

TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026 4:30 PM

Members Present: Cassandra Drumm, Kevin Stringer, Louise Kline, Laura Green, Curtis Green, Julia Wike, Laurie Perry, Robert Walton, John Hugley, Cherese Patterson, Teri Lacy, Maria Placanica*, Matt Martin*, Rachel Nader*, Lance Grahn

Members Absent: Thomas Harwood, Carol Henderson

Staff Present: April Caraway, Carie Garris, Lauren Thorp, Daniela Ghizzoni, Holly Williams, Patty Shepherd, Kim Walker

Guests Present: Suzette Miller*, Generations; Darryl Alexander*, UMADAOP; Renee Kleric*, Axess Family & Community Services; Vince Paulucci*, Alta Care Group; Adria Rovnyak*, Glenbeigh; Stacy Salyer*, Thrive Counseling

**Denotes Virtual Attendees*

Preliminary

1. President Lance Grahn called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Secretary Teri Lacy called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
3. President Lance Grahn recognized staff and guests.
4. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer, to approve the March 17, 2026, Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway discussed the Property Tax Issue and the ADAMHS Board’s efforts to inform the public about what could be lost if the Issue passes. She referred Board members to the one-page handout in the packet and reminded them that she recently emailed additional materials from the Board Association, including resources and templates for sharing information with family and friends, writing letters to the editor, and supporting other outreach efforts. The Boards have been advised that enough signatures may already have been collected to place the Issue on the ballot, and affected associations are working together to respond. ED Caraway also contacted the county commissioners to remind them of the programs we are required to fund and of the impact that losing these tax dollars would have on important services not required by the Administrative Code.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway reminded the Board that we have four members that are up for reappointment at the end of June. ED Caraway sent the letters to the appointing authorities for each, expressing the desire to have all of them be reappointed for another term. Maria

Placanica will term off in June. Provider requests for funding have been coming in ahead of the deadline of Friday, the 24th. Lauren tracks those submissions and sends reminders to long-term applicants about the need to apply. ED Caraway updated the Board on the Culture of Quality (COQ) accreditation, noting the policy changes that were included in the packet as a part of the COQ recertification. ED Caraway stated that interviews of Housing Manager applicants are ongoing. ED Caraway then shared that Bonnie Wilson has been interviewing applicants for the vacant FCFC administrative assistant position.

AD Lauren Thorp reported changes to the Department of Behavioral Health Outcomes and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) collection. The Department is asking Boards to report on new indicators, such as the number of people who received services with State funds after being released from jail and the number of gambling credentialed practitioners in our Board area. Partner Solutions is assisting with data collection. Information will be requested twice a year.

Daniela Ghizzoni provided an update on the Suicide Prevention Coalition (SPC) projects planned for the month of May. Mental Health Awareness month. Nine coffee shops have committed to using suicide awareness coffee sleeves. A new partnership has been built with six ice cream shops who will put suicide prevention stickers on their pints of ice cream. Ripley's ice-cream shop is also donating \$1 to SPC for every milkshake purchased. Daniela then shared that June is Men's Mental Health Awareness month. There will be a "Check Your Engine" campaign planned for the month at the next SPC Special Populations meeting. They are looking for car and antique tractor shows to set up a resource table to help reduce the number of older men who are more likely to die by suicide in Trumbull County.

3. Finance Report – Patty Shepherd, CFO, reviewed the March 2026 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. March revenues included \$57,816 in FY26 ECMH grant funds from Alta Care Group, and more than \$18,000 in compliance audit reimbursements. She also noted that in April we received the first half of the CY26 levy payment, receipt of fourth-quarter state allocations of \$725,253 and \$250,000 in Pine project grant retainage, with \$26,705 still outstanding. Year-to-date expenditures were on track at 75% or less; items over 75% were reviewed in advance of the April 2nd Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The packet includes related minutes and recommendations. Shepherd explained that the increase in Other Contracted Services for the BH Drug program reflects a state change from reimbursement to an advance pass-through model, and the packet also includes second-quarter unaudited Federal FY24 HUD grant reports (Oct. 1–Sept. 30) prepared in collaboration with Coleman Health Services.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – President, Lance Grahn gave an overview of their last meeting held on April 7, 2026. At that meeting, ED Caraway gave an update on grant requests for OneOhio Foundation funds. Keri Deyling from Coleman Health Services provided information about their programs in Trumbull County. She stated that the new Pine Ave. facility is almost fully staffed. Once the remaining three positions are filled, they can advertise 24/7 care. ED Caraway reported that a recent meeting focused on

marketing efforts to promote the Crisis Center's services and hours of operation. Another open house of the BH Crisis Center will take place in May.

2. Budget and Finance Committee – Treasurer, John Hugley gave a review of the committee meeting that was held on April 2, 2026. The total revenue was revised, decreasing by over \$224,000. Under expenditures, hospitals and insurance costs increased in anticipation of hiring the new Housing Manager. We decreased the overall expenditures by \$368,000. A detailed spreadsheet was included in the packet for review.
3. Administrative Committee – Chairperson, Rachel Nader gave an overview of the meeting held on April 16, 2026. The committee reviewed revised policies and one new policy that was needed in response to the Culture of Quality standards.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation – ED Caraway referred to the OSPF article included in the packet, PANS/PANDAS, and Suicide Prevention, which explained the diagnoses and their risks for suicidal ideation.
2. Unmute the Uncomfortable will take place on May 7, 2026 at the Eastwood Event Center. ED Caraway stated that if a member has not met their training requirement staff can help them find one.
3. The ASAP Drug Summit will take place on May 15, 2026, at the Kent Trumbull campus. AD Thorp also announced that Operation Empty Medicine Cabinet will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Details and location were included in the packet.

New Business

1. Teri Lacy made a motion to approve the March Revenue and Expenditure Report held Subject to Audit. Robert Walton seconded the motion. The motion carried with fourteen yeses and Chereese Patterson abstaining.
2. Kevin Stringer made a motion to rescind the Health Officer appointments of Nicole Agani effective April 22, 2026, and Maria Kotsatos-Winbush effective immediately, both of Coleman Health Services. Laura Green seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Julia Wike made a motion to approve the revised FY2026 Budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board. Louise Kline seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. Robert Walton made a motion to approve Federal FY24 HUD 2nd quarter income and expense reports. John Hugley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. Julia Wike made a motion to approve the policy revisions and one new policy as recommended by the Administrative Committee of the Board. Cassandra Drumm seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM on a motion made by Kevin Stringer and seconded by Curtis Green.

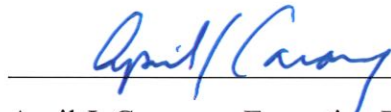
Next Board Meeting –May 19, 2026, at 4:30 PM



Lance Grahn, President



Teri Lacy, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director

5-19-2026

Date