNSELING:PATIENT CARE-NOV 2025	2,531.36
5177156	27-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	EDEN INC:PATIENT CARE-DEC 2025	16,083.29
5176876	23-JAN-26	30-NOV-25	EDEN INC:PATIENT CARE-NOV 2025	16,030.65
5176877	23-JAN-26	03-DEC-25	EL CENTRO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES INC:PATIENT CARE OCT-DEC 2025	20,000.00
5176878	23-JAN-26	14-AUG-25	EL CENTRO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES INC:PATIENT CARE- SEPT-OCT 2025	34,439.60
5176880	23-JAN-26	16-AUG-25	FAR WEST CENTER:PATIENT CARE JULY-NOV 2025	33,296.75
5176879	23-JAN-26	01-DEC-25	FAR WEST CENTER:SENIOR STRONG OCT-NOV 2025	15,680.99
5177164	27-JAN-26	02-JAN-26	NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE:PATIENT CARE-CT-NOV 2025	11,341.81
5177165	27-JAN-26	30-NOV-25	NORTHERN OHIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATION:SOS 4.2-TREATMENT SVCS OCT-NOV 2025	292.21
5176883	23-JAN-26	14-AUG-25	OHIGUIDESTONE:PATIENT CARE NOV 2025	12,176.55
5176885	23-JAN-26	30-NOV-25	OHIGUIDESTONE:PATIENT CARE NOV 2025	7,234.16
5176884	23-JAN-26	16-AUG-25	OHIGUIDESTONE:PATIENT CARE OCT-NOV 205	19,564.61
5177166	27-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	OHIGUIDESTONE:PATIENT CARE-NOV-DEC 2025	10,485.12

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<b>Warrant#</b>	<b>Chk Date</b>	<b>Inv Date</b>	<b>Journal Description/Payee Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
5175954	20-JAN-26	31-DEC-25	P2R TRAINING AND RESOURCE CENTER INC:MHARS 3340 2026000213 *2025	55,657.20
5175955	20-JAN-26	30-NOV-25	P2R TRAINING AND RESOURCE CENTER INC:MHARS 3340 2026000216 *2025	110,000.27
5176633	23-JAN-26	31-AUG-25	PATHWAYS COUNSELING AND GROWTH CENTER:MHARS 3340 2025003472 *2025	2,593.61
5176633	23-JAN-26	31-AUG-25	PATHWAYS COUNSELING AND GROWTH CENTER:MHARS 3340 2025003472 *2025	5,010.70
5176886	23-JAN-26	14-AUG-25	PATHWAYS COUNSELING AND GROWTH CENTER:PATIENT CARE OCT-NOV 2025	2,234.67
5176862	23-JAN-26	09-DEC-25	PSYCH & PSYCH SERVICES LLC:MH ASSESSMENT-J. VIRGA & B. LIVINGSTON - NOV-DEC 2025	250.56
5176891	23-JAN-26	21-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE JULY-AUG 2025	609.32
5176887	23-JAN-26	01-DEC-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE NOV 2025	1,671.85
5176888	23-JAN-26	08-DEC-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE NOV 2025	1,575.24
5176889	23-JAN-26	18-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE OCT-NOV 2025	329.10
5176890	23-JAN-26	19-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE OCT-NOV 2025	4,660.26
5177174	27-JAN-26	28-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE-DEC 2025	493.65
5177171	27-JAN-26	06-JAN-26	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE-DEC 2025	1,887.61
5177172	27-JAN-26	23-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE-NOV 2025	22,734.42
5177173	27-JAN-26	29-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE-OCT-DEC 2025	4,991.82
5176863	23-JAN-26	20-AUG-25	RIVEON MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY:PATIENT CARE-OCT-NOV 2025	114.31
5176892	23-JAN-26	24-AUG-25	STELLA MARIS INC:PATIENT CARE OCT-NOV 2025	5,132.29
5176894	23-JAN-26	02-DEC-25	THE ROAD TO HOPE INC:PATIENT CARE NOV 2025	37,913.00
5176893	23-JAN-26	02-OCT-25	THE ROAD TO HOPE INC:PATIENT CARE SEPT 2025	19,685.00
<b>TOTAL NETWORK AGENCY CONTRACTS</b>				<b>519,010.69</b>
<b>TOTAL MHARS BOARD EXPENSES - JANUARY 2026</b>				<b>939,515.85</b>

