

**BOARD MEETING**  
For the  
**MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties**

November 14, 2023, at 5:00 PM

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**MINUTES**

Board Members:

Present: Christie Barns, Chris Marlow, Gwyn Stetler, Paul Waldsmith, Cheryl Wears, Eric Warrick, Robin Barton, Lisa Vassar, Angie Haver, Elizabeth Hanning-Smith

Absent: Gretchen Lapp, Rebekah Sinnott, Sara Wright

Staff: Adam Sorensen, Cecilia Yelton, Kristy Scharf, Sarah Ferguson, Amy Metz

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Stetler called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM, after Board Training from OACBHA Christine Shaynak-Diaz, noting that there was quorum present. Stetler called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

**Waldsmith motioned to approve the agenda. Wears seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A. Review of Minutes from September 12th, 2023, Board meeting: Stetler called for a review and any adjustments to the minutes.

**Waldsmith motioned for approval of the minutes from September 12, 2023, with the correction of the date from September 21<sup>st</sup> to September 12, 2023, Board meeting as presented. Barton seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. PEAC November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Ferguson presented for the committee. TCN: is transitioning the Vivian Koontz House to a long-term woman's recovery house. This will fill a gap in the continuum of care. They are also adding 1 more bed for a total of 5. Residential Administrators: was awarded the \$120,000 Rural Outreach Grant. They were 3 of 17 applications that were awarded the grant. RA along with Jubilee Mennonite Church, Peak of Hope Shelter, and Recovery Zone will team together. Recovery Zone: Logan County is working with Central Ohio Restore on a grant to help with re-entry. Champaign County RZ had an event, Recovery 101, that had 10 local resources and over 250 people attended. PASS: has added Urbana, Mac-A-Cheek, and Ohio Hi-Point to the schools served. They currently have prevention programs in Triad, Graham, Ben Logan, Mechanicsburg, West Liberty, Indian Lake, and Bellefontaine schools. They will also be offering therapeutic mentoring to at-risk youth as part of the Strong Families Safe Communities Grant in partnership with both counties FCFC's. Coalitions: The Suicide Prevention Coalition received \$10,000 from the Public Health Fund of Ohio for programming.

1. Mini-Grants: Sorensen presented to the group. The PEAC Committee received 6 applications and made the recommendation to fund 5 of them, Graham Elementary School \$5000 for BH co-pays, Indian Lake Middle School \$5350 to make new students feel welcome, Sycamore House \$2132 for a garden, Ben Logan Middle School \$7000 for a motivational speaker, West Liberty Cares \$4518 helping families with bills.

**Barton motioned to approve mini-grant applications as presented. Hanning-Smith seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

B. Finance November 8, 2023:

Haver reported for the committee that the Board's financials look good, noting that contracts were a topic of conversation and that next year the structure of the contracts will need some changing. Having all providers on the same billing cycle would be a helpful change. Haver also presented to the Board that in the coming year Scharf had budgeted for increases in insurance that we now know is lower than

expected, due to lower increases and a new security system being installed at the Board location. Haver went over provider reviews, TCN in part with the Clark, Greene, Madison Board and OHMAS Capital Project will be building Supportive Employment Housing. Residential Administrators currently are showing \$387,000 of MHDAS funds on their books. They are reserved for various projects in the coming months PASS is looking to expand in both counties and are looking good. Haver referred to Scharf to review the Board's financial statements in more detail. The Dashboard presented by Scharf noted that we currently have 7.5 months of operating expenses in reserves. The Balance Sheet shows that accounts payable are high due to SOS 3.0 drawdown. There was also a grant for the Drug Free Youth Coalition. Budget to Actual is over budget due to tuition reimbursement. Dues/Membership is high in Q1 due to paying memberships to OACBA and NAMI. This is an annual cost.

Supplemental and Line Transfers for the past quarter were reviewed for member's approval:

Scharf presented line transfer for \$8600.00 for salaries, tuition reimbursement, advertising, and mileage.

**Haver, motioned to approve the Line Transfer as presented. Waldsmith seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

Scharf presented the county budget. The county budget was reviewed at the finance committee meeting.

**Waldsmith motioned to approve the county budget as presented. Haver seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

D. Provider Financials: Haver presented for the group, in the above information.

#### IV. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. Response to State Controlling Board: Stetler presented to the group that the Board has been asked to send a letter to The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services with a response to the FY24 Champaign County Youth Resiliency Project, to either reaffirm MHDAS's support of the original earmarked project for Urbana Youth Center's expansion plan or work with OHMAS to re-evaluate the investment for Champaign County. The discussion by the Board focused on working with OhioMHAS to re-evaluate the investment of the Capital Youth Resiliency funds in Champaign County. This action does not rule out the original intent of the funds but indicates that more work needs to be done in collaboration with OhioMAS to thoroughly examine the appropriateness of this investment decision. Sorensen will respond to OhioMAS regarding this action and complete the evaluation process.

**Barns motioned to work with OHMAS to re-evaluate the investment of the Youth Resiliency Project for Champaign County. Barton seconded the motion, seven in favor, none opposed, two abstentions, the motion carried.**

#### V. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Culture of Quality Efforts: Sorensen is currently working with Brown Consulting to revise and update the current policies and procedures for MHDAS. Many of the current policies we have do not comply with Culture of Quality standards and need to be updated.
- B. ORC 340.02: Sorensen presented that ORC 340.02 has been updated as of October 3,2023 to allow changes in Board sizes for rural counties. This may be something in the coming future we would need to look at. One option is to reduce the board size from 14 to 12. This may help with quorum.
- C. OHMAS/OACBHA: Sorensen presented that with a 30% rise in Grants that the Board has been awarded, there could be a potential public contract ethics issue with Paul Waldsmith, with the Champaign County YMCA who will be one of the recipients of the new Strong Families Safe Communities Grant. Waldsmith decided to resign at the end of the meeting.

#### VI. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**


None presented.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss,

**Haver motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. Warrick seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.**

*Minutes submitted by Amy Metz*

  
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Gwyn Stetler, Chair







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