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

January 20, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Rod Austin
Chad Beanblossom
Dennis Butts
Amy Esser
Fredric Francis
Emily Hoisington
Terrie Hottle
Jim McNerney
Cassie Pohl

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED
Velina Bogart
Jason Wagner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Joe Gebhart

BOARD STAFF PRESENT
Tony Baker
Terri Becker
Beth Buchanan
Brad Reed
Kim Train

GUESTS PRESENT
Michelle Mason, Community Housing
Vickie Martin, Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio
Leslie Gardner, Haven Behavioral Health
Mike McRill, pending Darke County Board member

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services met at the Board Administration & Training Center in Troy Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Board Chair Dennis Butts called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Board staff member Brad Reed took roll call. Nine Board members attended, with two Board member excused and one absent. Five Board staff and two guests were present.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Emily Hoisington 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. Fredric Francis moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried on voice vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the minutes of the November18 2025 Board of Directors' meeting as presented, seconded by Fredric Francis. Motion carried on voice vote.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Five Board policies were presented for review. The draft policies and summary of proposed changes were distributed in the Board packet. Brad Reed explained that Policy 503 Disaster Services was a complete rewrite from prior policy versions. Much of the information was outdated or was action-

specific. The draft policy moves the step-by-step parts of the Disaster Response to a Disaster Behavioral Health Plan, developed in consultation with TBD Solutions Inc. for the Northwest Regional Collaborative. Brad said adopting the revised policy will be the final deliverable from a 2025 grant. Policy #504 Fire Safety is another complete rewrite, as the prior version made reference to the Board's previous location. Policy #407 Court Leave clarifies the process when an employee is called for Jury Duty. Policy #408 clarifies the process when an employee is called for Military Duty. Policy #409 Leave of Absence Without Pay clarifies the process and establishes protocols for an employee requesting time off work when sick leave or vacation time are exhausted. Emily Hoisington moved to approve Board Policies 503, 504, 407, 408 and 409 as presented, seconded by Fredric Francis. It was noted to update the revised date to 2026 on #503. There was a question clarifying whether cybersecurity was included in the Disaster Services policy and handbook, and clarifying the pay for jury duty. Motion carried on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Fredric Francis

Minutes of the November Finance Committee meeting were included in the Board packet for review. Fredric Francis moved to approve the minutes of the November 18 2025 Finance Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Terrie Hottle. Motion carried on voice vote.

Financial Statements for November and December 2025 were included in the Board packet for review. Statements are cumulative and through December are 50% of the way through Fiscal Year 2026 on a cash basis. FY26 revenue is at 45% of projections and expenditures are at 43.4%. Fredric Francis moved to accept the November and December 2025 Financial Statements for as presented, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried by voice vote.

A List of Transactions for October through December 2025 was included in the Board packet for review. Fredric Francis moved to approve the List of Transactions for October through December as presented, seconded by Rod Austin. Motion carried by voice vote.

FY25 independent audit information for Community Housing was included in the Board packet for review. Tony Baker said it was a clean audit, with a few adjustments made during the audit, which is common practice. Fredric Francis moved to approve the FY25 independent audit of Community Housing as presented, seconded by Cassie Pohl. Motion carried on voice vote.

Terri Becker gave an update on the Administration and Training Center. After repeated service calls to address issues with the outer doors in the Training Center, the door maintenance company recommended replacing them with motion-activated sliding doors. Coincidentally, about the same time we learned that Premier Health had an outstanding pledge payment on their books for the building project capital campaign, and that amount was almost exactly the quoted cost to replace both entrances with sliding doors. We are moving forward with the upgrade.

Fredric Francis reported that the Board's Director's and Officer's policy is up for renewal in March. We are in the final year of a three-year policy and includes cyber security coverage. The current policy is for $3,000,000 in coverage with a $25,000 deductible. A renewal application has been submitted with the current policy holder for renewal, and staff is working to secure another bid for the policy before it renews.

The IRS has raised its rate for maximum reimbursement for 2026. We would like to increase the amount from 63 cents per mile to 68 cents per mile. Fredric Francis moved to the mileage rate increase to .68 cents per mile, retroactively to January 1 2026 as presented, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried on voice vote.

