

Program Committee Meeting

Meeting date: Monday, January 8, 2024

Meeting time: 5:02-6:15pm

Meeting location: 2 Oak Street, Norwalk

Recorder: Cari Williamson

Committee Members Present:

	Katie Chieda - Excused	X	Lenora Minor
	Amber Boldman, Committee Chair - Excused	X	Laura M. Wheeler
X	Julie Landoll, First Vice Chair	X	Silvia Hernandez
	Erin Bohne – Excused; Joined via Zoom		

Board Staff Present:

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

Unfinished business/updates:

- January Meeting
 - Location: Huron County DJFS, Norwalk
 - Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00pm.
 - Presentations: Hope419, Family Life Counseling
 - Family Life Counseling is the Board's regularly scheduled presentation.
 - Hope419 offers psychiatry and therapy in Norwalk. The Board discussed in November potentially contracting with them for a small amount of funding and will revisit this in February.
 - Executive Session
 - The Board enter Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G)(2).
- Board website
 - Ms. Cardone reviewed the Board's website with committee members, including where to find Huron County Data Dashboard, meeting schedule, and meeting minutes. An in-depth conversation was had about the Huron County Data Dashboard. Board staff and Huron County Public Health have worked for many months to produce the dashboard. Board staff gather the data then Public Health uploads and publishes the information. It allows the public to have a comprehensive look into mental health and substance abuse data for Huron County.

Discussion Items:

- Annual Report (Email Attachment, Motion)
 - Ms. Cardone shared that per the Ohio Revised Code 340, an annual report must be issued yearly. She reviewed the report with the Board members.
 - Ms. Cardone is requesting a motion to approve the annual report which will be sent to OhioMHAS, Huron County Commissioners, and Huron County's State Representatives and Senators.

- Committee members had no further questions or comments and they were in favor of adding the motion to the Board meeting agenda.
- Prevention Discussion
 - Ms. Cardone shared that there have been multiple meetings regarding Huron County’s prevention coalition. Currently, Huron County Family and Children First Council (FCFC) is holding prevention. In a recent coalition meeting, the coalition asked if Public Health would consider holding the coalition as the goals of the coalition directly align with the work being done by Public Health. There were multiple meetings throughout the month of December to discuss this possible transition and Public Health recently agreed to take on the coalition. The Public Health Board is requesting approval from MHAS Board, FCFC Executive Committee and Prevention Executive Committee before moving forward with the transfer. Once this transition happens the funding for the Prevention Coalition will be transferred to Public Health.
 - Public health has the staff, capacity, and ability to allow for prevention to have a stable home and grow into what it needs to be.
 - Currently there are interviews scheduled to fill the Prevention Coordinator position, which Public Health will take the lead in this process.
 - Committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in favor of the Prevention Coalition transferring from Huron County FCFC to Huron County Public Health.
- Levy Committee Motion to form committee.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that the Board is anticipating adding the levy to the ballot in Spring 2025. There has been discussion with the Huron County Auditor, Mr. Roland Tkach, about when to have the levy on the ballot. One issue being properties will be reevaluated, with an increase in property taxes beginning 2025. At this time, the amount that will be increased is not known. The community will be informed of their increased amount in 2024. The guidance given by Mr. Tkach was that going on the ballot in Fall 2024 was not in the Board’s best interest as there is a Presidential Election and there are numerous levies already scheduled to be on the ballot at that time.
 - Ms. Cardone requested Board members consider volunteering for Levy Committee. There will be a motion to form the levy committee at the Board meeting. It will consist of monthly meetings to build and execute a levy plan. The meetings will be during the day to allow for community partners, contracted agencies, or anyone from the public to attend and give their feedback and input. Having the meetings open and accessible to the agencies and the public allows for the Board to be fully transparent.
 - Ms. Lenora Minor volunteered to sit on this committee. Ms. Erin Bohne said she is interested in sitting on this committee.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or concerns.
- Animal House (Motion)
 - Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract from January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties in the amount of \$7,200.00.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that the Animal House is a recovery organization located in Bellevue. They hold recovery meetings seven days a week and offer numerous sober events throughout the year. Due to no fault of their own, their building has become condemned, and they are seeking a new location. The Executive Director for the Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board reached out to Huron County and Erie County asking to help them fund a year and a half of rent for Animal House, allowing them time to get stable and back on their feet. Currently, Animal House does not charge for any services they provide. Bellevue is split into four counties, so it is challenging to provide services there. Helping with this funding will show a united front between Boards and allow the Boards to give to a community that does not receive much support.

