



Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2024

Present: Jennifer Lemon, Susan Lehr, Mike Donahue, David Krenrick, Elder Ron Moton, Deena Hamilton, Jordan Wurthmann, Sylvia Jordan, Lonnie McGhee, Crystal Shaffer

Excused: Jeff O'Brien, Carla James

Unexcused:

Staff Present: Sherry Branham, Carey Vogt, Angie Parker, Scott Basilone, Mike Sizemore

Guests:

Meeting held at: Mansfield UMADAOP
400 Bowman Street Mansfield, OH 44903

CALL TO ORDER:

Lemon called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board member roll call was recorded, and a quorum was established.

1. Mansfield UMADAOP – Dennis Baker

Dennis Baker, Executive Director of Mansfield UMADAOP provided booklets at the meeting about the agency and its services.

There are 11 UMADAOP's in the State. Mansfield UMADAOP has several buildings in the Mansfield area that perform different tasks. They have an Assessment and Treatment center, a Community Wellness Center, a school and the Main location. Within their staff they also have a Community Health Worker, a Certified Nurse Practitioner and a Medical Doctor.

Staff members of Wood Pointe work for UMADAOP and are involved in the program there.

Other services provided by UMADAOP include Sober Living Housing, Driver's Intervention Classes which are referred to by local judges, prevention services, Prison Re-Entry for newly released individuals and general treatment services. Many ads and billboards for services are available.

2. * **Approval of Minutes** – Jennifer Lemon

Lemon called for a motion to approve the October 15th, 2024 meeting minutes. Moton motioned to approve the minutes, Lehr seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. Motion carried.

3. * **Monthly Payables** – Jennifer Lemon

Lemon called for a motion to approve the Expenditures for October 2024. Donahue motioned to approve the Expenditures, Moton seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. **Associate Director/CFO Report** – Carey Vogt

- **Cash Position:** The beginning balance at the end of September 2024 was \$6,240,614.81. In October, a total revenue of \$1,619,931.07 was added. Total expenditures for this period were \$1,985,116.93, leaving the fund balance in our operating fund on 10/31/24 at \$5,875,428.95. This is a decrease of \$365,185.86.
- **Finance Committee Update:** The Finance Committee met on November 4th to discuss the Operating and Housing Fund for County Calendar Year 2025.
- * **Letter to Commissions:** County Commissioners have requested that all funding lines be assessed to address any negative balances.
A request to the Board of Directors is being made to increase the Contract Community Service line due to a high forecast of billing for the remainder of Calendar Year 2024.

Wurthmann motioned to approve, Moton seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. Motion carried.

- * **2025 County Calendar Year Budget Revisions:** The last 6 months of Calendar Year 2025 are complete estimates at this point since we run on a State Fiscal Year. We have not received any estimates from the State as to what our funding allocations will be effective July 1, 2025. The construction of the Transitional Housing facility is underway. Historically, health insurance costs have been overbudgeted. Please see the attached Operating and Housing Budget revisions.

Wurthmann motioned to approve 2025 County Calendar Year Budget Revisions, Moton seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. The motion carried.

5. **Director of Information Technology** – Angie Parker

- **GOSH Update:** A history of the GOSH system was explained to the Board of Directors. In late August of this year Geisler IT who created the GOSH system merged with Cantata Health Solutions. Cantata is an Electronic Health Record system that will work with GOSH developers. The use of the GOSH system is not going away and will remain as it always has been, but we do not know about service rates by Cantata Health Solutions. Service rates will be announced within the first quarter of 2025.

A handout was given to the Board of Directors showing trends across all GOSH systems that the Board does work for. This handout accounts for the amount of enrollment and document handling, eligibility inquiry and claim processing.

The Muskingum Mental Health and Recovery Services Board which has contracted their work with our Board for many years has made the decision to change to SmartCare in FY2026. This will end our work with their Board area.

