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

February 17, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Rod Austin
Chad Beanblossom
Velina Bogart
Dennis Butts
Emily Hoisington
Jenny Huelskamp
Jim McNerney
Cassie Pohl

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED
Amy Esser
Fredric Francis
Terrie Hottle
Jason Wagner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Joe Gebhart

BOARD STAFF PRESENT
Tony Baker
Terri Becker
Brad Reed

GUESTS PRESENT
Melissa Roessner, Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services met at the Board Administration & Training Center in Troy Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Board Chair Dennis Butts called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Board staff member Brad Reed took roll call. Eight Board members attended, with four Board member excused and one absent. Three Board staff and one guest were present.

Board Chair Dennis Butts administered the Oath of Office to Jenny Huelskamp. Jenny has been appointed by the Shelby County Commissioners to a Partial Term ending June 30 2027.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Velina Bogart 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. Emily Hoisington moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Velina Bogart. Motion carried on voice vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January Board of Directors meeting. Jim McNerney moved to approve the minutes of the January 20 2026 Board of Directors' meeting as presented, seconded by Cassie Pohl. Motion carried on voice vote.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Terri Becker explained that terms of the agreement with Shipman, Dixon & Livingston for legal services needs to be updated. They have been billing the Board at the same $140 per hour rate since 2013. They are asking for a revised rate of $185 per hour, based on inflation and prevailing rates, which Terri said is a very reasonable request. A copy of the retainer agreement and cover letter were distributed to Board members in attendance. Rod Austin moved to approve the Attorney Retainer Agreement as presented effective March 1 2026, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jim McNerney

Minutes of the January Finance Committee meeting were included in the Board packet for review. Jim McNerney moved to approve the minutes of the January 20 2026 Finance Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Velina Bogart. Motion carried on voice vote.

Financial Statements for January 2026 were included in the Board packet for review. Statements are cumulative and through January are 58% of the way through Fiscal Year 2026 on a cash basis. FY26 revenue is at 56.9% of projections and expenditures are at 47%. Jim McNerney moved to accept the January 2026 Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Rod Austin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Director of Finance and Administration Tony Baker said the Hinkle annual financial reporting to the Auditor of State are under way and expected to be complete by the February 27 deadline. State Auditors have started reaching out. There are no agency audits to report this month.

Terri Becker said Community Housing continues to do a good job maintaining properties. They are in the process of obtaining quotes for asbestos remediation at one of the Board properties which must be completed before planned electrical work can be completed.

Terri Becker asks the Board to approve the language for 120-day contract notices to providers. She said this is probably the last time the Board will need to approve the language, as the law has changed. She said we will leave the 120-day notices in our contract next year. The Board approval requirement ends with this Fiscal Year. Sample language was included in the Board packet for review. Jim McNerney moved to approve the 120-day notice letter as presented, seconded by Emily Hoisington. Motion carried on voice vote.

A quote from the Cincinnati Insurance Company to renew the Board's Director and Officers Liability Policy was included in the Board packet for review. The quote is $6,761 per year effective March 4 2026 through March 4 2029. Tony Baker said he received two quotes, but the other quote was for $2 million less coverage. The renewal of the current policy includes cybersecurity, employment and other liability coverage. Jim McNerney moved to approve the renewal of the Board's Director & Officers Liability Policy in the amount of $6,761 per year, from March 4 2026 through March 4 2029 as presented, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No Report

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 – Rod Austin

The Community Relations Committee met at the Board Administration & Training Center February 3, 2026 with five members and two Board staff present. Draft minutes from the February 3, 2026 Community Relations Committee Meeting were distributed in the Board Packet for review.

Board Associate Director and Chief of Community Engagement Brad Reed provided an update on the community's response to the cluster of suicides in Darke County. A number of suicides occurred during a relatively short period. The Board, the Suicide Prevention Coalition and NAMI joined together to produce yard signs with affirming messages.

The Board has received approval for the OACBHA 988 grant project. A new provision with this grant requires the Board to collaborate with organizations who may not be familiar with 988. Brad has secured Letters of Support from the Darke County Community Action Partnership, Miami County Jobs & Family Services, and Miami County Community Action Council, and is reaching out to similar organizations in Shelby County. The Board will use the grant to produce large, grocery-sized reusable tote bags imprinted with the 988 logo, the Board logo, and a QR code that links to the Board's "What to Do When You Need Help" page. We will be able to produce 2,000 bags with the grant.

Brad also reported that Miami County Parks and Darke County Parks have placed 988 signs at information kiosks, parking areas and trail markers. The Sidney City Park Board will meet in February to approve placing them as well. Brad is also working with Doug Jackson, Ohio Department of Behavioral Health 988 Director, to ensure that 988 signage is posted in the newly-renovated rest areas on I-75.

Brad said he is working with students at Upper Valley Career Center for a Spring Art Show focused on Mental Health Awareness Month in May. The UVCC students in recent years had participated in Art of Recovery in the Fall, but this year the schedule did not work, so they are planning a Spring show for students.

Brad and Terri led a discussion of the key dates for an expected levy campaign. The Board's 0.6 mill property tax levy is expiring. The Board is eligible to put it on the ballot in November. Several steps need to happen, including action by the Full Board to declare intent to seek a levy and ask the County Auditor to certify the tax valuation. For the 2021 levy, the Resolution of Intent was passed by the Board at the March meeting.

Rod Austin moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Community Relations Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried on voice vote.

The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Terri Becker

Terri Becker reported that planning work continues on how to use the $500,000 allocated to the Tri-County Board for Adult Mobile Crisis from the $2.5 million awarded to the Northwest Collaborative. She said Recovery & Wellness Centers has not been able to recruit staff for mobile crisis. She said she

has to submit a plan tomorrow, and she has been talking with other Board areas. Lucas County is the applicant Board of record, and the funding is for a pilot project.

Terri said Dani's Place, a step-down unit on the grounds of the Northwest Ohio Behavioral Hospital in Toledo, is finished, but they have not hired staff and have no clients, pending agreements from Boards about how they will pay for beds. The operator agency, Unison, asked Boards to guarantee a base funding to cover their operating costs. Terri asked whether the Board would be in favor of pre-paying for bed days – not grant funding. They are looking for a $100,000 to $200,000 commitment. Lucas County is committing $1.2 million of the projected annual cost of $1.6 million. They will only take admissions directly from the State Hospital, at least initially. The Board discussed options, but expressed concern that Board funds be protected in any arrangement. Terri said she will bring updates to the March meeting.

Copies of the FY2025 Annual Report were distributed. The Annual Report to the Community is sent to the County Commissioners and the Director of the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health. It is also posted on the Board's website.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rod Austin moved to adjourn, seconded by Velina Bogart. Board Chair Dennis Butts declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45PM.

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

Dennis Butts, Chairperson

Velina Bogart

Brad Reed