

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD OF ASHLAND COUNTY
Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2023

PRESENT: Mary Deeter David Ross, Executive Director
Cindy Kyser Patty Walton, Director of Operations
Benjamin Key Ashley Ackerman, Director of Programs, Training, and Education
Connie Butler
Andrew Kinney
Sara Battison
Chad Brown
Dennis Dyer
Tom Gaus
Tanya Mounts
Nancy Udolph
Shari Shafer

ABSENT: Katie Wright*
Ed Kieper

*provided notice

GUESTS: Jerry Strausbaugh, Appleseed Community Mental Health
Sheryl Villegas, Catholic Charities
Kimberlee Sheller, Catholic Charities

Mary Deeter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Martha Jordan room, 1605 Co. Rd. 1095, Ashland.

I. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Roll Call
Sara Battison took the roll call in the absence of Katie Wright and noted that a quorum was present.

Pass Warrants
There was a quorum to pass the warrants.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Connie Butler to recommend Board approval of the September
23-10-01 Full Board meeting minutes. Nancy Udolph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **OCTOBER PLANNING-FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, Sara Battison, Chair**

Sara Battison gave the planning committee report. Refer to the provided planning committee meeting minutes for a full description. No resolutions were brought forward.

- **OCTOBER FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, Chad Brown, Chair**

Chad Brown gave the Finance Committee report. Refer to the provided finance committee meeting minutes for a full description. The following resolutions were brought forward.

The Board discussed questions about the October warrants.

RESOLUTION: 23-10-02 A motion was made by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the October warrants for payment. Connie Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 23-10-03 A motion was made by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the September Financials. Benjamin Key seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jerry Strausbaugh gave an overview of his discussion with the Board at the Finance Committee Meeting. The Board members discussed the resolution.

RESOLUTION: 23-10-04 A motion was made by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the Appleseed request for a funding advance of \$170,000 to be paid back monthly for up to 24 months, beginning January 1, 2024. Cindy Kyser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed potential bylaw changes. David shared a handout from OACBHA and CCAO, which presents the process for changing the ADAMH Board Governing Board Size.

IV. Consideration of Bylaw Changes, Mary Deeter, Chair
Bylaw Changes: "To set the number of Board Members at 12 (twelve)" (Page 2) & "Sets the number of Commissioner appointments at 8 (eight) and the number of OhioMHAS appointments at 4 (four) (Page 3).

RESOLUTION: 23-10-05 A Roll Call Vote was taken – 11 members voted to make the changes, and 1 voted against. The 2/3 threshold for making changes to The Board's bylaws was met. The bylaw changes are made contingent on the County Commissioners' agreement that the Board should have twelve Board members.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT, David Ross, Executive Director
David reviewed the attached Director's Report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Sara Battison made a motion to adjourn. Tom Gaus seconded the motion. The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Ackerman, Director of Programs, Training, & Education

David Ross, Executive Director

Mary Deeter, Board Chair