

Governance Committee Meeting

Meeting date: Monday, May 2, 2021

Meeting time: 5:00pm – 5:44pm

Meeting location: Zoom

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Committee Members Present:

X	Katie Chieda, Board Chair	X	Ben Chaffee, Jr., First Vice Chair
	Julie Landoll, Second Vice Chair - excused		

Board Staff Present:

X	Kristen Cardone, Executive Director		Ashley Morrow, Community Engagement and Resource Manager
	Cari Williamson, Office and Fiscal Manager		

Discussion Items:

- Quarterly Reports (Email Attachment)
 - Ms. Cardone will review quarterly report summary with each committee, providing updates on how things are going with each agency in addition to what is included in report.
- Contract for Executive Director
 - Ms. Cardone informed the committee that OACBHA has recommended all Executive Directors have employment contract if one is not already in place. At this time, no MHAS staff have employment contract.
 - Mr. Chaffee stated he believes it is necessary to have employment contracts as they protect the record trail in addition to minutes which detail decisions. Mr. Chaffee recommended having employment contracts for each employee while Ms. Chieda stated that at her organization, they typically only have employment contracts for employees at the executive level. Ms. Cardone will contact Mr. Strickler, the Board's legal representative, for guidance and to determine if there is a benefit to all employees having employment contract.
- Praxis
 - Committee members reviewed draft letter to be sent to OhioMHAS regarding Praxis in Willard. The Board has been contacted by multiple community organizations and one former client of Praxis who have shared issues they have experienced related to the facility.
 - Committee members were in support of sending the letter and elected to have the original letter come from the Board Chair and Executive Director only, as the intent of the letter is to put the issues on OhioMHAS' radar. Should additional issues arise, the matter will be taken to the full Board.
- New Committee Members
 - Committee members discussed the need for at least one additional member for the Governance Committee as the Committee lost a member when Dr. Mike White resigned from the Board. Committee members discussed potential additions to the Committee and Ms. Cardone will reach out to these members to find out if they would be interested in serving on the committee.
- Opiate conference

- Ms. Cardone informed the committee that so far two Board members have voiced interest in attending the Opiate Conference in June. Given that the Board only receives two free tickets, Ms. Cardone asked the members if they would be in support of paying for additional tickets if needed for Board members and/or staff. Committee members were in support of paying for additional tickets for anyone who was interested in attending.
- Ms. Cardone also asked the committee to consider paying for tickets for the Huron County Commissioners if they show interest in attending the conference. Committee members were in support of paying for conference tickets for the Huron County Commissioners if they are interested in attending.