MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD
BELMONT-HARRISON-MONROE COUNTIES
Minutes of FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jamie Betts, Lisa Carpenter, John Carr, Joe Hise, Jacquelyn Knight, Caitlyn Romshak, Richard Schenk, Joe Vavra, Nicole Weigand, Stephen Williams, Debra Yeater, Jayme Yonak

Members Absent: Lori Mann

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

Others Present: Todd Hollett, Absolute Business Services

Preliminary

1. Chairperson Caitlyn Romshak called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Executive Secretary Judi Hanse called the roll of members. It was noted that a quorum was present.
3. Board Meeting Agenda – February 17, 2026 – **Joe Vavra made a motion, seconded by John Carr to approve the February 17, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.** (copy attached)
4. Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026 – **Steve Williams made a motion, seconded by Joe Hise to approve the January 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.** (copy attached)

Executive Director's Report – Lisa Ward

1. General Service and System Updates
   a. **Regional Adult Mobile Crisis dates from local contract providers** – Director Ward updated the Board members that only two pilot grants were awarded by the Department of Behavioral Health for the entire state. One of the grants went to the Northwestern Regional Boards and the other grant went to the Southwestern regional Collaborative. Total award for both grants was five million dollars. Coleman Health Services will continue to provide mobile crisis services as planned for Belmont Harrison and Montire Counties.
   b. **SB 295 Competency Restoration** – Ms. Ward reviewed SB 295 Competency Restoration with the Board Members. The following is a summary: Increases in some instances, the time during which a criminal defendant may be held, prior to trial, for purpose of restoring the defendant's competency; Tolls or restarts the time limit for restoration of competency under certain circumstances; Applies retroactively to any criminal defendant found incompetent to stand trial prior to the effective date of the bill and whose restoration to competency is ongoing or whose case remains pending; Declares an emergency.
   c. **CSU/BH Urgent Care Capital Update** – Ms. Ward commented that planning is in process for a Ribbon Cutting to be held in March or April for the new facility located in St. Clairsville. She also informed that Coleman plans to close their office location on Mayberry Drive in St. Clairsville and will move into the new space in St. Clairsville.

d. **Coleman's New Non-Profit Coleman's Intensive Crisis Services** – Coleman Health Services will establishing a new non-profit corporation for Coleman Intensive Crisis Services. All contracts for Crisis Services will be established through this new corporation separate from other general behavioral health services provided by Coleman. Coleman has filed the paperwork with the IRS but is awaiting approval and a Tax ID.

e. **CAP 2025 Final Legislative Report Crisis Services Submitted** – Ms. Ward stated that she has completed the CAP 2025-2027 Final Legislative Crisis Services and it has been submitted.

Finance Reports - Chief Financial Officer

1. **Presentation of Bills (February 2026):** Ms. Ward presented the bills for the Board system for February 2026 totaling $2,827,491.28. She reviewed the vouchers for payment and there is no Then and Now Certificate. Ms. Ward also presented a updated monthly bill payment report that provides more details on activities/services being paid and the funds supporting the payments made to the vendors. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to approve the February 2026 bills totaling $2,827,491.28. The motion passed unanimously.** (copy attached)
2. **FY2025 Financial Reports**

a. **FY2026 Budget vs Actual Reports – Board Revenue and Expenditures, and Cash Balance -** Ms. Ward presented the financial reports for FY2026 Board Budget vs. Actual Report through January.

b. **FY2026 Budget vs Actual Report – Contracts and Services** - Ms. Ward presented the financial reports for FY2026 Contracts and Services through January.

c. **CY2025 Actual Expenditures – Board Level** - Ms. Ward presented the financial report for CY2025 Actual Expenditures – through December. **John Carr made a motion, seconded by Jacquelyn Knight to accept the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

d. **2024 Annual Audit Update** - Ms. Ward informed the Board Members that she has received the draft audit report for CY2024. There are no findings.

Planning and Program Committee Meeting Report -Executive Director Ward

1. **Application for Board Funding and Community Wellness and Recovery Grants** - Ms. Ward commented that the committee reviewed the revised FY2027 Application for Board Funding and Community Wellness Grants. She explained that the application will be sent out on February 10th to all current contract agencies.
2. **Historical review of contract funding FY24-FY26** - Ms. Ward shared a review of the Board's funding allocations covering contracts from FY2024 – FY2026. It was agreed that regarding potential cuts in allocations from the state and how that may impact contracts and programs in FY2026.

Community Partnerships/Announcements - Director Patricia Allen

1. **Annual Board Self-Evaluation** (Link to Survey Monkey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTMH92X) Ms. Allen thanked the Board Members for completing the Annual Board Self-Evaluation form online through Survey Monkey. She received 12 responses out of 13. Ms. Allen reviewed the results with the Board Members.

New Business

1. **March Annual Board Training – Christina Shaynack-Diaz - OACBHA** - State of the State Address Updates – Ms. Ward stated that Christina Shaynack-Diaz will be doing our Board Training virtually regarding the State of the State Address at our March Board Meeting.
2. **FY2026 120-Day Notice Letters for FY2027** Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health Solutions, Coleman Health Services, Inc., East Central Ohio Educational Services Center - Student Services, Neurobehavioral Medicine Consultants, Southeast Healthcare, Inc., The Village Network, Tri-County Help Center. After discussion the following motions were made. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve sending a 120-Day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health Solutions, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.**

   Joe Hise made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to approve sending a 120-day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to Coleman Health Services, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.

   Jamie Betts made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve sending a 120-day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to East Central Ohio Educational Services Center- Student Services, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract Language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.

   Jamie Betts made a motion, seconded by Steve Williams to approve sending a 120-day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to Neurobehavioral Medicine Consultants, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.

   Joe Hise made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve sending a 120-day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to Southeast Healthcare, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.

   Jamie Betts made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to approve sending a 120-day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to The Village Network, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.

   Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Jacquelyn Knight to approve sending a 120-day Notice of Substantial Changes for FY2027 to Tri County Help Center, the Board's contract provider, to accommodate changes in the contract language, requirements and/or budget allocations. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
There was none.

Public Comment
There was none.

Adjournment - At 6:18 p.m., Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to adjourn the February 17, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa J. Ward, Executive Director

Caitlyn Romshak, Chairperson

Jacquelyn Knight, Vice-Chairperson