**LORMET ACCOUNT ENDING 6873**

Statement Date	Account	Amount	Description	Warrant #	Expense Listing Reference
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**LORMET ACCOUNT ENDING 6899**

Statement Date	Account	Amount	Description	Warrant #	Expense Listing Reference
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 256.96	Office Supplies	5176709	(1)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6050.0000	\$ 405.98	Adjustable Desktop	516711	(2)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 16.77	Office Supplies	5176709	(3)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 16.99	Office Supplies	5176709	(4)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.7220.0000	\$ 50.00	Facebook Ads	5176712	(5)
12/14/2025	3340.A105.600.C26.05.7220.0000	\$ 1,004.59	Suicide Prevention Printing & Advertising	5176710	(6)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 119.50	Office Supplies	5176709	(7)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.6009	\$ 181.48	DocuSign Annual Subscription	5176713	(8)
12/14/2025	3340.A100.600.A26.05.7220.0000	\$ 888.00	iContact Annual Subscription	5176712	(9)
		\$ 2,940.27			





**Important Information**

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LORMET COMMUNITY FCU FOR YOUR CREDIT CARD NEEDS.

**Payments and Credits**

Post Date	Tran Date		Reference Number		\$ Amount
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>MICHAEL DOUD</b>			<b>XXXX XXXX XXXX 6873</b>		<b>\$217.11-</b>
12/03	12/03	Payment Branch Thank You Amherst	Oh	7409403AH00XSZQFT	\$217.11-

**2025 Total Year-To-Date**

Total Fees charged in 2025	\$0.00
Total Interest charged in 2025	\$0.00



# LORMET COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Summary of Account Activity	
Account Ending in	6899
Previous Balance	\$934.96
Payments	\$934.96
Other Credits	\$0.00
Purchases & Debits	\$2,940.26
Purchases	\$2,940.26
Balance Transfers	\$0.00
Cash Advances	\$0.00
<b>Fees Charged</b>	\$0.00
<b>Interest Charged</b>	\$0.00
New Balance	\$2,940.26
Statement Closing Date	<b>12/14/2025</b>
Days in Billing Cycle	30
Credit Limit	\$5,000.00
Available Credit	\$2,059.00
Cash Limit	\$5,000.00
Available Cash	\$2,059.00

Payment Information		
New Balance		\$2,940.26
Payment Due Date		01/11/2026
Minimum Payment Due		\$89.00
<b>Late Payment Warning:</b> If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above, you may have to pay a late fee up to \$0.00.		
<b>Minimum Payment Warning:</b> If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:		
<b>If you make no additional charges using this account and each month you pay...</b>	<b>You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...</b>	<b>And you will end up paying an estimated total of...</b>
Only the Minimum Payment	9 years	\$2,940.00
\$82.00	3 years	\$2,940.00 (Savings = \$0.00)
If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-866-691-4716		

**Questions?** View your account information online at <https://www.lormet.com/> or call our Customer Service Center toll free at 1-866-691-4716 or 1-531-262-5338.

**Send Billing Inquiries and Correspondence to:**  
P.O. Box 2087, Omaha, NE 68103-2087

**Mail Payments to:** P.O. Box 2711, Omaha, NE 68103-2711

Account Summary				
Type of Balance	Annual Percentage Rate (APR)	Balance Subject To Interest Rate	Interest Charge	Promo End Date
Purchases	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Advance	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Balance Transfer	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	

TEAR OFF THIS PAYMENT STUB AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

LorMet Community Federal Credit Union  
2051 Cooper Foster Park Road  
Amherst, OH 44001-1208



Account Ending In 6899  
**Payment Due Date** 01/11/2026  
**New Balance** \$2,940.26  
**Minimum Payment Due** \$89.00

Make Check Payable To: \$

BARRY HABONY  
1173 N RIDGE RD E STE 101  
LORAIN OH 44055-3032



LorMet Community Federal Credit Union  
P.O. Box 2711  
Omaha, NE 68103-2711



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**Payments and Credits**

Post Date	Tran Date		Reference Number	\$ Amount
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>BARRY HABONY</b>			<b>XXXX XXXX XXXX 6899</b>	<b>\$934.96-</b>
12/03	12/03	Payment Branch Thank You Amherst Oh	7409403AH00XSZQFT	\$934.96-

