

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, October 27, 2016 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Washington County Behavioral Health Board  
344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

## I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Charles Pridgeon.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Welcome and Introductions

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Michael Beardmore	Eric Fowler	David Browne	Anita Meek, L&P Services
Karen Binkley	Brett Nicholas	Miriam Keith	Ashton Tornes, EVE, Inc.
Larry Hall	Dell Nicholas		
Charles Pridgeon	Jack Van Kuiken		
Jim Raney	David Smith		
Tony Touschner			
David White			

## IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements.

## V. Agenda Revisions

An updated agenda with revisions was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The following additions were made:

- Under Old Business
  - A. Plan of Staffing Succession
  - B. Recruitment of New Board Members by January 1, 2017
  - C. Vote on Levy
  - D. Contract with Joan Samkow
- Under New Business
  - A. Business After Hours

## VI. Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2016

### Motion 2016 #42

Karen Binkley made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Beardmore, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 Board meeting with the following correction: Under

XII. Committee Reports, E. Levy Planning Committee, the report, in its entirety, shall read: “Jim Raney presented a ‘Behavioral Health Levy Leadership’ Table of Organization which was discussed at the September 20 Levy Planning Committee meeting.” The vote passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

## **VII. Treasurer’s Report**

### **Motion 2016 #43**

Tony Tuschner made a motion, which was seconded by David White, to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

## **VIII. Director’s Report**

Mr. Browne provided Board members with copies of his email correspondence with a Marietta Times reporter, and also the article that appeared in the Marietta Times today, October 27, 2016. Board members identified points of untruths and misrepresentations that appeared in the article, noting that it was clearly a misrepresentation that could be damaging to the future work of the Board. Board members discussed specific misrepresentations that need a response; Mr. Pridgeon and Mr. Browne will devise that response.

## **IX. Community Support Coordinator’s Report**

Ms. Keith had nothing to add to her report.

The Staff reports were received and will be filed with the minutes.

## **X. Agency Reports**

- A. House of Hope** – The House of Hope report was included in the Board packet. Board members signed a retirement card for Dorothy Boudinot. Ms. Boudinot, who has worked in the mental health field in Washington County for 44 years, will be retiring in November.
- B. The Right Path** – The Right Path report was included in the Board packet. No one from the coalition was present at the meeting.
- C. L & P Services** – Anita Meek provided information about L & P Services’s involvement in the Washington County drug interdiction activities October 13 – 16.
- D. EVE, Incorporated** – Ashton Biehl spoke of the Red Ribbon Week activities the EVE prevention specialists have been involved with this week. She noted that the

recent Prevention Connection meeting provided a great opportunity to connect with schools that are interested in prevention services.

The agency reports were received and will be filed with the minutes.

## **XI. Committee Reports**

- A. Levy Planning Committee** - Mr. Pridgeon distributed the minutes of the most recent meeting, October 26, 2016.
- B. Public Information and Education Committee** – The committee did not meet this month. Jim Raney’s article detailing results of a business survey in the county was submitted to the Marietta Times and will most likely appear in the October 29 edition of paper. November’s article will be about children’s behavioral health issues and will be written by Mr. Pridgeon. Dave Browne is working on an article that will describe Medicaid funding changes.
- C. Budget and Finance Committee** – The committee did not meet this month.
- D. Personnel Committee** – This committee will be meeting with the two Board staff members to review salaries and clarify job descriptions.
- E. CIT Ad Hoc Committee** – Chairperson Karen Binkley reported that the second grant submission to the Marietta Community Foundation was also turned down. The CIT committee is undergoing a peer review from CIT International.

## **XII. Old Business**

- A. Plan of Staffing Succession** - Mr. Pridgeon advised the Board that there is a need to prepare for staff retirement or other means of job cessation.
- B. Recruitment of New Board Members**– Mr. Pridgeon stressed the Board’s need for a full 18 members of active, task-oriented people. He urged the Board to recruit 6-8 new Board members by January 1, 2017.
- C. Vote on Levy**

### **Motion 2016 #44**

Jim Raney made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Tuschner, to authorize a five-year levy attempt in the fall of 2017, with a maximum of one mill, and spending up to \$50,000. The vote passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

**D. Contract with Joan Samkow**

**Motion 2016 #45**

Karen Binkley made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Tuschner, to contract with Joan Samkow to assist with the levy campaign, terms to be decided with Ms. Samkow and contingent upon approval of a contract. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

**E. 812 5<sup>th</sup> Street** – This topic was covered earlier in the meeting.

**F. ROSC** – There was no specific discussion regarding ROSC, other than a Recovery-Oriented System of Care is the goal for the Board and the motivation for a levy campaign. ROSC priorities were discussed during the Board's Strategic Planning session on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Business Community Survey** – This topic was discussed during the Public Information & Education committee report.

**XIII. New Business**

**A. Business After Hours**

**Motion 2016 #46**

Karen Binkley made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Tuschner, to ask the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce to reserve April 2018 for the BHB to host a Business After Hours. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

**XIV. Good of the Order**

Nothing was offered for the good of the order.

**XV. Adjournment**

**Motion 2016 #47**

Karen Binkley made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Tuschner, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2016  
7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board  
344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Miriam R. Keith**