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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD  
BELMONT-HARRISON-MONROE COUNTIES**

Minutes of MAY 14, 2024

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Lisa Carpenter, John Carr, Joe Hise, Jacquelyn Knight, Naoma Kolkedy, Caitlyn Romshak, Allie Starr, Debra Yeater, Jayme Yonak

**Members Absent:** James Leos, Richard Schenk, Jacquetta Stephen, Nicole Weigand, Joe Vavra

**Staff Present:** Lisa Ward, Patricia Allen, Leann Cline, Lisa Jones, Rachel Scott-Roth, Judi Hanse

**Preliminary**

1. Chairperson Deb Yeater called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Executive Secretary Judi Hanse called the roll of members and certified a quorum was present.
3. Board Meeting Agenda – May 14, 2024 – **Caitlyn Romshak made a motion, seconded by Allie Starr, to approve the May 14, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. Board Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2024 – **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Jayme Yonak, to approve the April 16, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

Board Training: Cheri Walter, OACBHA Executive Director Cheri Walter, OACBHA CEO presented and discussed the State of the State: What is Happening at the State Level; Legislative Updates on 340 and Where We Think the System is Going in FY2025.

**Finance Reports - Chief Financial Officer**

1. **Presentation of Bills (May):** Ms. Ward presented the bills for the Board system for May totaling \$396,408.81. She reviewed the vouchers for payment and noted there is no Then and Now Certificate for May. **John Carr made a motion, seconded by Joe Hise, to approve the May bills totaling \$396,408.81. The motion passed unanimously.** (copy attached)
2. **FY2024 April Financial Reports**
  - a. **Budget vs Actual Report – Board Expenditures** – Ms. Ward presented the financial reports for FY2024 Board Budget vs Actual Report through March.
  - b. **Budget vs Actual Report – Contracts and Services** - Ms. Ward presented the financial report for FY2024 Contract and Services Budget vs Actual Report through March.

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**Quality Assurance and Planning**

**1. Community Updates**

**a. Strategic Plan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Update**

Ms. Cline reviewed the updates on the FY2024-2027 strategic plan through the third quarter of FY2024.

**Executive Director's Report**

**1. General Service and System Updates**

**a. *Legal Opinion from Attorney Moser regarding question from Belmont County Auditor on Board voucher*** - Ms. Ward commented that the Belmont County Auditor has declined to pay an invoice to Pizza Milano for 6 salads for a Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on April 9, 2024. Ms. Ward has spoken with the Board Attorney and he has sent a legal opinion to Ms. Ward regarding the auditor's questions. (copy attached)

**b. *Access to the Medicaid Portal for Boards/Partner Solutions*** – Ms. Ward explained that Boards across Ohio have had their access to Medicaid claims and eligibility with OhioMHAS abruptly removed as of 05/01/2024. OACBHA as well as PartnerSolutions is working to have discussions with both ODM and OhioMHAS to find out more details regarding the abrupt action taken as well as educate the negative impact this could have on provider organizations.

**c. *MOU with Coleman Health Services for the CSU/Urgent Care land purchase reimbursement*** – Ms. Ward explained that a MOU has been created between the MHR Board and Coleman Health Services related to the construction of the CSU/BH Urgent Care project. The MOU was approved for signature by Attorney Moser and purchase for the CSU/Urgent Care.

**d. *May is Mental Health Activities – Update*** – Ms. Ward reviewed the events planned for “May is Mental Health Month”.

**Billboard Art Competition** – Ms. Ward explained that three “Love Your Mind” themed artwork was selected. The winners will be displayed the month of May on a billboard in their home county. The artwork was also shown and recognized at the Kevin Hines event.

**Kevin Hines** – Ms. Ward stated that Speaker, Author, and Director, Kevin Hines was at Ohio University Eastern Shannan Hall on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Community Champion awards followed Mr. Hines at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hines was also available for book signing at 7:30 p.m. There were community agency resource tables set up in the main lobby area. The event was free to the public but registration for the event is required. We had 85 plus present for the event. Ohio University Eastern School of Psychology and Social Work partnered with the Board to host the event.

**Awareness Walks** – Ms. Ward stated that Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. -noon there will be three awareness walks. Belmont County will be held at St. Clairsville Memorial Park; Harrison County will be held at Sally Buffalo Park; Monroe County will be held at Piatt Park. The first 200 people to register will receive a swag bag and be entered in for a prize.

