

Members Present: Albert Barber, Janice Hambleton, Audrey Kessler, Jeff Langstaff, Iris Meltzer, Roy Mosley, William Nome, Emily Schmidlin, Scott Swan

Members Not Present for Board Meeting: Denise DePerro, LaTasha Dukes, Jennifer Schumm

Board Staff Present: John Garrity, Karyn Kravetz, George DeBord, Rebecca Rood, Gina Greenhalgh, Linda Hankins, Laura Dotts

Guests: *Children's Advantage*: Kathy Regal, Bob King; *Coleman Health Services*: Bill Russell; *Axess Family Services*: Mark Frisone, Greg Musci, Renee Klaric; *Townhall II*: Tammy Hunter; *Hope Town*: Ted St. John

William Nome called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Introductions and rollcall

The Quorum was met with 9 members present.

2. Staff reports: Regional/state/local issues

- a. Director's Report: A Director's Report was sent out in the Board mailing the week prior to this meeting. A copy of the report is on file with these minutes. John Garrity reviewed and updated the report.

We are requesting approval of the FY25 Provider Agency Budgets. The majority of the contracts for FY25 reflect "flat funding", in other words, our available funding for contracts for FY25 is the same as FY24. New funds from our recently passed levy will become available for increased funding in FY26. Details of the individual contract items are included in the Finance Agenda motions.

Hal Farrier has informed us of his decision to retire from the Board of Directors. Hal has served the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County for over thirty years as Associate Director, Executive Director, and most recently as a Board member. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him the best!

OHMAS was suddenly cut off from access to Medicaid data. Board and agency access to this data is vital for billing. The right to access this data was established in a lawsuit several years ago. County boards have been meeting with OHMAS regarding this development.

We are looking to recruit new board members.

The June board meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June (6/24) rather than the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. Both John Garrity and George DeBord will be out of town on 6/17. The board office budget for FY25 needs to be passed in June, so the June meeting can't just be cancelled.

- b. Community Relations Report: A Community Relations report was sent out in the Board mailing the week prior to this meeting. A copy of the report is on file with these minutes. Karyn Kravetz reported.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. There have been a lot of events around the county. 15 individuals completed the CIT Spring training.

- c. Director of Compliance and Quality Improvement Report: A report was sent out in the Board mailing the week prior to this meeting. A copy of the report is on file with these minutes. Rebecca Rood reported.

Agencies were contacted regarding new reports the State was requiring for SOS 3.2 in addition to the reports they already requested in March. All the required reports were compiled and submitted in a timely manner.

Additional contracts were created based on recently approved motions.

Rebecca worked on the policy tracker she created and worked with Laura on organizing all the personnel policies into a personnel policy manual. Each board employee has received the completely updated personnel policy.

Rebecca continued to research information for new policies and created new policies for those policies that were suggested by the COQ surveyors and one that was suggested internally.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Audrey Kessler reported on the committee meeting that was held just prior to this meeting. A copy of the meeting report, invoice lists, and agenda are on file with these minutes. 13 motions will be presented for approval.

- b. CEO/Executive Director Agency Reports:

*Children's Advantage:* Kathy Regal reported. The agency board met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They reviewed their April financials.

*Coleman Health Services:* Bill Russell reported that the agency will meet next Monday.

*Family & Community Services/AxessPointe:* Mark Frisone reported. The Board of Kent Way, the low-income housing for seniors in Kent, approved \$30,000.000.00 for renovations. The entire property will be renovated.

*Townhall II:* Tammy Hunter reported.

- Board met on 4/22/2024.
- We sent several people to conferences this past month. I presented in NY on TIC. Kurt went to Columbus for the Co-Ohio Housing Conference and Amanda Perrin and Rebekkah Swango went to both Chicago and LV for 988 and AAS conferences.
- CARF will be coming out to re-survey us in late July/early August.
- Prevention is finishing up work in PC schools and then will be moving their office to our new location on Chestnut St.
- Hired a QI Manager to help with expansion efforts and grants monitoring.
- We officially changed our logo and will be updating everything to match.
- The DEAEF Youth Baseball Director was in town last week to work with the Brown Middle School kids. We are currently working on additional youth sports coverage through this partnership.

*Hope Town:* Ted St. John reported on the agency. Ted will be signing the loan papers for the purchase of the former fire station. The contents of the building which once housed a medical office will be offered to any agencies who could use the equipment. This building will be used for the Hope on Wheels auto repair that will provide training for program participants to become certified mechanics.