**Purchases and Debits**

Post Date	Tran Date		Reference Number	Total Activity	\$ Amount
<b>BARRY HABONY</b>					
			<b>XXXX XXXX XXXX 6899</b>	<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>\$2,940.26</b>
11/17	11/17	Amazon Mktpl*B80o94yu1 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216A12XQWFT50		\$256.95
11/21	11/21	Amazon Mktpl*B05hy7b40 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216A5318S2DE3		\$405.98
11/24	11/24	Amazon.Com*B24gq33k2 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216A833ER33JL		\$16.77
11/24	11/24	Otc Brands *Otc Brands 800-2280475 Ne	2478930A9PSQ775SM		\$16.99
11/25	11/25	Facebk *Sbl9d7mgt2 650-5434800 De	2479338A9003K5TQV		\$50.00
12/01	12/01	4imprint, Inc 4imprint.Com Wi	2469216AF318NFYTL		\$1,004.59
12/04	12/04	Amazon Mktpl*Bi3i154c0 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216AJ344GNNZ3		\$119.50
12/11	12/11	DocuSign Inc. 800-3799973 De	2479338AT00F6M7T1		\$181.48
12/13	12/13	Icontact 877-820-7837 Ca	2469216AV32SQDAFH		\$888.00

**2025 Total Year-To-Date**

Total Fees charged in 2025	\$0.00
Total Interest charged in 2025	\$0.00

**LORMET ACCOUNT ENDING 6873**

<b>Statement Date</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Warrant #</b>	<b>Expense Listing Reference</b>
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.7070.0000	\$28.00	Resgistration for Lorain Mayor's Address	5178325	(10)

**LORMET ACCOUNT ENDING 6899**

<b>Statement Date</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Warrant #</b>	<b>Expense Listing Reference</b>
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.7200.0000	\$ 10.61	Hotel Bed Tax	5178326	(11)
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 37.15	Office Supplies	5178321	(12)
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 27.35	Office Supplies	5178321	(13)
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 320.56	Office Supplies	5178321	(14)
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.0000	\$ 61.11	Office Supplies	5178321	(15)
1/14/2026	3340.A100.600.A26.05.6000.6009	\$ 599.97	Managed SSL 3 Year Renewal for mharslc.org	5178322	(16)
		\$ 1,056.75			



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Summary of Account Activity	
Account Ending in	6873
Previous Balance	\$0.00
Payments	\$0.00
Other Credits	\$0.00
Purchases & Debits	\$28.00
Purchases	\$28.00
Balance Transfers	\$0.00
Cash Advances	\$0.00
<b>Fees Charged</b>	\$0.00
<b>Interest Charged</b>	\$0.00
New Balance	\$28.00
Statement Closing Date	<b>01/14/2026</b>
Days in Billing Cycle	31
Credit Limit	\$5,000.00
Available Credit	\$4,972.00
Cash Limit	\$5,000.00
Available Cash	\$4,972.00

Payment Information		
New Balance		\$28.00
Payment Due Date		02/11/2026
Minimum Payment Due		\$10.00
<b>Late Payment Warning:</b> If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above, you may have to pay a late fee up to \$0.00.		
<b>Minimum Payment Warning:</b> If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:		
<b>If you make no additional charges using this account and each month you pay...</b>	<b>You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...</b>	<b>And you will end up paying an estimated total of...</b>
Only the Minimum Payment	3 months	\$28.00
If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-866-691-4716		

**Questions?** View your account information online at <https://www.lormet.com/> or call our Customer Service Center toll free at 1-866-691-4716 or 1-531-262-5338.

**Send Billing Inquiries and Correspondence to:**  
P.O. Box 2087, Omaha, NE 68103-2087

**Mail Payments to:** P.O. Box 2711, Omaha, NE 68103-2711

Account Summary				
Type of Balance	Annual Percentage Rate (APR)	Balance Subject To Interest Rate	Interest Charge	Promo End Date
Purchases	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Advance	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Balance Transfer	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	

TEAR OFF THIS PAYMENT STUB AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

LorMet Community Federal Credit Union  
2051 Cooper Foster Park Road  
Amherst, OH 44001-1208



Account Ending In 6873  
Payment Due Date 02/11/2026  
New Balance \$28.00  
Minimum Payment Due \$10.00

Make Check Payable To: \$

MICHAEL DOUD  
1173 N RIDGE RD E STE 101  
LORAIN OH 44055-3032

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MSP 58

LorMet Community Federal Credit Union  
P.O. Box 2711  
Omaha, NE 68103-2711





**Important Information**

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LORMET COMMUNITY FCU FOR YOUR CREDIT CARD NEEDS.

