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

June 16, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Rod Austin
Chad Beanblossom
Velina Bogart
Dennis Butts
Martin English
Terrie Hottle
Jenny Huelskamp
Jim McNerney
Cassie Pohl

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED
Amy Esser
Emily Hoisington
Mike McRill

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Joe Gebhart

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

GUESTS PRESENT
Michelle Mason, Community Housing Inc.
Cynthia Wion, Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio
Lambi Gersos, TCN

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services met at the Board Administration & Training Center in Troy Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Board Chair Dennis Butts called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM.

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

Board Chair administered the Oath of Office to new Miami County Board Member Martin English. Martin is appointed by the Miami County Commissioners to fill the unexpired term vacated by Fredric Francis. Martin's term was effective May 26 and will expire June 30, 2028.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Cassie Pohl 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. Velina Bogart moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried on voice vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May Board of Directors meeting. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the minutes of the May 19 2026 Board of Directors' meeting as presented, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried on voice vote, with Martin English abstaining.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Terri Becker presented changes to Board Policies 115, 16 and 601. Policy 601 Client Support Fund was rescinded in full as that program is being merged with another on July 1. Policy 115, renamed to Use of Board Facilities and Services by Staff and Guests, and 116 Information Systems Security were heavily revised to bring the Board into compliance with the Ohio Revised Code requirements, and to conform to current practice in the current facility. Chad Beanblossom moved to approve the changes to Board Policies 115, 116 and 601 as presented, seconded by Cassie Pohl. Motion carried on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Jim McNerney

Jim McNerney read the Slate of Officers for FY2027, beginning July 1, 2026. Dennis Butts is nominated to continue as Board Chair. Velina Bogart is nominated to continue as Board Vice Chair. As this was the Second Reading, and no other nominations came forward from the floor, this serves as the nomination for Officers for Fy2027. Jenny Huelskamp moved to adopt the Slate of Officers for 2027 as presented, seconded by Rod Austin. Motion carried on voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Cassie Pohl

Minutes of the May Finance Committee meeting were included in the Board packet for review. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Finance Committee meeting as presented, seconded by Rod Austin. Motion carried on voice vote.

Financial Statements for May 2026 were included in the Board packet for review. Statements are cumulative and through May are 92% of the way through Fiscal Year 2026 on a cash basis. FY26 revenue is at 92.8% of projections and expenditures are at 83.2%. Cassie Pohl moved to accept the May 2026 Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried by voice vote.

Tony Baker said the State Audit process is continuing, and as expected they are being extremely thorough. The Department of Behavioral Health Board Assistance Review is also ongoing.

Terri Becker told the Board that there is a great need for housing for individuals who may not be a good fit for other landlords or hotels. She asked the Board for approval to seek a small 1- or 2-bedroom house where these individuals could stay while longer term housing is secured. The house would be maintained by Community Housing and any programming would be through Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio. The Board agreed. Cassie Pohl moved to approve up to $200,000 for the purchase of a single-family home, and to allow the Executive Director to enter into a contract contingent upon Board approval, seconded by Martin English. Motion carried on voice vote.

Cassie reported that Haven Behavioral Hospital continues to take an increased number or our clients this Fiscal Year and we need to increase their allocation by $60,000 to $335,000. This is largely due to the decreased number of available facilities and an increase in admissions from the jails, along with some clients needing longer lengths of stay. Cassie Pohl moved to increase the FY2026 allocation for Haven by $60,000 to $335,000, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried on voice vote.

Cassie Pohl referred Board members to the Board packet for details on additional FY2027 Contracts and Allocations, including an additional $54,778 for a Goodwill Easter Seals MOU to implement Youth-Led Prevention programming in Miami and Shelby Counties, eliminating the $10,500 FY2027 separate allocation for Youth-Led Prevention activities, and an FY2027 agreement with Upper Valley Medical Center for Independent Examiner and Court Testimony for forced medications. The

FY2027 Miami County Family and Children First Council Coordinator Agreement needs to be revised to $52,000. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the additional FY2027 Contracts, Agreements and Revisions as presented and to authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to execute necessary documents and take necessary actions to implement the contracts, allocations and budgets, seconded by Terrie Hottle. Motion carried on voice vote.

Cassie reported that we are ready to execute additional MOUs for the Adult Mobile Crisis Pilot. There will still be an additional MOU between our Board and the Allen, Auglaize, Hardin Board but that MOU is not finalized. These MOUs are separate because the pilot period is different from our regular Fiscal Year. Cassie moved to approve the Adult Mobile Crisis MOUs as presented and authorize the Executive Director to execute and take necessary actions to implement the MOUs, seconded by Chad Beanblossom. Motion carried on voice vote.

A summary of proposed changes to the Board's Allocation Manual was included in the Board Packet for review. Terri Becker said the changes are minor updates and not substantive. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the changes to the Board's allocation manual as presented, seconded by Jim McNerney. Motion carried on voice vote.

Tony Baker presented the four-year budget packet that is presented to the three-county Budget Commission each year to document ongoing need for our levy funds and to appropriate funds into County line items for the coming year. The Budget Commission consists of the Auditor, Prosecutor and Treasurer from each of the counties that we serve. A public comment period was held prior to the Finance Committee meeting to allow the public to provide comments and questions about the budget. The packet will be submitted once approved by the Board and a Budget Commission hearing will be held in August for review of the budget and approval of our levy rates. Cassie Pohl moved to approve the Budget Commission Packet as presented, seconded by Velina Bogart. Motion carried on voice vote.

Rod Austin has agreed to be the FY2027 Finance Committee Chair.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 21 2026 at 11:30 AM.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No Report

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 7 2026 at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Rod Austin

Minutes of the June 2 2026 Community Relations Committee were included in the Board Packet for review. Committee Chair Rod Austin provided a summary of the meeting.

Brad Reed provided an update on the summer event schedule, including county fairs and health fairs. He indicated that he intends to have levy information at all events after July 1. He said the paperwork has been filed with the Miami County Board of Elections for the November 3 ballot.

Brad reviewed a draft budget for the campaign. He said costs of direct mail have increased significantly and he may shift some of the money allocated to outdoor to digital, since more people get information online. He is working with a $40,000 budget; the campaign spent $34,000 in 2021. Brad showed a preliminary design for campaign yard signs, incorporating the new Tri-County logo. He also showed examples of one-page fact sheets and rack cards from the 2021 campaign.

Rod Austin moved to approve the minutes of the June 2 2026 Community Relations Committee as presented, seconded by Cassie Pohl. Motion carried on voice vote.

The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, at Noon at the Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Terri Becker

Terri Becker recognized Director of Clinical Services Beth Buchanan on her 10-year anniversary with the Board. Terri and Board Chair Dennis Butts presented a plaque to Beth, who told the Board "This is the best job I've ever had!"

Terri said she has received word that the anti-property tax initiative will not be on the November 2026 ballot. Organizers say they intend to continue seeking petition signatures into 2027.

Terri read a letter from Recovery and Wellness CEO Cynthia Wion, thanking the Board for its support of facility improvements, workforce retention and recruitment efforts, and program development.

Terri thanked Martin English for agreeing to serve on the Board.

Brad Reed showed examples of student Gratitude Journals that will be distributed to all high school students in the Board area at the start of the next school year.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Velina Bogart moved to adjourn, seconded by Cassie Pohl. Board Chair Dennis Butts declared the meeting adjourned at 12:44PM.

The next Full Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 21, 2026 at Noon.

Dennis Butts, Chairperson

Cassie Pohl

Brad Reed