Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services
Board of Directors' Meeting
Minutes

February 18, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Rod Austin
Chad Beanblossom
Velina Bogart
Dennis Butts
Fredric Francis
Marty Hobart
Emily Hoisington
Terrie Hottle
Jim McNerney
Cassie Pohl
Ann Runner

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED
Jerry Herbe
Jason Wagner
Chuck Wirick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Joe Gebhart

BOARD STAFF PRESENT
Terri Becker
Beth Buchanan
Brad Reed
Kim Train

GUESTS PRESENT
Cynthia Wion, Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio
Chris Pinkleman, TCN
Leslie Gardner, Haven

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services met at the Board Administration & Training Center in Troy Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Board Chair Dennis Butts called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Board staff member Brad Reed took roll call. Eleven Board members attended, with three Board members excused and one absent. Four Board staff and three guests were present.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Marty Hobart agreed to be appointed secretary to attest to the Board meeting minutes for the current meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board reviewed the agenda. Marty Hobart moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Fredric Francis. Motion carried on voice vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January Board of Directors meeting. Marty Hobart moved to approve the minutes of the January 21 2025 Board of Directors' meeting as presented, seconded by Terrie Hottle. Motion carried on voice vote.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Terri Becker discussed House Bill 96, which is the Governor's Biennial Budget bill introduced in the House. She said there is a lot of work to be done, and Boards won't likely know what the final numbers look like until the end of this fiscal year in June or beginning of next in July. She said the budget bill includes language to change the name of the state department to the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health. The bill also proposes to reduce the number of line items Boards must report on.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Fredric Francis

Minutes of the January Finance Committee meeting were included in the Board packet for review. Fredric Francis moved to approve the minutes of the January 21 2025 Finance Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Velina Bogart. Motion carried on voice vote.

Financial Statements for January 2025 were included in the Board packet for review. Statements are cumulative and through January are 58% of the way through the Fiscal Year on a cash basis. FY25 revenue is at 59.1% and expenditures are at 45.7%. Steve McEldowney said the Board did receive the state 3rd Quarter allocation so most of those revenue lines are at 75%. Steve said levy collections should be received in March. He said expenses overall are a little higher year-to-date over last year, closer to what is expected. Fredric Francis moved to accept the January 2025 Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried by voice vote.

FY24 independent audit information for Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio was included in the Board packet for review. Steve McEldowney said there were no issues or findings. Steve said there was a statement that there had been quite a bit of turnover in the FRC fiscal department and an adjustment was made in the prior period to reduce stated assets in 2023 and 2022. Fredric Francis moved to approve the FY24 independent audit of Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio as presented, seconded by Terrie Hottle. Motion carried on voice vote.

Terri Becker provided an update on the ARPA grant hospital diversion/step down project. She said there is a little bit of work left to do on the property, the biggest being the paving of the driveway. She said we do have some regional funds in the project so we may get some referrals from the region. She also said an additional regional project should be coming online this calendar year. It is a step-down unit from the state hospital on the grounds of the Northwest Ohio Behavioral Health Hospital in Toledo.

Terri Becker said our contract agencies operate on slim margins and Medicaid rates don't allow for a lot of overhead. Therefore, she is recommending the Board create a line item that would allow agencies to apply for capital repair funds. She said this would be a good use for unencumbered reserves, if those repairs enable the agencies to better serve clients. Fredric Francis moved to add an expense line on the Financials of $100,000 to allow contract agencies to be able to request funding for capital expenditures and or repairs/improvements not to exceed $25,000 per year as presented and to authorize the Executive Director to approve or deny such requests, seconded by Rod Austin. Motion carried on voice vote.

Samples of the agency 120-day notices were included in the Board Packet for review. There are no proposed contract language changes for FY2026. Terri Becker said we appreciate the relationship we have with our providers, but Board counsel suggests having Board approval of the 120-day notices. There

may be some changes in standard language coming in the near future. Fredric Francis moved to approve the 120-day notices as presented, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried on voice vote.

Quarterly Agency Financial Indicators were included in the Board Packet for review. Steve McEldowney said the indicators will be reviewed as we close out the year to determine if we can provide better information for the Board.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday March 18 2025 at 11:30 AM.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No Report

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 4 at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Marty Hobart

The Community Relations Committee met at the Board Administration & Training Center February 4, 2025 with five members, two staff and two guests present. Draft minutes from the February 4, 2025 Community Relations Committee Meeting were distributed in the Board Packet for review.

Brad Reed reviewed dates for the 2025 Art of Recovery. Subject to change pending confirmation from Edison State staff, the art submission deadline is September 5, the exhibit dates are tentatively September 8 through September 27 at Edison State Community College, and October 1 through October 23 at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center. There was extended discussion about the date of the Annual Meeting and Artists' Reception, tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 23 from 5:30-7PM. Attendance at the Annual Meeting and Artists' Reception has been less than hoped, and discussion centered around whether Thursday evening was the best time to hold it. Committee asked Brad to send a survey to Board members and provider agencies to try to establish a better day and time for the event.

Brad discussed the need to update levy signage due to the change in the Board's address since the last time the levy was on the ballot. Several options were discussed. The next projected election when a renewal could be on the ballot is November 2026.

Brad and Terri Becker also discussed stigma and resistance around mental health group homes. Attempts by New Housing Ohio to locate an adult mental health group home in Piqua and Greenville have met with resistance based on stigma. The Committee discussed possible ways to address the stigma in the communities we serve.

Brad provided updates on messaging including Mental Health Moments, Problem Gambling Prevention, and Crisis Hotlines that are currently or will soon be running on radio and streaming media.

Marty Hobart moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 Community Relations Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Ann Runner. Motion carried on voice vote.

The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday April 1 at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Terri Becker

Terri informed the Board that the December CIT Academy for Law Enforcement Professionals was the Board's 25th Academy. The December Academy graduated 22 officers, bringing the total to more than 450, with around 300 still active. The April Academy currently has 15 enrolled, and the date of the Fall Academy was changed to October 27-30.

Terri said she is helping agencies tackle recruitment and retention. Medicaid doesn't allow margin for things like bonuses, so staff gets poached by other agencies, and turnover is not good for clients. She said she is talking with Recovery & Wellness and TCN about what a recruitment and retention plan would look like.

Terri addressed ongoing resistance to locating group homes in the area. New Housing Ohio, a group home operator, has identified another Greenville location. They mailed all the neighbors who would get a letter if the project were to be taken to the Zoning Board and invited neighbors to an open house. The open house is at 4:30 today on Third Street in Greenville.

Terri announced that this is Steve McEldowney's last Finance Committee and Board meeting, as he is leaving the Board to take a position with Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Terri and members of the Board wished Steve the best in his new position.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Fredric Francis moved to adjourn, seconded by Velina Bogart. Motion carried by voice vote. Dennis Butts declared the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

The next Full Board meeting will be Tuesday March 18 2025 at noon.

Dennis Butts, Chairperson

Marty Hobart

Brad Reed