**Purchases and Debits**

Post Date	Tran Date		Reference Number		
<b>MICHAEL DOUD</b>					
01/08	01/08	Lorain County Chamber Of 440-328-2554 Oh	XXXX XXXX XXXX 6873 2413746QR5SF333G2	<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>
					\$28.00

**2026 Total Year-To-Date**

Total Fees charged in 2026	\$0.00
Total Interest charged in 2026	\$0.00



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**Summary of Account Activity**

Account Ending in	6899
Previous Balance	\$2,940.26
Payments	\$0.00
Other Credits	\$0.00
Purchases & Debits	\$1,056.75
Purchases	\$1,056.75
Balance Transfers	\$0.00
Cash Advances	\$0.00
<b>Fees Charged</b>	\$0.00
<b>Interest Charged</b>	\$0.00
New Balance	\$3,997.01
Statement Closing Date	<b>01/14/2026</b>
Days in Billing Cycle	31
Credit Limit	\$5,000.00
Available Credit	\$1,002.00
Cash Limit	\$5,000.00
Available Cash	\$1,002.00

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**Payment Information**

New Balance	\$3,997.01
Payment Due Date	02/11/2026
Minimum Payment Due	\$209.00
Amount Past Due:	<b>\$89.00</b>

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**Minimum Payment Warning:**

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If you make no additional charges using this account and each month you pay...	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...	And you will end up paying an estimated total of...
Only the Minimum Payment	9 years	\$3,997.00
\$111.00	3 years	\$3,997.00 (Savings = \$0.00)

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**Account Summary**

Type of Balance	Annual Percentage Rate (APR)	Balance Subject To Interest Rate	Interest Charge	Promo End Date
Purchases	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Advance	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Balance Transfer	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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2051 Cooper Foster Park Road  
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Account Ending In	6899
Payment Due Date	02/11/2026
New Balance	\$3,997.01
Past Due Amount	\$89.00
Minimum Payment Due	\$209.00

Make Check Payable To: \$

BARRY HABONY  
1173 N RIDGE RD E STE 101  
LORAIN OH 44055-3032

00029849  
MSP 58

LorMet Community Federal Credit Union  
P.O. Box 2711  
Omaha, NE 68103-2711





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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LORMET COMMUNITY FCU FOR YOUR CREDIT CARD NEEDS.

A PORTION OF THE REQUIRED PAYMENT IS DUE FROM YOUR PREVIOUS STATEMENT. PLEASE PAY THE PAST DUE AMOUNT IMMEDIATELY.

**Purchases and Debits**

Post Date	Tran Date		Reference Number		
<b>BARRY HABONY</b>			<b>XXXX XXXX XXXX 6899</b>	<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>\$1,056.75</b>
12/17	12/17	Hilton Columbus/Polaris Columbus Oh	2494300B0A1ZQ8JQZ	\$10.61	
12/23	12/23	Amazon Mktp*SI8hy92k3 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216B530VRDMAE	\$37.15	
12/28	12/28	Amazon Mktp*Fn0re3ki3 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216BA34W0NH7	\$27.35	
01/09	01/09	Amazon Mktp*Pb4h39143 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216QT34Z86Q1N	\$320.56	
01/09	01/09	Amazon Mktp*9g9os9kr3 Amzn.Com/Bill Wa	2469216QT352N9MSP	\$61.11	
01/12	01/12	Dnh*Godaddy 480-505-8855 Az	2443099QXHV4TZJ6K	\$599.97	

**2026 Total Year-To-Date**

Total Fees charged in 2026	\$0.00
Total Interest charged in 2026	\$0.00

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### **Stepping Up Summit**

The Lorain County Stepping Up virtual summit was held on February 5, 2026, convening key stakeholders and elected officials from the criminal justice and behavioral health systems to address the intersection of mental illness and justice involvement. Featured participants included retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Rick Kellar, President of Peg's Foundation, Judge Giovanna Bremke, Sheriff Jack Hall, members of the Ohio Stepping Up Team, and Lorain County Stepping Up partners. The session included presentations focused on behavioral health needs within the justice-involved population, progress reports from Michael Doud and Mark Johnson, and was moderated by Arielle Edwards.