Community Housing is currently 62% year-to-date of their annual budget. They have experienced a lot of building repairs this year, and have taken on the Access to Wellness grant that was not budgeted in their contract. Because of this we will need to increase their contract by $300,000 to $1,350,000. Hospital contracts are also on track to exceed contract amounts due to taking on jail clients. Blueridge Vista is currently at 82% of their budget and has $14,400 remaining on their contract for the rest of the fiscal year. They currently have the potential for approximately $18,000 in expenses coming in the next 30 days. Because of this, we will need to increase their contract to $131,400. This is a total increase of $51,300. Glenwood is currently 127% of their budget. They currently have the potential for approximately $10,800 in expenses coming in the next 30 days. Because of this, we will need to increase their contract from $80,100 to $203,400. This is a total increase of $123,300. Haven is currently 93% of their budget and has $9,900 remaining on their contract for the rest of FY 26. They currently have approximately $55,800 in potential invoices. Because of this, we will need to increase their contract from $135,000 to $260,000. This is a total increase of $125,000. Fredric Francis moved to revise the FY26 contract for Community Housing of Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties to $1,350,000; the FY26 contract for Blue Ridge Vista to $131,400; the FY26 contract for Glenwood to $203,400; and the FY26 contract for Haven to $260,000 as presented, seconded by Amy Esser. Motion carried on voice vote.

Central Pharmacy sent a backlog of invoices in October and November. Due to this, we received invoices which exceeded our total open purchase orders with the county. One invoice exceeded our open purchase orders in the amount of $5,418.15. The Miami County Auditor requires Board approval for expenses made in excess of $3,000 dated after a purchase order was created. Fredric Francis moved to approve the Then and Now Certificate to the Miami County Auditor for $5,418.15 as presented, seconded by Rod Austin. Motion carried on voice vote.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 17 2026 at 11:30 AM.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Cassie Pohl

The Planning Committee met January 6, 2026.

Michelle Mason, Director of Community Housing, gave a presentation about the services and programs offered by CHI. She spoke about levels of care and eligibility for the various programs. Community Housing also takes care of maintenance on all Board-owned properties.

Terri Becker and Brad Reed shared the process of the development of the Community Assessment and Plan for the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health. This is a three-year plan that is developed that staff provide annual updates to the Department. The links to the documents were included in the Board packet. Cassie Pohl moved for the Full Board to approve the 2026 – 2028 Community Assessment and Plan for submission to the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health as presented, seconded by Fredric Francis. Motion carried on voice vote.

Terri and Brad then moved into the Board's next steps, which will be taking evaluation from the Board's expiring strategic plan, the work done on the CAP, and the collection of feedback from the community and community partners, to work into a 2026-2028 strategic plan for the Board. The survey is in process, but we are working to get additional feedback from consumers. Staff hope to have a plan to bring before the Board by the March meeting.

Minutes of the January Planning Committee Meeting were included in the Board packet for review. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the January 6, 2026 Planning Committee minutes as presented, seconded by Emily Hoisington. Motion carried on voice vote.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 3 2026 at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday February 3 at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Terri Becker

Terri reported that the Director for the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (formerly OMHAS) has stepped down. Tia Moretti has been appointed by Gov. DeWine as the new Director.

Terri reported that the recent cluster of suicides in our communities has continued, especially in Darke County. The Board, NAMI and the Suicide Prevention Coalition have partnered to produce yard signs with affirmative messages and the 988 Crisis Lifeline number. The signs are being made available at no cost. Cassie asked about the possibility of highway signs. Terri said staff is working with the State's 988 Director to see that 988 messaging is included in the new Interstate Rest Areas. She also said counties are working on establishing Suicide Fatality Review Boards.

Terri said the Board is focusing Youth-Led Prevention efforts on bullying. More details will be forthcoming as they develop.

Terri reported that many behavioral health agencies and Boards who receive certain federal SAMSHA grants were notified that the grants were being immediately terminated, but then the notice was rescinded 24 hours later. Whether the funds will actually be cut is not certain. Our Board does not rely as much as some on SAMSHA funding.

The State Department has solicited bids for an Adult Mobile Crisis program. The Northwest Ohio Collaborative submitted a bid of $11.5 million, which was one of three bids for the region. The State then announces that the Northwest Collaborative had won the bid, but was being awarded only $2.5 million rather than the $11.5 million bid. The Southwest Region was also awarded $2.5 million. The regional collaboratives will decide what can be done with the amount awarded.

Terri said the opening of Dani's Place, a residential rehab facility in Toledo, has been delayed while the agreement language is finalized.

Terri said that she has asked Director of Finance and Administration Tony Baker to look into an accounting software platform that can help modernize our data systems.

NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, guest Mike McRill was introduced. His application to be a Board member has been submitted to Ohio DBH but we have not heard officially that it has been approved. Mike lives in Darke County, but has formerly lived in Shelby County and worked in law enforcement and education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Fredric Francis moved to adjourn, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Board Chair Dennis Butts declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.

The next Full Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 17 2026 at Noon.

Dennis Butts, Chairperson

Emily Hoisington

Brad Reed