

TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025, 4:30 PM

Members Present: Laura Green, Carol Henderson, Matt Martin, Robert Walton, Tom Harwood, John Hugley, Teri Lacy, Kevin Stringer, Curtis Green, Lance Grahm, Maria Placanica, Julia Wike

Members Absent: Rachel Nader, Louise Kline, Laurie Perry

Staff Present: April Caraway, Lauren Thorp, Carie Garris, John Myers, Holly Williams, Daniela Ghizzoni

Guests Present: Atty Brendan Keating; Michael Nyers*, NAMI MV; Rebecca Bayley*, Belmont Pines; Joe Caruso*, Mercy BH; Sue Bancroft*, Valley Health Services; Ava Jessup-Fields, Gloris Counseling; Vince Paolucci*, Alta; Daryl Alexander*, YUMADAOP; Hope Haney*, NAMI MV.

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Lance Grahm called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Secretary Teri Lacy called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
3. President Lance Grahm recognized guests and staff. He also welcomed Daniela Ghizzoni as new board staff and made note of John Myers' retirement. He invited members to John's retirement celebration. John Myers thanked the Board and staff for his positive 39 years as a TCMHRB employee.
4. Attorney Brendan Keating administrated the oath of office to new Board member, Matthew Martin.
5. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer, to approve the July 15, 2025 Board meeting minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. **State Update** – ED Caraway gave an update on the OneOhio Foundation Funds. She reported that Region 7 meetings will be held in October and November in preparation for the next round of funding. Once the application is released, it will be promoted on the Board's website and social media accounts. ED Caraway discussed the SOS funding grant that AD Lauren Thorp oversees. The Board was awarded \$482,942 for FFY2026. AD Thorp also applied for an additional \$916,202 for FFY2026. We are guaranteed the original amount, and we should know soon if we will be given the additional funding. Laura Domitrovich also

applied for \$250,000 in OhioMHAS funding for increased services at the Trumbull County Juvenile Court, Someplace Safe, and several other contracted agencies. We should know before the end of FFY25 if we will be awarded the grant.

2. **Local Update** – ED Caraway informed the board that what we have been calling the Pine Crisis Center is now officially named the Trumbull County Behavioral Health Crisis Center. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM. OhioMHAS Director LeeAnne Cornyn is scheduled to attend. ED Caraway reported that \$1,129,188 was awarded by Community Development to Coleman and the Urban League for up to three years of staffing and a vehicle for the Urban League to take residents to appointments. The flyer with RSVP information was included in the board packet. Board member Tom Harwood provided a brief explanation of the process and funding that the Board undertook to bring this center to fruition. Kevin Stringer shared how encouraged and proud he was to see these services being brought to our community through the board's work.

September is Suicide Prevention Month: Laura Domitrovich and Daniela Ghizzoni are co-chairing the Suicide Prevention Committee. ED Caraway spoke at the Warren Rotary for Suicide Prevention Month and educational information is being provided through Social Media. The TC Coroner's office provides information to inform our prevention efforts. ED Caraway continued with staff updates sharing that Daniela is completing her onboarding process. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to attend John's Retirement Open House. ED Caraway announced that board member, Charles Baldwin has resigned from the board as he also serves on the CCA board. This conflict of interest prevents him from remaining on both Boards. New board member orientation was led by AD Thorp in ED Caraway's absence.

ED Caraway then shared that we are up for recertification for Culture of Quality in the spring so all policies will be reviewed. Revisions will be presented to the Administrative Committee.

AD Thorp then spoke about Overdose Awareness Day. The ASAP coalition held their Community-wide Narcan distribution on Saturday, August 30th. Twenty-five sites were set up and 1500 Narcan kits were distributed. Hygiene kits were handed out as well at some of the sites. She acknowledged those who took the time to help put all of the Narcan kits together and expressed appreciation for those who volunteered.

3. **Finance Report** – Holly Williams, Special Projects Accountant, reviewed the July 2025 and August 2025 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. She pointed out allocations, grants, and tax revenues received within this time period. She shared that the board has implemented a new process of sending providers their expenditures monthly. She also went over the Pine spreadsheet and financials for the HUD grant for April - June 2025. ED Caraway stated she is monitoring HUD cuts at the federal level. If the federal decisions to cut the funding stands, we will lose \$400,000 already promised for Shelter Plus Care vouchers. If this occurs, many more families will lose their housing and will be homeless in Trumbull County.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Kevin Stringer, Vice President, reported on the meeting held on September 2, 2025. The presenter for this month's meeting was staff member Dr. John Myers who explained the role of health officers. Kevin

encouraged attendance to the program committee because it gives a more in-depth look at the agencies that we support. The next meeting will be held on October 7th at 4:30 PM.

2. Budget and Finance Committee – No meeting to report.
3. Administrative Committee – No meeting to report.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ASAP Recovery Rally will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Eastwood Field. AD Thorp invited all to attend and shared that there are around 800 people pre-registered to attend.
2. John Myers' Retirement open house will take place Thursday, September 25, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the TCMHRB conference room. All are invited to attend.
3. ED Caraway confirmed that the Trumbull County BH Crisis Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM at 820 Pine Ave., Warren, OH.
4. ED Caraway encouraged members to read the OACBHA Article on Disaster Preparedness.
5. ED Caraway shared the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation article in the packet - The Impact of Stigma on Suicide.
6. Media Items – Mental Health is a Priority for the Next Generation.
7. ED Caraway gave an update on the Friends of the TCMHRB Golf Outing Fundraiser, stating that the outing raised \$5,835.91 to promote the levy.
8. President Lance Grahn discussed the Board packet distribution process asking if members wanted to continue to have the packet mailed to them or emailed. After discussing postage costs and timing of delivery, it was determined that the packet would go out via email and paper copies would be available at the meeting.

New Business

1. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Matt Martin, to approve the July 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously. (Board members sign signature page).
2. Maria Placanica made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer, to approve the August 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously. (Board members sign signature page).
3. Carol Henderson made a motion, seconded by Tom Harwood, to approve Federal FY25 HUD 3rd Quarter Income & Expense Reports held subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Kevin Stringer made a motion, seconded by Matt Martin, to rescind the Health Officer status of Daniela Ghizzoni, formerly of COMPASS Family and Community Services, and Jessica Carter and Kerrigan Skruck, formerly of Coleman Health Services, effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Kevin Stringer made a motion, seconded by Matt Martin, to appoint Kerrigan Skruck of COMPASS Family and Community Services as a Health Officer, effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM on a motion by Kevin Stringer, seconded by Matt Martin.

Next Board Meeting – October 21, 2025 at 4:30 PM



Lance Grahn, President



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April J. Caraway, Executive Director

10-21-2025

Date