

TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026 4:30 PM

Board Members Present: Lance Grahn, Carol Henderson, Julia Wike*, Louise Kline, Kevin Stringer, Laura Green, Matt Martin, Maria Placanica, Robert Walton, John Hugley, Cherese Patterson, Rachel Nader*, Curtis Green*, Tom Harwood

Board Members Absent: Teri Lacy, Laurie Perry

Staff Present: April Caraway, Carie Garris, Laura Domitrovich, Holly Williams, Lauren Thorp, Kim Walker

Guests: Adria Rovnyak*, Glenbeigh; Hope Haney*, NAMI MV; Rebecca Bayley*, Belmont Pines; Vince Paolucci*, Alta Care Group; Suzette Miller*, Generations; Matt Kresic*, Cadence Care Network; Michael Nyers*, NAMI MV; Renee Klaric*, Valley Health Services; Jeremy Simpson*, COMPASS Family and Community Services

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Lance Grahn called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Kevin Stringer called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
3. President Lance Grahn recognized guests and staff.
4. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Matt Martin to approve the April 21, 2026, Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway provided an update on the OneOhio Foundation Grants explaining that the OneOhio Foundation manages and distributes the opiate settlement funds. Region 7, comprised of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, had \$2,358,569 to allocate this biennium. Forty-four grant applications were reviewed and requests totaled over 9 million dollars. The OneOhio Foundation contracts with and directly pays award recipients. She further shared that WFMJ News has run stories about the Opioid settlement funds and how they are being utilized.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway announced that Kevin Stringer and Curtis Green were reappointed by the Trumbull County Commissioners to second, four-year terms on the Board of Directors. ED Caraway then announced the resignation of Board member Cassandra Drumm, which was included in the Board packet. ED Caraway also reported on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process, stating that administrative staff were reviewing provider RFI submissions and will be reaching out to agencies for additional information as needed. No new agencies applied for funding.
The Culture of Quality Review will take place June 22 and 23. Board President, Lance Grahn will participate in the review, and all Board members are welcome to attend. Representatives from

OACBHA will meet with staff as needed. ED Caraway also reported that OACBHA has hired a new CEO from Delaware County who brings lobbying experience to the position.

She informed the Board that two new staff members have been hired and are scheduled to begin on June 1st. Judy Mansky will serve as the Family and Children First Council administrative assistant. Lindsay Simstad has been hired as the new housing manager. ED Caraway then opened discussion about the Unmute the Uncomfortable Event. Comments were positive with many members stating that they appreciated the new thought-provoking information. The Board then discussed the ASAP Drug Summit that took place on May 15. Following discussion of several breakout sessions, members agreed that attending events such as the Drug Summit helps them develop into more informed Board and community members with Matt Martin thanking AD Lauren Thorp for all the energy she pours into the Summit.

3. Finance Reports – Holly Williams reviewed the April 2026 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. She reviewed several sources of revenue, including the first half of the 2026 calendar year levy distribution, IDAT reimbursement, and Pine project grant retainage. She confirmed that most year-to-date expenditures were on track at 83%, and providers who were close to exceeding their allocation were notified.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Vice President, Kevin Stringer reported on the May 5, 2026, meeting. Cadence Care Network staff presented on their school-based programming that is embedded in 12 school districts. Kevin highlighted one example of its success in Warren G. Harding High School, and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator, Nikita Warfield-Owens was praised for her work with the students.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Treasurer John Hugley announced that the next meeting will be June 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM in the Board conference room. This is an important meeting for setting next year's budget.
3. Administrative Committee – Chairperson Rachel Nader reported that the next meeting will be held on June 30, 2026, at 4:30 PM in the Board Conference Room. The committee will conduct Executive Director April Caraway's annual evaluation.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. Media Items – ED Caraway discussed the Business Journal Article featuring Director of Youth Programs, Laura Domitrovich on the topic, "AI Should not Replace Human Connection". She also mentioned that Daniela Ghizzoni, Director of Clinical Services, was interviewed by WFMJ about events in May for Mental Health Month.
2. Suicide Prevention Coalition – A flyer of SPC sponsored events for Mental Health Month was included in the packet.
3. Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation – ED Caraway encouraged members to read the one-pager "The Link Between Autism and Mental Health".
4. ED Caraway announced that Coleman Crisis Center will host an open house on May 27, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. First responders, other Boards, partner agencies, and Board members are encouraged to attend. The event is intended to raise awareness about the center's services and to emphasize that first responders can bring individuals experiencing a mental health crisis to the center rather than to an emergency room.

5. ED Caraway reiterated that the Culture of Quality Recertification Review will take place June 22 and 23, 2026.
6. ED Caraway announced the Friends of the TCMHRB Golf Outing is July 31, 2026, at the Old Avalon Golf Course, the annual fundraiser for the levy.
7. Board member Tom Harwood reminded the Board that officer elections will occur at the June meeting. He encouraged those who have not served to consider running for one of the openings, explaining the importance of each Board function. ED Caraway encouraged the Board to review Bylaws for an explanation of each officer's responsibilities.
8. Carol Henderson requested that a Recovery House operator be invited to present at a future Program Committee meeting.

New Business

1. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve the April 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Laura Green seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM on a motion by Kevin Stringer seconded by Matt Martin.

Next Board Meeting – June 16, 2026 at 4:30 PM



Lance Grahn, President



April J. Caraway, Executive Director

6-16-2026

Date