### **988 Grant**

OACBHA has awarded the MHARS Board \$5,000 in funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health to increase awareness of Ohio's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Funds will support the creation of branded outreach materials featuring the official Ohio 988 logo and will be implemented in partnership with the Lorain County Metro Parks through trail signage and walking programs that promote behavioral health resources and highlight 988 as a critical crisis support service.

### **Providers Meeting**

MHARS Board staff met with provider partners on February 18 to review key operational and system updates. Topics included Medicaid updates, the FY27 contract process, and provider concerns related to budget reserves in the current economic climate. Staff also shared information on available free CEU training opportunities and provided updates on Recovery Housing and relevant provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. Additionally, Riveon Mental Health and Recovery presented recent data from the Crisis Recovery Center to inform ongoing system planning and coordination.

### **HUD Update**

The government funding bill recently passed by United States Congress includes several positive developments, most notably a \$7.2 billion increase for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and language requiring HUD to continue funding Continuum of Care (CoC) grants. Passed as part of a bipartisan agreement to end a brief government shutdown, the legislation provides a total of \$77.3 billion for HUD in Fiscal Year 2026. This outcome represents a significant win for Lorain County, as earlier proposals would have resulted in substantial cuts to critical homelessness and housing programs relied upon by the local system of care.

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### UPCOMING TRAININGS AND OUTREACH

#### **MARCH 2026**

18 – Connecting for Kids Resource Fair at LCCC Ewing Field House

23 – Network CEU Training: Finding Balance – Using Mindfulness to Guide Your Clients at ALC

30-4/3 – Peer Recovery Supporter Training at ALC

#### **APRIL 2026**

8 – Wellness Fair & Speaking Engagement at Elyria Public Library's West River Branch

14 & 15 – MHFA Training at ALC 12:30-4:30pm (both days)

20-21 – ASIST Training at ALC (both full days)

25 – CHIP Hispanic Conference at Lorain High School

25 – National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

27-5/1 – CIT Training at ALC

28 – MH & Well Being Training for Rising Titan Collab at United Way of Lorain County



**BOARD MEETING – CONSENT AGENDA – February 24, 2026**  
**RESOLUTION No. 26-02-02**

*Once the motion has been received to approve the consent agenda the chairman opens the floor for any questions from the board members. During this time, board members may ask questions or request items be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. If any items were removed from the consent agenda the chairman will determine where on the agenda those items will be discussed.*

**Community Planning & Oversight Committee:**

1. Recommendation – Approval of FY26 Amendment to funding allocation’s scope of work as written in APS 02.26.01. **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-03 C**

**Finance Committee:**

1. Recommendation – Approval of the FY26 Financial Statements through **January 2026**. **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-04 C**
2. Recommendation – Approval of Listing of Expenses for **January 2026** totaling **\$939,515.85**. **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-05 C**
3. Recommendation – Approval of the MHARS Board Credit Card Reconciliations for **December 2025 and January 2026**. **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-06 C**

**Governance Committee:**

1. Recommendation – Approval of suggested edits to the Bylaws **RESOLUTION No. 26-02-07 C**

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**MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD  
OF LORAIN COUNTY**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION NO: [26-02-08](#)**

**WHEREAS**, Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County entered into a contract with Panzica Construction LLC ("Contractor") for the Lorain County Crisis Recovery Center (the "Project");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the contract and escrow agreement dated October 10, 2023, a portion of the payment has been withheld in an escrow account to ensure the satisfactory completion of the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the project has reached Substantial Completion, all punch list work has been completed, and all required, final lien waivers have been submitted and verified;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the release of all retainage funds, including any accrued interest, currently held in the escrow account to the Contractor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Lorain County is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, including the escrow release form, necessary to effectuate the release of these funds.

Resolution No. [26-02-08](#) was adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of [February 2026](#).

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Daniel T. Urbin, Chair