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**Monroe County Mental Health Resource Fair** – Ms. Ward commented that there will be a Mental Health Resource Fair on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from noon– 4 p.m. at the Generations Complex in Woodfield. The event will feature a food truck, games, activities, and resources by local vendors and partnering agencies.

**New Business**

1. **Southeast Healthcare for 2025** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Southeast Healthcare for FY2025. She explained that Southeast Healthcare plans to hire additional nursing staff and a Court Navigator for Monroe County. **Jayme Yonak made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter, to approve the FY2025 service contract to Southeast Healthcare for \$1,599,570.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Cedar Ridge Behavioral Solutions** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Cedar Ridge Behavioral Solutions. She explained that Cedar Ridge Behavioral Solutions plans to incorporate a Cedar Works program and work with the Drug Court program in Belmont County. **Allie Starr made a motion, seconded by Joe Hise, to approve the FY2025 service contract to Cedar Ridge Behavioral Solutions for \$1,003,949.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **The Village Network** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for The Village Network. She explained they will continue to provide IHBT Client Supports and Early Childhood MH and expand their Triple P services to Triple P Fearless and Triple P-Teen. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Naoma Kolkedy, to approve the FY2025 service contract to The Village Network for \$209,647.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Coleman Health Services** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Coleman Health Services. She explained that in addition to their previous services they plan to hire a full-time Director for Crisis. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Caitlyn Romshak, to approve the FY2025 service contract to Coleman Health Services for \$1,072,120.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. **The Belmont County Commissioners – Belmont County Jail** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for the Belmont County Commissioners – Belmont County Jail. She explained this is for services provided to clients in the jail. **Naoma Kolkedy made a motion, seconded by Jayme Yonak, to approve the FY2025 services contract to Belmont County Commissioners – Belmont County Jail for \$67,692.48. The motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health Solutions, LLC FY2024 Contract Amendment for Belmont County** - Ms. Ward reviewed the FY2024 contract amendment for Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health Solutions, LLC for the Belmont County Drug Court. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Jayme Yonak, to approve the FY2024 contract amendment for Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health Solutions, LLC – Belmont County Drug Court for \$20,387.99. The motion passed unanimously.**

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7. **Kendall Behavioral Solutions, LLC** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Kendall Behavioral Solutions, LLC. She explained that in addition to their previous services they plan to add CCAP-AIM Programming. **Jacquelyn Knight made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve the FY2025 service contract to Kendall Behavioral Solutions, LLC for \$18,886.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
8. **Barnesville Exempted Village School District** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Barnesville Exempted Village School District. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Allie Starr, to approve the FY2025 service contract to Barnesville Exempted Village School District for \$125,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Belmont County CARES Program Cumberland Trail Fire Department** – Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Belmont County CARES Program Cumberland Trail Fire Department. **Allie Starr made a motion, seconded by Jayme Yonak, to approve the FY2025 service contract to Belmont County CARES Program Cumberland Trail Fire Department for \$108,158.24. The motion passed unanimously.**
10. **Mountain Movers Ministry, Inc.** - Ms. Ward reviewed the contract for Mountain Movers Ministry, Inc. This contract is for Recovery Housing – Faith Based. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Allie Starr, to approve the FY2025 service contract to Mountain Movers Ministry, Inc. for \$102,500.00. The motion passed unanimously with Deb Yeater abstaining from the vote.**
11. **New Board Member Applicant** – Ms. Ward commented that she received an application for board membership from Stephen L. Williams, who was the Superintendent/CEO at Belmont, Harrison and Noble County Board of Development Disabilities. Ms. Ward commented that she feels Mr. Williams will be an asset to the Board. **Jayme Yonak made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to recommend the appointment of Stephen L. Williams to the Belmont County Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business**

There was none.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Executive Session**

1. **Executive Director's Annual Evaluation - Request to enter Executive Session – Personnel Executive Director's Evaluation – Allie Starr made a motion, seconded by Naoma Kolkedy to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session, Allie Starr made a motion, seconded by Joe Hise to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.**

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No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment - At 7:30 p.m., Allie Starr made a motion, seconded by Joe Hise to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Debra Yeater, Chairperson

  
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Jacquelyn Knight, Vice-Chairperson

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**