4. Public Comment: No comments.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approve Agenda

MOTION I Scott Swan moved to approve the agenda. Al Barber seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

2. Minutes

MOTION II Roy Mosley moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2024, board meeting. Iris Meltzer seconded. Discussion: Some errors were noted and will be corrected. Motion carried. (Aye: 8 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1)

3. Business items

- a. Approve Financial Motions

MOTION III Audrey Kessler moved to approve all invoices paid in April 2024. Janice Hambleton seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION IV Audrey Kessler moved that we join with the Portage County Commissioners in granting the MHRB staff a paid Appreciation Day for their dedicated service to the citizens and organizations we serve, in accordance with the Commissioners journal entry passed on April 18, 2024. Staff who were employed as of April 18, 2024, may use an approved

floating holiday, and paid by the last payday of 2024. Jeff Langstaff seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION V Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Children's Advantage for FY25:

Provider/ Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Children's Advantage	Main Contract for services- (School Consultation, Outpatient Services, ECMH, & Truancy)	\$730,539	7/1/24-6/30/25
Children's Advantage	Youth Contract- (Youth in Crisis, Youth Prevention & Education Outreach)	\$38,915	7/1/24-6/30/25

Roy Mosley seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION VI Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Coleman Health Services for FY25:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Coleman Health Services	Main Contract for services (Criminal Justice/Star Court, Crisis Flex Outreach, Vocational Quick Placement, CSU, Access, Inpatient & Outpatient, Children's Psychiatry)	\$2,277,616	7/1/24-6/30/25
Coleman Health Services	Housing (Group Home, Housing Assistance & Recovery Model, Supportive Living, Transitional Age Youth Housing)	\$738,031	7/1/24-6/30/25
Coleman Health Services	Downtown Coordinator, Mental Health Peer Support & Prison Re-entry, Community Transition Prog (CTP)	\$69,490	7/12/4-6/30/25

Scott Swan seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION VII Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Family & Community Services for FY25:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Family & Community Services	Main Contract for services (Case manager for Minority Communities, Jail Assessments, Re-Entry Peer Support, First Responder Officer)	\$191,509	7/1/24-6/30/25
Family & Community Services	Housing Contract (PARC/OTTR, Peer Recovery Coaches & Outreach, Root House, Recovery Housing & Sober Living, Youth Advocate)	\$624,535	7/1/24-6/30/25

Scott Swan seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION VIII Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Hope Town for FY25:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Hope Town	Main Contract for services (Peer Support, Recovery Housing, Opioid Recovery Services)	\$383,890	7/1/24-6/30/25

Janice Hambleton seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION IX Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Townhall II for FY25:

Provider/ Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Townhall II	Main Contract for Services (ATP Hope Court, ATP Admin, Criminal Justice, Hotline/ Helpline & Outpatient, Horizon House)	\$1,016,280	7/1/24-6/30/25
Townhall II	Prevention Contract (Gambling, AOD/MH, Mothers in Recovery)	\$510,403	7/1/24-6/30/25

Roy Mosley seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION X Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Children's Advantage using levy dollars for FY24:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Children's Advantage	Provide BHCJ services	\$3,000	7/1/23-6/30/24

Scott Swan seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION XI Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Coleman Health Services using levy dollars for FY24:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Coleman Health Services	Provide BHCJ services	\$101,097	7/1/23-6/30/24

Iris Meltzer seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION XII Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Family & Community Services using levy dollars for FY24:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Family & Community Services	Provide BHCJ services	\$9,648	7/1/23-6/30/24

Jeff Langstaff seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION XIII Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contracts with Townhall II using levy dollars for FY24:

Provider/ Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Townhall II	Provide BHCJ services	\$35,792	7/1/23-6/30/24

Al Barber seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION XIV Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to create the following contract with Children's Advantage for FY24:

Provider/ Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Children's Advantage	Main Contract for services- (School Consultation, Outpatient Services, ECMH, & Truancy)	\$168,000	1/1/24-6/30/24

Jeff Langstaff seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

MOTION XV Audrey Kessler moved to allow the Executive Director to retitle the following contract with Hope Town to accurately reflect the entire contract services, previously approved on 3-11-24, motion #10 from Non-Medicaid Rides to Recovery Services Programing:

Provider/Vendor	Contract	Proposed Not to Exceed Amount	Grant Period
Hope Town	Recovery Services Programing	\$92,914	1/1/24-9/29/24

Al Barber seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

4. Comments by board members:

Al Barber commented that he and Jeff Langstaff toured AxessPointe to see the harm reduction services. They were informed that soft advertising would be done. They were also told that word of mouth and referrals were being made to the services.

Iris Meltzer said she would be available for anyone who wanted to sign a petition to end gerrymandering in Ohio after the meeting.

5. Executive Session: Not needed.

6. Adjournment:


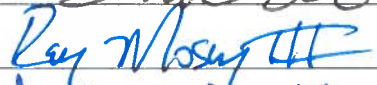
MOTION XVI Scott Swan moved to adjourn. Jeff Langstaff seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. (Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dotts

SIGNATURES

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