MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD
BELMONT-HARRISON-MONROE COUNTIES

Minutes of APRIL 30, 2026

Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. Virtual

Members Present: Jamie Betts, John Carr, Joe Hise, Lori Mann, Caitlyn Romshak, Joe Vavra, Stephen Williams
Members Absent: Lisa Carpenter, Jacquelyn Knight, Richard Schenk, Nicole Weigand
Staff Present: Lisa Ward, Patricia Allen, Lisa Jones

<u>Preliminary</u>

1. Chairperson Caitlyn Romshak called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Director System of Care Patty Allen called the roll of members. It was noted that a quorum was present.
3. Board Meeting Agenda – April 30, 2026 – **<u>Joe Hise made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to approve the April 30, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.</u>** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

4. Board Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2026 – **<u>Stephen Williams made a motion, seconded by Lori Mann to approve the March 17, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.</u>** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

<u>Executive Director's Report – Lisa Ward</u>

1. General Service and System Updates
   a. **<u>FY 2027 Applications for Funding received from providers 2026</u>** – Ms. Ward updated that the Board by providing a chart of applications received from agencies, total contract amount request and provided total allocations for FY2026 from the DBH. The total FY2027 request from providers is $1.8 million dollars more than the estimated available revenue based on FY2026 allocations. Director Ward provided an overview for the Board members of current contract language around Medicaid like services, the impact that could be felt locally from the loss of Medicaid expansion and how that impacts and relates to the Board's budget in FY2027.
   Director Ward informed the Board of the recent announcement by Southeast Healthcare to withdraw their staff in FY2027 from the local school-based engagement services and give notice to those employees of their lay off as of June 30, 2026. Director Ward briefed the members on the recent meetings with Southeast leadership team and provided the Board with a graph that showed the Board invested over $2.1 million dollars in contract services with Southeast Healthcare for school-based engagement in Belmont County since FY2020.
   b. **<u>ADA Title II Web-Based Accessibility Requirements- April 26,2027</u>** – Ms. Ward stated that new ADA Title II Web-based accessibility requirements have been delayed until April 2027.

c. **Eastern Alliance 120 Notice Country Garden Manor Department of Behavioral Health.** Ms. Ward shared with the members of the Board the 120-notice sent by the Eastern Alliance COG to DBH. The Eastern Alliance is in the process of working with New Housing Ohio and the management at Country Garden Manor on a transition plan for July 1, 2026.

d. **Board Membership Recruitment Update** - Ms. Ward informed that two individuals have completed interviews and applications for appointments to the Board of Directors. One seat is for Belmont County Commissioners, and one seat is appointed by the Department of Behavioral Health. Currently, we have not received word of their official approval.

e. **Board Member Resignation** – Ms. Ward mentioned that Ms. Jayme Yonak has resigned her position on the Board of Directors effective April 14, 2026.

Finance Reports – Executive Director Ward

1. **Presentation of Bills (April 2026):** Ms. Ward presented the bills for the Board system for April 2026 totaling $767,371.01. She reviewed the vouchers for payment and there is not a Then and Now Certificate. **Jamie Betts made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to approve the April 2026 bills totaling $767,371.01. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

2. **March Financial Reports**

   a. **FY2026 Board Income and Expenditures Report, and Cash Balance -** Ms. Ward presented the financial reports for Income and Expenses for FY2026 through March 31, 2026.

   b. **FY2026 Budget vs Actual Report – Contracts and Services** - Ms. Ward presented the financial reports for FY2026 Contracts and Services through March. **John Carr made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to accept the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

   c. **2026 March 17 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** - Ms. Ward reviewed the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held prior to the March Board Meeting on March 17, 2026.

Community Partnerships/Announcements - Director Patricia Allen

1. **Ribbon Cutting for CSU/BH Urgent** Ms. Allen reported that the Ribbon Cutting for the CSU/BH Urgent Care was a success and well attended.

New Business

1. **Cedar Ridge First Contract Amendment**- Ms. Ward informed the Board members that in reviewing contract attachments for FY2026 it was noted that the awarded revenues for Problem Gambling Treatment were left off the original contract attachment #3. In addition, new funds were allocated to cover an increase in Medicaid like services for FY2026 contract year. The new total amount for FY2026 service contract is $1,108,249.00. **Joe Vavra made a motion, seconded by Joe Hise to approve the First FY2026 Contract Amendment for Cedar Ridge not to exceed a total contract amount of $1,108,249.00. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

2. **May Program and Planning Meeting is Wednesday May 6, 2026, at 5:00pm.**
3. **May Finance Committee Meeting is Monday May 11, 2026, at 5:00pm.**
4. **May is Mental Health Month Proclamation "More Good Days Together"**
Ms. Ward presented the Proclamation to the Board for proclaiming May is Mental Health Month. **Joe Vavra made a motion, seconded by Lori Mann to approve the Mental Health Month proclamation for May,2026. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

Old Business
There was none.

Public Comment
There was none.

Adjournment - At 5:47 p.m., Jamie Betts made a motion, seconded by Lori Mann to adjourn the April 30, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.

Jamie Betts	yeah	John Carr	yeah	Joe Hise	yeah
Lori Mann	yeah	Caitlyn Romshak	yeah	Joe Vavra	yeah
Stephen Williams	yeah				

Lisa J. Ward, Executive Director

Caitlyn Romshak, Chairperson

Jacquelyn Knight, Vice-Chairperson