Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026

Present: Scott Arnold, Carla James, Jeff O'Brien, Dave Krenrick, Jennifer Lemon, Crystal Shaffer, Bret Snavely, Brian White
Excused: Dr. Jay Haar
Unexcused:
Staff Present: Carey Vogt, Angie Parker, Scott Basilone, Mike Sizemore
Guests:

CALL TO ORDER:

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

1. ***Establish Adjournment time** – Jeff O'Brien

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

2. ***Approval of Minutes** – Jeff O'Brien

   O'Brien called for a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for May 19, 2026. Lemon motioned to approve the minutes, James seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

3. ***Monthly Payables** – Jeff O'Brien

   O'Brien called for a motion to approve the expenditures for the month of May 2026. A few Board members shared concerns with Vogt about approving what has already been paid. Vogt mentioned that she is researching what other Boards throughout the State do regarding their monthly financials and the process of approving payables, etc. An opinion is being sought out as requested by the Board. This topic is due to be discussed at the July Board meeting.

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

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

- Cash Position -

The beginning balance at the end of April 2026 was $5,711,902.92. During May, a total revenue of $188,384.14 was added. The total expenditures for this period were $587,722.01, leaving the fund balance in our operating fund on 5/31/2026 at $5,312,565.05. This is a decrease of $399,337.87.

Monthly Updates -

- One of the three air conditioning units at the Board office has quit working. An HVAC technician evaluated the unit and said that it needs to be replaced. A new unit was ordered and should be installed soon.

- There was a water leak in the ceiling of Danielle's Lighthouse that caused some damage. The source of the leak was found to be condensation from an air conditioner. Maintenance was able to fix it for the short term. Adena was contacted and is working with their vendor for a long-term repair.

- Thompson Elite was chosen as the new landscaping company, and this should be a cost savings.

- There was an incident with a Wood Pointe resident over the past month. A resident threatened another resident, resulting in police involvement and incarceration of the resident. A protection order was filed, and the resident was evicted from Wood Pointe. Other security measures were taken to ensure the safety of the facility.

- The OACBHA conference was held earlier this month. Vogt, Parker and Basilone attended parts of the conference, and it was very beneficial.

- Heartland Behavioral Health recently had a regional meeting which Vogt attended. A topic of discussion was the concern over the number of forensic patients in the hospital, delaying civil bed placements. This places a burden on local communities for those in need of civil hospital placement. A discussion occurred at the regional meeting about the possibility of forming a work group.

- Some of the State and Federal allocations were awarded on June 4th. The allocations are similar to what was allocated last year, so that is positive news.

- The Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (OBH) proposed a new crisis rule that was discussed by OACBHA at a recent meeting with Boards. There are concerns by many about the proposed rule, and OACBHA along with Boards and providers are evaluating and advocating for modifications.

- An opportunity became available to apply for SOS carryover funds. The application is due next Thursday, and these funds will apply to quarter 4 of Federal Fiscal Year 2026 and will need to be used by 09/29/2026. Basilone and Parker worked together to assess the SOS funds to determine what is the highest need. If additional SOS funds are awarded, these will be disbursed amongst treatment agencies and Recovery Housing programs. The application requires a quick turnaround.

- The abolition of property tax issue did not have enough signatures to be placed on the November 2026 ballot.

- Chris Mazzolla from OBH met with Admin staff at the Board to discuss Capital Projects and transferring the use of funds from a new construction housing development to a renovation project to existing Board owned properties. A resolution needs to be passed by the Board of Directors to submit this request to the State.

- BAR Review

  The BAR review is ongoing. Vogt spoke with OBH last week and a new list of requirements were given that are due next week.

- *SFY 2027 Budget

  The Board of Directors were given handouts for the SFY 2027 Budget. There will be budget revisions coming when additional funds are awarded. Title XX is the only remaining Federal line item that the award amount has not been received as of now, which is typical. Other than the SOS funds, if they are awarded for the next federal fiscal year, in addition to the SOS carryover funds that we intend to apply for which would impact this federal fiscal year. The Budget was discussed at length during several committee meetings.

  Vogt called for a motion by the Board of Directors to approve the State Fiscal Year 2027 budget, including the Contract Agency Budget consisting of $5,268,371.62, a Board Administration Budget of $1,020,131.60 and a Board Monitored Community Operations and Housing Budget of $1,961,593.76 for a total of $8,250,096.98.

  Lemon motioned to approve the SFY 2027 Budget, James seconded the motion. Shaffer opposed. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

- *2027 County Calendar Year Budget

  Vogt drafted the 2027 County Calendar Year Budget, and once approved by the Board of Directors, this will be sent to the County Commissioners tomorrow. The Board of Directors were given handouts and projections for the 2027 County Calendar Year Budget.

  Vogt called for a motion by the Board of Directors to approve the 2027 Calendar Year Operating and Housing Budgets.

  For the 200 Mental Health Operating fund, the estimated revenue during Calendar Year 2027 is $6,620,795.65 and the estimated expenses are $8,850,501.57 which includes the 2027 Personnel Service Schedule in the amount of $563,127.00. For the 520 Mental Health Housing fund, the estimated revenue during calendar year 2027 is $810,000.00 which does not include the transfer of funds from the 200 fund, and the estimated expenses are $1,660,000.00.

White motioned to approve the 2027 County Calendar Year Budget, Arnold seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

5. ***SFY 2027 Slate of Officers** – Jeff O'Brien

Snavely asked James if she was interested in serving another term as Secretary. James agreed to another term. Snavely asked for a motion to retain the current officer positions.

O'Brien called for a motion to keep the current Slate of Officers. Snavely motioned to approve the Slate of Officers, Shaffer seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

- The slate of officers for SFY2027 will remain as Chair – Jeff O'Brien, Vice Chair – Brian White, Treasurer – Scott Arnold and Secretary – Carla James.

6. ***Capital Project Resolution** – Carey Vogt

- Board approval for the request for the substantial change to project MH-1286 PSH project and use the funds for the new renovation capital project, MH-1479.

  Vogt explained that this would be a transfer of Capital funds to be used for needed building upgrades. A vote is needed by the Board of Directors to approve this.

  White motioned to approve the resolution, Krenrick seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

7. **Committee Updates** –

White commented that the Search Committee has done very well. Three applicant finalists will be meeting with the Board of Directors for final interviews, but the Search Committee wants them to meet the staff members first. The Search Committee will try to meet with the finalists in July or have a special meeting in August.

8. **Old Business** –

Krenrick asked about the status of OBH renewing his seat on the Board of Directors. Vogt said that she will follow up on this again.

James' seat on the Board of Directors has been renewed by the County Commissioners.

9. **New Business** –

O'Brien mentioned the need to bring back Board to Board meetings. Parker replied that Board to Board meetings historically took place during the RFP process. Since full board attendance is a required public meeting, that process stopped during contracting period.

Shaffer and Krenrick emphasized the need for the implementation of measurable client outcomes to evaluate and ensure quality client care.

10. **Future Agenda Items** –

None discussed.

11. ***Adjournment** –

O'Brien called for a motion to adjourn. White made a motion to adjourn, Snavely seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

ATTESTED BY:

Jeff O'Brien, Chair

Carla James, Secretary