



Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2026

Present: Scott Arnold, Dr. Jay Haar, Dave Krenrick, Jennifer Lemon, Crystal Shaffer, Bret Snavelly, Brian White

Excused: Carla James, Jeff O'Brien

Unexcused:

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

Guests: Ben Davis, Mansfield UMADAOP

CALL TO ORDER:

O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

1. ***Establish Adjournment time** – Brian White

White called for a motion to set the meeting adjournment time for 7:00 PM. The adjournment time can be changed if needed. Lemon motioned to approve the adjournment time, Snavelly seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

2. **Mansfield UMADAOP update** – Ben Davis, Executive Director

Vogt introduced Mansfield UMADAOP's new Executive Director, Ben Davis, to the Board of Directors. Vogt mentioned that Davis wanted to update the Board of Directors on the status of the agency.

Davis thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to speak at tonight's meeting. The new administration at UMADAOP is working on rebuilding staff morale, re-establishing partnerships and reformatting internal documents. The staff members are being maintained and they love working there. They have a new records custodian that has a great amount of experience and a new Assistant Clinical Director. The Recovery Houses are certified by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (OBH) and UMADAOP is working with OBH on other certifications.

Basilone commented that UMADAOP did well with their last clinical audit. Davis mentioned that their service volume is increasing, and mental health services are returning along with other programs. Davis said that agency audits from the prior administration are backlogged for 5 years at this time and audits are still being worked through. Outstanding debts are being paid and UMADAOP is working with a CPA.

3. ***Approval of Minutes** – Brian White

White called for a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for April 21, 2026. Lemon motioned to approve the minutes, Shaffer seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

4. ***Monthly Payables** – Brian White

White called for a motion to approve the expenditures for the month of April 2026. Krenrick asked Vogt if there were any concerns with the payables being reviewed for this month. Vogt commented that there is a thorough internal review of all payables prior to issuing payment.

Lemon motioned to approve the April expenditures, Arnold seconded the motion. Krenrick abstained and Shaffer opposed. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

5. **Interim Executive Director / CFO Report** – Carey Vogt

○ Cash Position -

The beginning balance at the end of March 2026 was \$3,944,086.05. During April, a total revenue of \$2,539,436.77 was added. The total expenditures for this period were \$771,619.90, leaving the fund balance in our operating fund on 4/30/2026 at \$5,711,902.92. This is an increase of \$1,767,816.87.

○ Monthly Updates -

- All proclamations for Mental Health month have been given and community events on the May calendar are being volunteered for. Information tables and staff presence are at each event. Vogt had radio interviews recently about Mental Health month that are scheduled to air soon.
- Administrative staff have begun working on budgeting for the new fiscal year. The Board of Directors will need to vote to approve the County Calendar Year and State Fiscal Year budgets at the June meeting.

- RFPs are being reviewed prior to upcoming committee meetings. The reviews will involve asking the providers questions.
- Vogt attended the last OACBHA Membership meeting. Vogt commented that OACBHA has hired a new CEO who has a background with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, has extensive experience with Ohio Medicaid and is a former member of an ADAMH Board. Another highlight of the meeting included a need to be more proactive in state legislation. The OACBHA conference is in June, and some staff members are attending.
- The 040 has been completed, and there were new reporting requirements this year which required additional data collection. Krenrick asked Vogt why different data was required. Vogt commented that new federal requirements have been sent to the states, and these have been sent to local ADAMH boards for reporting.
- Vogt and Parker met with Chris Mazzolla from ODBH for further discussion on re-allocating previously awarded funding toward renovations of Board properties instead of a new building development.
- Danielle's Lighthouse opened yesterday and the agency is hoping to start receiving referrals.
- The Executive Director and Clinical Leader's meeting held earlier this month went very well. The Board is getting quotes from a few new landscaping companies due to increased expenses with our current vendor.
- Two Board members have term renewals at the end of this fiscal year. Vogt reached out to the state and contacted Commissioner Vero to find out what the next steps are to renew these Board members terms.
- BAR Review
This is still in progress, and we are working with ODBH on everything they are requesting.
- County Audit
The County Audit has begun. The County is working with a third party who is requesting additional documents from our department for the audit.

*White called for a motion to extend the meeting adjournment time to 7:30 PM. Snavelly motioned to approve extending the adjournment time, Krenrick seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

- Wood Pointe

Wood Pointe is fully occupied, which has not been the case in a very long time. The Board has a wait list now. Referrals will initially be reviewed by Scott.

- SFY 2027 Upcoming Budgeting Committee Meetings

There is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for this Friday May 22nd, and a Planning and Education Committee scheduled for Wednesday June 3rd.

Shaffer asked Basilone about why the state hospitals always say that they are at capacity and will not accept new patients. Vogt and Basilone replied that this is being explored by the state, but most of the patients at the state hospitals have forensic status. Shaffer expressed concerns for good patient care.

6. Nominations for SFY 2027 Slate of Officers – Brian White

White asked the Board of Directors for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Snavelly asked for a motion to retain the current officer positions. O'Brien and James will be asked about their willingness to serve another officer term. There was no vote during the meeting.

7. Committee Updates – Brian White

- *Executive Director Job Description

The Personnel Committee met last Thursday and has recommended the Executive Director Job Description. White called for a motion to approve the Executive Director job description. Shaffer motioned to approve the job description, Snavelly seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

The Search Committee met yesterday. They are working on resume reviews and considerations for the open Executive Director position. There were 70 applications submitted, and 37 met the minimum qualifications of ORC 340. Six candidates were selected for interviews. Interviews will start the 1st week of June.

8. **Old Business** –

Dr. Haar asked if he could be involved in the interviews. White explained the intent is to find 2 to 3 finalists and invite the rest of the Board of Directors for a presentation. This is still being organized.

9. **New Business** –

Vogt mentioned that the Executive Committee met recently and O'Brien is working on the Board Bylaws.

10. **Future Agenda Items** –

None discussed.


11. ***Adjournment** –

White called for a motion to adjourn. Lemon made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Haar seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

ATTESTED BY:



Jeff O'Brien, Chair



Carla James, Secretary