
MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD
BELMONT-HARRISON-MONROE COUNTIES

Minutes of MAY 19, 2026

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jamie Betts (virtual), Lisa Carpenter, Jessica Cook, Jacquelyn Knight, Lori Mann, Richard Schenk, Stephen Williams*

Members Absent: John Carr, Joe Hise, Caitlyn Romshak, Joe Vavra, Nicole Weigand

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

Others Present: Todd Hollett, Absolute Business Services (virtual)

Preliminary

1. Oath of Office – Jessica Cook – Belmont County Commissioners – Oath of Office was administered by Vice-Chairperson Jacquelyn Knight.
2. In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Jacquelyn Knight.
3. Executive Secretary Judi Hanse called the roll of members. It was noted that a quorum was present.

*Stephen Williams exited the MHR Board Meeting at 5:40 pm.

4. Board Meeting Agenda – May 19, 2026 – **Jamie Betts made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve the May 19, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts - yeah	Lisa Carpenter - yeah	Jessica Cook - yeah
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah	Lori Mann – yeah	Richard Schenk – yeah

5. Board Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2026 – **Lori Mann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve the April 30, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts - yeah	Lisa Carpenter - yeah	Jessica Cook - yeah
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah	Lori Mann – yeah	Richard Schenk – yeah

Executive Director’s Report – Lisa Ward

1. General Service and System Updates

- a. **House Bill 88** – Ms. Ward discussed the key provisions of Ohio House Bill 88 as listed below:

Key Provisions:

Stricter Penalties: Increases the felony levels and penalties for drug trafficking, specifically targeting fentanyl-related compounds and repeat traffickers.

Mandatory Minimums: Establishes a 5-year mandatory minimum prison term for individuals convicted of or pleading guilty to a fentanyl-related death.

Education Requirements: Requires Ohio schools and institutions of higher education to incorporate fentanyl awareness and abuse prevention into their instruction and policies.

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Awareness: Designates the month of August as "Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month".

- b. **SAVE THE DATE: New Board Member Training – Monday, July 13, 2026** – Ms. Ward stated that she plans to have a New Board Member Training on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. for those who have been on the Board for the past year to get better acquainted with the Board Policy and Procedures.

Finance Reports – Executive Director Ward

1. **Presentation of Bills (May 2026):** Ms. Ward presented the bills for the Board system for May 2026 totaling \$616,077.62. She reviewed the vouchers for payment and there is not a Then and Now Certificate. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to approve the May 2026 bills totaling \$616,077.62. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.** (copy attached)

Jamie Betts - yeah	Lisa Carpenter - yeah	Jessica Cook - yeah
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah	Lori Mann – yeah	Richard Schenk – yeah

2. **May 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 April 30, 2026.

- b. **FY2026 Budget vs Actual Report – Contract Services Report** - Ms. Ward presented the financial reports for FY2026 Contracts and Services through April. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Jessica Cook to accept the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**

Jamie Betts - yeah	Lisa Carpenter - yeah	Jessica Cook - yeah
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah	Lori Mann – yeah	Richard Schenk – yeah

- c. **Belmont County Cost Allocation Billing for 2026** - Ms. Ward reviewed the Belmont County Cost Allocation Billing with the Board Members. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Lori Mann to decline payment of the 2026 Cost Allocation of \$14,825 to the Belmont County Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**

Jamie Betts - yeah	Lisa Carpenter - yeah	Jessica Cook - yeah
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah	Lori Mann – yeah	Richard Schenk – yeah

- d. **FY2027 Service Line Priorities** – Ms. Ward and Ms. Allen reviewed the FY2027 Service Line Priorities with the Board.

- e. **FY2027 Draft Service Matrix** – Ms. Ward reviewed the FY2027 Draft Service Matrix with the Board. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Jamie Betts to accept the FY2027 Draft Service Matrix. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**

Jamie Betts - yeah	Lisa Carpenter - yeah	Jessica Cook - yeah
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah	Lori Mann – yeah	Richard Schenk – yeah

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- f. **FY 2027 Draft Board Operating Budget** Ms. Ward presented the FY 2027 Draft Board Operating Budget to the Board. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Jamie Betts to accept the FY2027 Draft Board Operating Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**
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| Jamie Betts - yeah | Lisa Carpenter - yeah | Jessica Cook - yeah |
| Jacquelyn Knight – yeah | Lori Mann – yeah | Richard Schenk – yeah |
- g. **FY 2027 Draft Contract Services Budget** - Ms. Ward reviewed the FY2027 Draft Contract Services Budget with the Board. **Lisa Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Richard Schenk to accept the FY2027 Draft Contract Services Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**
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| Jamie Betts - yeah | Lisa Carpenter - yeah | Jessica Cook - yeah |
| Jacquelyn Knight – yeah | Lori Mann – yeah | Richard Schenk – yeah |
- h. **CY 2027 County Appropriations** Ms. Ward reviewed the CY 2027 County Appropriations with the Board. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Jamie Betts to accept the CY2027 County Appropriations as presented. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.**
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| Jamie Betts - yeah | Lisa Carpenter - yeah | Jessica Cook - yeah |
| Jacquelyn Knight – yeah | Lori Mann – yeah | Richard Schenk – yeah |
- i. **Anticipated Calendar Year Revenues Updates** – Ms. Ward commented that at this point there are no updates and anticipates this being addressed at the June board meeting.

Planning and Program Committee Meeting – Ms. Ward referred to the Committee Meeting Minutes in the packet from the May 6, 2026, Planning and Program Committee Meeting.

New Business

1. **Nomination of Officers** - Ms. Ward informed the Board members that the present officers are: Chairperson – Caitlyn Romshak; Vice-Chairperson – Jacquelyn Knight; Secretary – Jamie Betts. The policy reads that the Chairperson can serve two consecutive years. Ms. Romshak will be completing her 1st year as Chairperson. Ms. Ward asked the Board to look over the list of Board Members in the packet and make their nominations at the June Board Meeting.
2. **Executive Committee Meeting – June 8, 2026** – Ms. Ward stated that she plans to have an Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026 held virtually regarding Personnel and Policy Updates. The Committee Members are: John Carr, Jacquelyn Knight, Caitlyn Romshak, Joe Vavra, Steve Williams

Old Business

There was none.

Public Comment

There was none.

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Adjournment - At 6:30 p.m., Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carpenter to adjourn the May 19, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote.

Jamie Betts - yeah

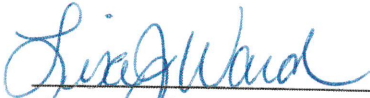
Lisa Carpenter - yeah

Jessica Cook - yeah

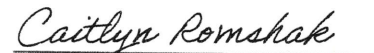
Jacquelyn Knight – yeah

Lori Mann – yeah

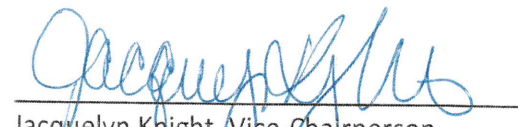
Richard Schenk – yeah



Lisa J. Ward, Executive Director



Caitlyn Romshak, Chairperson



Jacquelyn Knight, Vice-Chairperson