

Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025, 4:30 PM

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

Members Absent: Teri Lacy, Laurie Perry

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

Guests Present: Hope Haney*, NAMI MV; Joe Caruso*, MH BH Hospital; Adria Rovnyak*, Glenbeigh; Matt Kresic*, Cadence Care Network; Michael Nyers*, NAMI MV; Sue Miller*, Generations; Renee Klaric*, Valley Health Services; Darryl Alexander*, UMADAOP; Vince Paolucci*, Alta Behavioral Health

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

- 1. President Lance Grahn called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. In the absence of Secretary Teri Lacy, Vice President Kevin Stringer called the roll of members and certified that there was a quorum present.
- 3. President Lance Grahn recognized guests & staff present.
- 4. Louise Kline made a motion, seconded by Laura Green, to approve the September 16, 2025 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update — ED Caraway shared that the Department of Behavioral Health's CAP (Community Assessment Plan) will be underway soon. This report, due in January, focuses on what the needs are in our community and the Board's plan to address those needs. All boards must submit a plan to receive funding from DBH. AD Lauren Thorp will take the lead in gathering the information and submitting. OneOhio Foundation Funds for round two are being released early next year. There is updated information on our website about the funding with a link to the OneOhio Foundation. Our region, Region 7, will receive \$2.886 million. Grant applications will be released in January. ED Caraway reminded everyone that anyone who is seeking guidance must contact OneOhio for direction as she is not permitted to provide assistance due to her role on the Region 7 Collaborative. There are grant application training videos on the OneOhio Foundation's website. Now that we have three fiscal staff to help with grant management, board staff have been applying for new grants. Laura Domitrovich reported on the Enhancing the System of Care Grant from the

Department of Behavioral Health that we were awarded recently. The grant is \$250,000; twenty-five Boards applied, and nine grants were awarded. About five community partners will receive funding from this grant, increasing services at the Detention Center and Someplace Safe, and increasing peer support and mentoring programs. Laura shared that Kim Walker, in partnership with Chris Brugler (Trauma Informed Care Consultant), also received a new grant. The \$20,000 grant from ODBH will expand trauma informed care training and initiatives throughout the Lower Northeast Region. ED Caraway then passed around the OneOhio annual report.

- 2. Local Update ED Caraway gave an update on the Behavioral Health Crisis Center and Sister Jean's Lighthouse. She reminded the Board that this project began in March of 2023 and on September 11, 2025 we were to receive the keys. Unfortunately, the punch list for items to address has only gotten longer. She and Hattie Tracy of Coleman have now requested to meet with the contractor and architect every Wednesday to keep things moving. Teresa Hosey of the Urban League has taken the lead on Sister Jean's Lighthouse side of the project with the assistance of Tammy Weaver of Coleman. Coleman, Mercy Health, and Board staff have met to plan for a move to a hybrid model of screening people in the emergency department through both telehealth and inperson screens. ED Caraway then highlighted the Commissioners' item in the Board packet that documents their allocation of \$781,000 of Opioid Funds to help with recovery services in Trumbull County. ED Caraway then shared training opportunities that will meet Board members' DBH training requirements. She reminded members that if they have participated in one of the trainings, they should let Carie Garris know.
 - AD Lauren Thorp provided a recap of the ASAP Recovery Rally. There were approximately nine hundred people in attendance. She thanked staff and board members who came and worked. She was pleased with the news coverage, stating that the goal every year is to show the community that there is recovery happening in our community. ED Caraway gave a staff update. The open Addiction Programs Coordinator position has been posted on our website and several employment sites. With John Myers retiring and Consultant, Corrie Darocha resigning as ASAP coordinator, there is a need to hire someone with a substance use background. Katie Cretella is also winding down her time training Daniela Ghizzoni, the new Director of Clinical Services.
- 3. **Finance Report** Patricia Shepherd, CFO, reviewed the September 2025 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. She stated that we are 25% into the fiscal year and have received our first quarter payment from DBH. Most line items are equal to or lower than we expect them to be this time of year. There are a few items and programs that are at 100% of their allocation. This is due to either the timing of the activity or the cost being a one-time payout. Those agencies or allocations will not receive additional funding. If an agency is over budget, fiscal staff have reached out to them to discuss their plans for the rest of the year. A few grants from DBH were awarded for more than projected. Expenses in those lines show as being over 100%. The changes needed will be addressed at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Vice President Kevin Stringer gave a brief report on the meeting that took place on Tuesday, October 7th. Jasmine Phillips, Lead Prevention Specialist from Meridian Health, was the presenter. She talked about Operation New Beginnings, a program initiated by the Ohio State Patrol with TCMHRB where those who have been charged with an OVI are contacted by Ms. Phillips to engage in treatment. The program has just started and is seeing some success.

- 2. Budget and Finance Committee Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th at 4:00 PM in the Board's conference room.
- 3. Administrative Committee Next meeting TBD

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

- 1. ED Caraway encouraged members to read the OACBHA article, ADAMH Board Levies: Local Funds Supporting Local Services.
- 2. ED Caraway directed the members to read the Media Items provided in the board packet, including several covering the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new TC BH Crisis Center.

New Business

- 1. Tom Harwood made a motion, seconded by Matt Martin to approve the September 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report held Subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously.
- Carol Henderson made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton, to appoint Kyle Metzger, LPCC, of COMPASS Family and Community Services as a Health Officer, upon completion of training. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM on a motion by Kevin Stringer, seconded by Curtis Green.

Next Board Meeting November 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Lance Grahn, President

Teri Lacy, Secretary

11-18-2025

April J. Caraway, Executive Director

Date