

Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2025 4:30 PM

Board Members Present: Carol Henderson, Lance Grahn, Kevin Stringer, Louise Kline, Virginia Cluse, Maria Placanica, Teri Lacy, Laura Green, John Hugley, Thomas Harwood*, Robert Walton, Laurie Perry, Julia Wike

Board Members Absent: Charles Baldwin, Carl Clark, Rachel Nader

<u>Staff Present</u>: April Caraway, Carie Garris, Lauren Thorp, John Myers, Patricia Shepherd, Holly Williams, Katie Cretella, V. "Bud" Patterson

<u>**Guests</u>:** Adria Rovnyak*- Glenbeigh; Curtis Green; Valerie Green; Brandon Cantwell - Tribune Chronicle; Atty Brendan Keating; Sue Bancroft*, Valley Health Services; Hope Haney*- NAMI Mahoning Valley; Mark Frisone*- AxessPointe Community Health Services; Catherine Blankenship*-Coleman Health Services; Judge Thomas Campbell - TC Central Court District; Marleah Campbell; Michael Nyers -, NAMI Mahoning Valley; Vince Brancaccio* Help Network of Northeast Ohio; Brandon Campbell; Francesca Byrne, Clever; Joe Caruso -, Compass Family & Community Services; Vince Paolucci *- Alta Behavioral Health; Ava Jessup-Fields - Gloris Counseling Services; Justin Gonatas - WFMJ.</u>

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

- 1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
- 2. President Carol Henderson lead the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Secretary Teri Lacy called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
- 4. President Carol Henderson recognized guests and staff.
- 5. Attorney Brendan Keating administered the oath of office for newly commissioner-appointed board member, Curtis Green.
- 6. Attorney Brendan Keating administered the oath of office for Lance Grahn and Louise Kline as reappointed board members.
- 7. Kevin Stringer made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton to approve the May 20, 2025 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway reported that the new fiscal year starts in July and we have received our allocations from OhioMHAS. Our funding is primarily the same as last year's funding with the exception of a reduction in federal SOS funds and an additional \$200,000 that we received for the Pine Crisis Stabilization Center for operations. ED Caraway also highlighted the Joint Medicaid

Oversight Committee testimony of Laura Domitrovich, Director of Youth Programs. OhioMHAS Director Cornyn also recognized Laura at the OACBHA meeting for the phenomenal job she did. Her official testimony was included in the board packet. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to review it and to do their part in advocating to keep the Ohio RISE program funded that serves children with severe mental health and developmental issues.

- 2. Local Update Judge Thomas Campbell, Central District Court, reallocated \$100,000 in IDAT(indigent driver) funds to the TCMHRB for addiction services and treatment in the Trumbull County Jail. He explained the program that collected fines from OVI cases that would be used for indigent drivers to get treatment. Judge Campbell reported that, because there have not been a lot of indigent driver needs in his court, he's accumulated a surplus in funding. Upon learning of the county's need for funding for treatment programs in the jail, he recognized the value of carrying out these programs to the benefit the whole community and offered the funds. For the FY2026 budget process, ED Caraway shared that in preparing the budget, the committee worked closely with the providers on their funding requests. There were reductions that had to be made based on funding cuts, performance, or change in needs. Pine BH Crisis Center is still on target for construction completion on September 11, 2025. The furniture has been approved and ordered. Painting, installing doors and flooring completion is underway. Phase 3, the office side of development, has been approved to move forward. We have executed the conveyance of the property to Coleman and the next walkthrough is July 2nd at 1:00 PM. ED Caraway announced that John Wilson will not receive a consultant contract in FY26 as our special projects' accountant, Holly Williams, has transitioned into tracking the Pine expenditures as planned. ED Caraway announced that Katie Cretella, Director of Clinical Services, has resigned. Her last day is July 18th, and she will be taking a position with Clear Pathways, a program through the Peg's Foundation. The position will be posted on Indeed, with providers, and on social media tomorrow.
- 3. Board member officer elections were held: President Henderson reminded the board that three of the four officers are terming out this year President, Vice President, & Treasurer. For president, Tom Harwood nominated Lance Grahn, and he accepted. Since there were no other nominations, he was declared elected by acclamation. For Vice President, John Hugley nominated Kevin Stringer, and he accepted. Since there were no other nominations, he was declared elected by acclamation. For Treasurer, Laura Green nominated John Hugley, and he accepted. Since there were no other nominations, he was declared elected by acclamation. For secretary, Laura Green nominated Teri Lacy for a second term, and she accepted. Since there were no other nominations, she was declared elected by acclamation.
- 4. Finance Reports –Patty Shepherd, CPA reviewed the May 2025 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. She stated that revenue received is at 90% of the budget and will continue to draw down through June on whatever grants are available to draw on. Included were a list of payments we are waiting to receive. Although it is the end of the year, we will continue to pay invoices for FY2025 until September 2025.

Committee Reports

- Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee Vice President, Lance Grahn reported on the June 3, 2025 meeting that focused on a report on the special docket courts about which Lauren Thorp presented.
- 2. Budget and Finance Committee Laura Green, Treasurer gave a report on the meeting held on June 4, 2025. Their main focus was the FY2026 budget that recommended to the board for

approval. Minutes from that meeting were included in the packet. The committee will meet again in November to go over the budget to make any adjustments.

3. Administrative Committee – ED Caraway reported on the meeting held June 12, 2025 in Chairperson, Rachel Nader's absence. The reason for the meeting was to hold April Caraway's yearly review and to consider her 4-year contract renewal. There will be a motion for renewal. The only change to the contract was adding wording about providing notice in the event of resignation or retirement that was not included previously. ED Caraway said that all staff performance reviews are occurring this month.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

- 1. New provider news ED Caraway shared that Compass Family & Community Services and Community Corrections Association have voted to merge under a single parent organization. Joe Caruso also shared that he has been named the CEO of the new Mercy Health Behavioral Health Hospital that will open in Liberty.
- 2. OSPF ED Caraway drew attention to the reports, "Preventing Suicide in First Responders" & "Bipolar Disorder & Suicide Risk."
- 3. ED Caraway announced that marketing for the Board will now be done by a local firm Clever. They will help promote our events and awareness months.

New Business

- 1. Maria Placanica made a motion to approve the May 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Teri Lacy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 2. Lance Grahn made a motion to approve the FY2026 Budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. Louise Kline seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Laurie Perry made a motion to approve the Trumbull County 2026 Calendar Year Budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. Lance Grahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 4. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 HUD Grant budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. Maria Placanica seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 5. Laurie Perry made a motion to cancel the Health Officer appointment of Jennifer Arbogast-McClellan, formerly of Compass Family and Community Services, effective June 20, 2025. Laura Green seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 6. Lance Grahn made a motion to renew the Executive Director's contract for four years from July 1, 2025 June 30, 2029. Robert Walton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

<u>Adjournment</u>

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM on a motion by Kevin Stringer seconded by Laura Green.

Next Board Meeting – July 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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April J. Caraway, Executive Director

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