



# Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

## Special Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023

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**Present:** John Ahles, Sue Bemiller, Mike Donahue, Sylvia Jordan, David Krenrick, Susan Lehr, Jennifer Lemon, Cindy Lewis, Lonnie McGhee, Christina Thompson and Jordan Wurthmann

**Excused:** Carla James and Elder Ron Moton

**Staff Present:** Sherry Branham, Angie Parker, and Carey Vogt

**Guest:** Amanda Middis, Carl Hunnel, Derick Martin

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### **Please Silence Cell Phones**

Bemiller called the Special Meeting of the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to order at 5:37 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

Bemiller advised that Trolian has requested a hearing. Middis reminded attendees that the hearing must fall between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> day after receiving the request by Trolian.

#### **1. Interim Executive Director Update**

Branham advised the Board that staff have secured the building and its technology. Parker advised there is no external access to the server or building. She advised email and phone calls have been forwarded to Branham.

Branham updated those in attendance regarding staff morale stating staff continue to accomplish their work and have worked as a team during this time to meet the additional needs of the Board. She advised that there is full coverage of Trolian's duties. Nothing is being left undone and community partners have offered support during this time.

#### **2. \* Executive Session**

At 5:44 P.M., Bemiller called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee. Lewis made the motion, Wurthmann seconded the motion. Branham called the roll. There were 10 yea's and 0 nays. Donahue abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Bemiller advised the Board had moved into Executive Session and requested visitors please step out of the Board Room. Donahue removed himself from Executive Session. Bemiller invited Middis, Branham and Vogt into Executive Session.

At 6:44 P.M., Bemiller called for the guests to return and a motion to return to regular session. Wurthmann made a motion. Lehr seconded the motion. Branham called the roll. There were 10 yea's, and 0 nays. Donahue abstained from the vote. Bemiller advised that Executive Session ended. Motion carried.

Bemiller called for a motion to approve retaining Attorney David Smith at \$210/hour to represent the Board during the hearing of Joseph Trolan. Wurthmann made the motion and Lewis seconded. There was no discussion. There were 10 yea's, and 0 nays. Donahue abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Bemiller called for a motion to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the Board office at 87 East First Street, Suite L, Mansfield, OH 44902 for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the continued employment of the Executive Director. A motion was made by Krenrick and seconded by Jordan. There was no discussion. There were 10 yea's, and 0 nays. Donahue abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

\* **Adjournment-** With no other business Bemiller called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Wurthmann, seconded by Lehr the meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

\* Denotes items requiring Board action.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
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*Susan Bemiller, Chair*

  
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*Dave Krenrick, Vice Chair*