- Huron County Job and Family Services provide help to a lot of Bellevue community members.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in support of adding the motion to the agenda.
- COSSAP (Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program) funding (Motion)
 - Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a FFY24 contract with Let's Get Real (LGR) in the amount of \$27,000.00 utilizing COSSAP funding.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that this is the third year of Federal funds in partnership with City of Mansfield for COSSAP. These funds are used for the Quick Response Team (QRT). The funds have allowed LGR to lease and pay insurance on a vehicle, the peer supporter's time to make QRT runs, and resources that are distributed on QRT runs.
 - The remainder of the funds will be distributed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to pay for time spent by treatment providers, law enforcement, and Board staff who participate in QRT.
 - Once this funding ends all QRT services will be paid out of levy.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in support of adding the motion to the agenda.
- Revised Board meeting schedule (Motion, Attachment I)
 - Ms. Cardone shared that Huron County offices are closed on April 8, 2024 due to the eclipse. Emergency Management Agency (EMA) anticipates many visitors because Huron County is in the direct line for optimal vision of the eclipse. She is requesting that all the April meetings be pushed back one week.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in support of adding the motion to the agenda.
- Youth Mental Health Report (Email Attachment)
 - Ms. Cardone shared that she has been a part of conversations with the schools around concerns with students' mental health and substance use. Ms. Cardone reviewed the findings of Youth Mental Health report with the committee.
 - There is one school left to meet with, Pioneer. Once that conversation takes place, the report will be released to the public and a meeting will be held to begin identifying solutions to meet the needs and address the issues.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or concerns.
- Board members discussed how great of a loss it will be when Mr. Terry Boose and Mr. Skip Wilde are no longer going to be Huron County Commissioners, which is effective January 1, 2025. Two candidates, Mr. Brad Mesenburg and Mr. Jeff Colvin, who are running for the Commissioner seats, have visited the Board office and met with Ms. Cardone.
 - Board members suggested asking Mr. Boose to be a part of the levy committee.

Attachment I

State Fiscal Year 2024

Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS)

CALENDAR OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Board Meetings convened in the Huron County DJFS Conference Room unless otherwise arranged.
Committee meetings convened in the MHAS Board Room unless otherwise arranged.)

- **JULY 2023 (*Independence Day – 4th*)**
 - Monday, July 10 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee
 - Tuesday, July 11 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee
 - Tuesday, July 18 - 5:00 P.M. – Board Training (Roles and Responsibilities)
6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **AUGUST 2023**
 - No Meetings
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- **SEPTEMBER 2023 (*Labor Day – 4th*)**
 - Monday, September 11 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee
 - Tuesday, September 12 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee
 - Tuesday, September 19 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **OCTOBER 2023 (*Columbus Day – 9th*)**
 - Monday, October 16 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee
 - Tuesday, October 17 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee
 - Tuesday, October 24 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **NOVEMBER 2023 (*Veterans Day – 11th; Thanksgiving – 23rd*)**
 - Monday, November 6 - 5:00 P.M. – Governance Committee
 - Monday, November 13 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee
 - Tuesday, November 14 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee
 - Tuesday, November 21 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **DECEMBER 2023**
 - No Meetings

- **JANUARY 2024** (*New Year's Day – 1st; MLK, Jr. Day – 15th*)

Monday, January 8 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee

Tuesday, January 9 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee

Tuesday, January 16 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **FEBRUARY 2024** (*President's Day – 19th*)

Monday, February 5 - 5:00 P.M. – Governance Committee

Monday, February 12 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee

Tuesday, February 13 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 20 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **MARCH 2024**

Monday, March 11 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee

Tuesday, March 12 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 19 - 5:30 P.M. – Provider Appreciation Dinner

7:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **APRIL 2024**

~~Monday, April 8 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee~~

~~Tuesday, April 9 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee~~

~~Tuesday, April 16 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting~~

Monday, April 15 - 5:00 P.M. – Program Committee

Tuesday, April 16 - 12:30 P.M. – Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 23 - 6:00 P.M. – Board Meeting

- **MAY 2024** (*Memorial Day – 27th*)

Monday, May 6 - 5:00 P.M. – Governance Committee

Monday, May 13 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee

Tuesday, May 14 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 21 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting

- **JUNE 2024** (*Juneteenth – 19th*)

Monday, June 10 - 5:00 P.M. - Program Committee

Tuesday, June 11 - 12:30 P.M. - Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 18 -

6:00 P.M. - Board Meeting