

Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026 4:30 PM

Members Present: Lance Grahn, Tom Harwood, Curtis Green*, Rachel Nader*, Teri Lacy, Cherese Patterson, Kevin Stringer, Laura Green, Carol Henderson, Maria Placanica, Cassandra Drumm, Louise Kline, John Hugley, Laurie Perry, Matt Martin

Members Absent: Robert Walton, Julia Wike

Staff Present: April Caraway, Carie Garris, Lauren Thorp, Patricia Shepherd, Daniela Ghizzoni, Holly Williams, Kim Walker, Valdeoso “Bud” Patterson, Laura Domitrovich

Guests Present: Adria Rovnyak*, Glenbeigh; Vince Brancaccio*, Help Network of Northeast Ohio; Suzette Miller*, Generations; Renee Klaric*, Valley Health Services; Vince Paolucci*, Alta Care Group; Jeremy Simpson*, COMPASS Family & Community Services; Matt Kresic*, Cadence Care Network; Joe Caruso*, Mercy Behavioral Health Hospital

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Lance Grahn called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Attorney Maria Placanica administered the Oath of Office to Cherese Patterson as a newly appointed Board member.
3. Secretary Teri Lacy called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
4. President Lance Grahn recognized staff and guests present.
5. Tom Harwood made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer, to approve the February 17, 2026 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway shared proposed new requirements for ADAMHS Boards related to Recovery Housing as included in Board packet. Boards will now assist with investigating complaints filed and inspect all recovery houses annually. She shared that 26% of the FY25 funding was spent on housing and seven staff members have some responsibility for housing assistance currently. She has created the new position of Housing Manager. This position will be advertised instead of filling the Addiction Coordinator position. The new Housing Manager will manage COC HUD funding, Board owned properties, housing assistance funds and other issues related to housing. Lauren Thorp announced that the Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Program has assigned a new Coalition Coordinator to ASAP. The coordinator has attended ASAP events and comes with a wealth of coalition experience.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway reported that Coleman staff have moved out of the St. Joseph’s Emergency Department and to the Crisis Center at 820 Pine Ave. Warren. All Mercy Health Hospitals are using their own telehealth network for people in a behavioral health crisis. She stated that Sister Jean’s Lighthouse is full. The Board is due to receive a \$276,704 reimbursement from the

Department of Behavioral Health now that the project is completed. The total cost of the project was 4.7 million dollars.

ED Caraway then addressed the Strategic Plan that was reviewed at the Program Committee and contained in the Board packet. There were no questions about the plan.

She then announced that new Board member orientation would be set up with Cherese Paterson and that the date will be emailed to all board members.

Daniela Ghizzoni then reviewed the 2025 & 2026 deaths by suicide as reported by the Trumbull County Coroner's office. She stated that if someone dies by suicide at the hospital, the County where the hospital is located, reports the statistics. Liberty Township deaths by suicide are reported in Mahoning County due to the tracking by zip code. Daniela then discussed the new "Check your Engine" campaign targeted to farmers, car shows, bike runs, anything related to engines, for mental health month in May. The coffee sleeves program will occur again and now stickers will be put on ice cream at local vendors.

3. Finance Report – Patty Shepherd, CFO reviewed the February 2026 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. She stated that in February we had to return ATP funds equaling \$52,500 to the Department of Behavioral Health due to an error on their part. Our carryover was over \$200,000, so we have enough for our ATP needs. Adjustments to the budget will be reviewed at the budget and finance committee meeting scheduled for April 2nd at 4:00 PM.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Vice President, Kevin Stringer, gave a summary of the last Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee meeting held on March 3rd. Jasmine Phillips of Meridian HealthCare presented on Problem Gambling. She shared that 94% of the population with a gambling addiction have a cooccurring disorder, either mental health or another addiction. Lance Grahn took a tour of Hollywood Gaming. At the Board table set up at the casino, staff members Kim Walker & Laura Domitrovich talked about the dangers of gambling.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2026, at 4:00 PM in our upstairs conference room.
3. Administrative Committee – Chairperson, Rachel Nader announced there will be a meeting scheduled in May. Date is TBD.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation article, "The Intersection of AI & Mental Health", was in the packet.
2. Unmute the Uncomfortable will take place May 7, 2026, at the Eastwood Event Center.
3. ASAP Drug Summit will be May 15, 2026, at Kent Trumbull Campus. The committee is waiting for one speaker confirmation before opening registration. The keynote speaker will be Nicole Labor, DO, FASAM. Breakout sessions will be 1 ½ hours. Sugaring, TMS, Self Care, Alcohol in Military culture are some of the topics that will be presented this year. There will be about 6 CE hours available.
4. Media Items – ED Caraway stated that we received an honorable mention in the Tribune regarding the Commissioners' opioid funds, and the article was included in the packet. The "It Suits You" event was also featured in the Tribune. Laura Domitrovich thanked those who donated towards the event. There have been several prom gown giveaways in the past, and suits are also needed.

New Business

1. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve the February Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Matt Martin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Matt Martin made a motion to approve the 2026-2029 TCMHRB Strategic Plan. Cassandra Drumm seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Kevin Stringer made a motion to rescind the Health Officer appointments of Kyle Metzger of COMPASS Family and Community Service and Sue Bancroft and Ken Bancroft, formerly of Valley Health Services, effective immediately. Maria Placanica seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM on a motion made by Carol Henderson, seconded by Kevin Stringer.

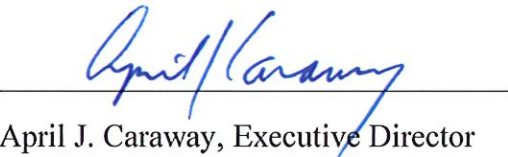
Next Board Meeting April 21, 2026 at 4:30 PM



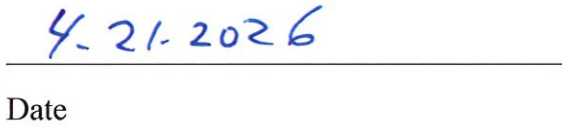
Lance Grahn, President



Teri Lacy, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director



Date

