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

Present: Scott Arnold, Dr. Jay Haar, Dave Krenrick, Jennifer Lemon, Jeff O'Brien, Crystal Shaffer, Bret Snavely, Brian White
Unexcused: Carla James – arrival 3:33 pm
Staff Present: Angie Parker
Guests: See minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

O'Brien called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call was recorded, and a quorum was established.

1. **General Overview of Special Meeting** – Jeff O'Brien & Brian White

Members were briefed regarding tonight's meeting. It was explained that the final three candidates are each allotted an hour with the members. Each candidate would introduce and talk about themselves and their qualifications. Members would be permitted to ask their own questions as well.

2. * **Executive Session** – Jeff O'Brien

O'Brien entertained a motion to enter Executive Session (ES), pursuant to Section 121.22(g)(1) of the ORC, to consider the employment of a public employee. Snavely motioned. Lemon seconded. Roll call was taken with all members in agreement. Executive Session was entered at 3:05pm and Parker was dismissed.

Aubrie Hall was invited into ES at 3:07 pm
Aubrie Hall was dismissed from the ES at 3:55 pm
Kythryn Harris was invited into ES at 4:10 pm
Kythryn Harris was dismissed from the ES at 5:02 pm
Deborah Veley was invited into ES at 5:14 pm
Deborah Veley was dismissed from the ES at 5:48 pm
Parker was invited back into ES at 6:31 pm

3. * **Executive Session Exit** – Jeff O'Brien

O'Brien entertained a motion to exit ES. White motioned. Krenrick seconded. Roll call was taken with all members in agreeance. ES exit was at 6:34 pm.

4. **Open Session**

White motioned for Resolution to Authorize Delegation of Authority calling for the MHRSB of Richland County, Ohio to authorize Jeff O'Brien, in the capacity as Board Chairperson to extend a formal, conditional offer of employment to Kythryn Harris for the position of Executive Director. The offer shall be within the compensation parameters discussed and final board ratification of the contract.

Krenrick seconded. All members were in favor with Shaffer abstaining.

Krenrick spoke up to his understanding being that members were to vote on their selection before 'all in favor' took place. There were members in agreement to this input.

A roll call vote of assurance was then taken and the original motion containing the executive director selection was confirmed in majority.

A roll call vote was again taken to affirm on proceeding with the original motion as previously stated. Arnold opposed. Shaffer abstained. Remaining members agreed. Motion to authorize delegation of authority was carried.

5. ***Adjournment**

O'Brien entertained a motion for adjournment. White motioned. James seconded. Motion carried with all members in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

ATTESTED BY:

Jeff O'Brien

Jeff O'Brien, Chairperson

Carla James

Carla James, Secretary