6. **Manager of Clinical Programs and Services Report** – Scott Basilone

- * SOS 4.0: When OhioMHAS sent the preliminary notice of award for SOS 4.0 recently they reduced their previous funding for Boards statewide. There were 187 entities from within the State that got funded for SOS 4.0, not just Boards alone. Richland was awarded \$1,258,901 which is 91% of the funding that was received last fiscal year. Unfortunately, cuts are being discussed due to the decrease and we are looking at these areas.

Only OhioMHAS certified organizations are permitted to use SOS funding. We are looking to fund personnel and fringe for SOS 4.0 from now through January, including the Homeless Response Team. Levy funds may not have to be used if the SOS award arrives in time. It was discussed that Mansfield Police Department cannot be funded through SOS because they are not certified by OhioMHAS.

Wurthmann motioned to approve funding personnel, fringe and Homeless Response Team from now through January, Donahue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. The motion carried.

- Specialty Court Docket: The Mansfield Municipal Court has been re-certified for 4 of their specialty dockets. These dockets are Drug Treatment court, Domestic Violence court, Mental Health Court and Veteran's Court.
- Recovery Housing Meeting and Tour: UMADAOP completed their application for Recovery Housing. Many agencies waited until the end of the year to submit their application, so there may be a waiting period. Discussions with the State Recovery Housing representative have taken place. Overall, we are in a good situation with Recovery Housing.

7. **Executive Director's Report** - Sherry Branham

- East First Street Renovations: The renovations are coming along very nicely. Scaffolding is over the front office windows to begin window replacement work. Holes in the building are being patched with matching brick and drywall is being installed. The electrical and plumbing is nearly complete. The estimated finish date is mid-February. The Board of Directors were provided progress photos of the renovations.
- Furnishings and Quotes: Quotes are being gathered for furnishings upstairs. These furnishings will be grant funded if possible. To be eligible for grant funding, we must receive 3 quotes. Quality of material is being factored into the purchases too.

- Wood Pointe Update: We are excited about the changes being made to Wood Pointe. With the addition of Case Management and other necessary requirements we believe this will make a better impact for those served in the existing program. PowerPoint slides made by Asia Groff that detail the current program were given to the Board of Directors and presented at Mid-Ohio Educational Services Center during their Superintendents meeting.
- Marketing Committee: The Marketing Committee includes involvement from Mid-State Multimedia, Clear Channel, DRM, Board members and other community partners. Director Branham wants to establish the brand of the Richland Recovery Network to add more community awareness toward what the Richland County Mental Health Board does and who they work closely with, so the community has a better understanding of the partnerships. This will need collaboration with contract agencies, affiliate agencies and community partners.
 Wurthmann mentioned that the progress at these meetings has been great.
- Affiliate Agency Requests: Akron Children's has completed all requirements for the affiliate status and will be added to the website. Director Branham and Basilone are scheduled to tour the Adult and Youth Psychiatric unit at OhioHealth Mansfield on December 6th. OhioHealth wants to be added to the 1-Pager as a community resource. Spero Health has been invited to present to the Board of Directors on April 15th, 2025. Spero Health offers MAT services, counseling and case management and are interested in being an affiliate and are not seeking funding. They are OhioMHAS and CARF accredited.

8. **President's Report** – Jennifer Lemon

With the holidays coming up, please remember to stay in close contact with those who need your support.

9. **Old Business**

None discussed

10. **New Business**

The January Board meeting will be held at the Catalyst Life Services Rehab Center. This is scheduled for January 21st, 2025.

The February Board meeting is at CACY on West Longview Ave and is scheduled for February 18th, 2025.

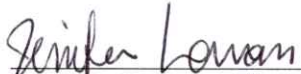
11. **Future Agenda Items**

None discussed

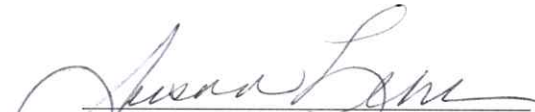
12. *Adjournment

Lemon called for a motion to adjourn. Wurthmann made the motion, Donahue seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstention. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

ATTESTED BY:



Jennifer Lemon, Chair



Susan Lehr, Vice Chair