



**PROGRAM & SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 8, 2024**

**Trustees Present:**

Dr. Victor McCarley, Committee Chair  
Kevan Beamon  
Jill Bucaro  
Teresa Russell  
Jeffrey Startzman  
Greg West  
S. Tyler Wright

**Staff Present**

Helen E. Jones-Kelley  
Bonnie Ashley  
Tristyn Ball  
Chandra Hightower  
David Holbrook  
Kimberly Priester  
Tina Rezash Rogal  
Christina Sanders

Program and Services Committee Chair Dr. Victor McCarley called the Program and Services Policy Committee meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 13, 2024**

There being no changes or corrections, a motion to approve the March 13, 2024 minutes was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee S. Tyler Wright. The motion was approved unanimously.

**BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley introduced Tewanna Hawkins, who presented the Board Spotlight on behalf of HOR Community Solutions, LLC. As we try to bring as many of the providers before the Board as possible, we realize it is going to be difficult to get them all in for the spotlight in just one year. We are starting to include them at the Program and Services Committee meeting so the Board can see how much these providers do to make a difference in our community.

Tewanna Hawkins is the CEO of House of Restoration Community Solutions, LLC. The mission of HOR is to provide a safe place for individuals in recovery to help while transitioning to a substance-free and crime-free lifestyle. Ms. Hawkins worked in residential treatment at Nova House and has a background in criminal justice. When she decided to open her own house in 2015, she intended to have just one home. Today she has a total of 41 beds in 7 homes. HOR contracted with ADAMHS in 2017, partnered with Recovery Services in 2019, and with County Corp in 2021. There have been a lot of obstacles to overcome but they are still here. In total, HOR has touched over 300 lives and has

employed over 250 of those individuals served. She has contracted with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections for workforce development, and she has also contracted with manufacturing and janitorial organizations to help residents obtain employment. The main goal is to get individuals into permanent housing and get them connected to resources.

Central State University will host their program Recovery's Got Talent this year. The residents also put on a fashion show each year. HOR also has a shop where clothes can be donated that individuals can use to help dress for job interviews.

HOR receives 40% of its funding from ADAMHS, 40% from Ohio Recovery Services, and the rest is out of pocket. She will do whatever it takes to help people get their life back. If an individual is 30-days clean, HOR can get them connected with resources for housing, employment, resume services, trips to appointments, getting their driver's license, birth certificate, whatever they need.

Regarding strategic planning, HOR is concerned that Ohio did not include recovery housing in our region. If they lose funding, it will fall on the residents. Their board will be seeking additional funding sources and they have wonderful partners right now.

## **FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley introduced Director Kimberly Priester to present the Treatment & Supportive Services funding recommendations.

### **Treatment and Supportive Services**

Director Priester presented Amended Resolution 24-057 as noted on the contract worksheet below. This Resolution was approved at the last Board meeting. Since that time, we were notified by OhioMHAS that they had money returned for recovery housing, so they are increasing our award from \$80,000 to \$205,000.

There being no questions or comments, Committee Chair McCarley asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Trustee Jeffrey Startzman moved, and Trustee Kevan Beamon seconded the motion, for the Program & Services Policy Committee to recommend for review and approval to the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to fund and contract with the provider listed in Amended Resolution 24-057 as noted in the contract worksheet. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. No abstentions were noted. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff recommends to the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board to accept OhioMHAS Pass Through Funding not to exceed the amounts identified in the table below for the period of April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for the provision of services. Further the Executive Director or Board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	SFY2024-SFY2025	Source of Funding	Notes
24-057 Amended	Recovery Housing Program	\$205,000	OHIO MHAS	The Recovery Housing Program (RHP) provides funding for states and the District of Columbia to provide stable, transitional housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder. The funding covers a period of not more than two years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier.

Director Priester presented Resolution 24-059 as noted on the contract worksheet below. Under SOS 3.2 we had some money for Narcan kits but we will be able to obtain Narcan kits in a different way. That left us money we could allocate for an additional outreach program. Trustee Jill Bucaro asked if this funding was to add another person or to support existing staff. Director Priester responded that it was to support existing staff.

There being no additional questions or comments, Committee Chair McCarley asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Trustee Kevan Beamon moved, and Trustee Greg West seconded the motion, for the Program & Services Policy Committee to recommend for review and approval to the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to fund and contract with the provider listed in Amended Resolution 24-057 as noted in the contract worksheet. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. No abstentions were noted. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff recommends to the Program & Services Policy Committee for review and approval to the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board to fund and contract with the following provider not to exceed the amounts identified in the table below for the period of September 30, 2023 to September 29, 2024 for the provision of services. Further the Executive Director or Board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	FFY2024	Source of Funding	Notes
24-059	Miami Valley Housing Opportunities: Supported Living for those with SPMI	\$55,308	Ohio MHAS	Streetlink- (Access to Treatment and Recovery Services for Street Homeless Individuals) is designed and implemented to be an enhancement to MVHO/PATH. With the on-going disproportionate number of opioid overdoses in Montgomery County, and the numerous overdoses caused by cocaine and fentanyl abuse, there is a need for an outreach program that focuses on contacting individuals struggling with addiction and homelessness. Often, Street Link workers refer their clients to PATH for services once they are stabilized in treatment for addiction.

**COMMENTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley noted that Trustee Greg West has graduated his second child from university. His daughter has graduated from the University of Dayton cum laude and is now heading to the field of law. We are very excited for him and his family.

Trustee Kevan Beamon thanked Director Chrissy Sanders for providing an explanation of the maintenance cost from the budget review presented at the last full Board meeting. It was clear and the additional information was appreciated.

## **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Guests introduced themselves and identified their organizations.

Adriane Miller from National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton announced that the Pride Rocks events will be held on May 18 from 11am-3pm at Levitt Pavilion.

Katie Neubert from We Care Arts announced that there is a good reason to go shopping at the Fairfield Mall. We Care Arts is having an exhibit so she encourages everyone to go shopping and see the exhibit.

Amber Ireland and Catherine McCarver from One Fifteen announced that they broke ground this week on their first recovery home.

## **COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

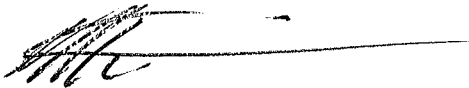
Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley advised that information was shared at last week's provider meeting that Medicaid has cut off data access to the eligibility program. We were hoping to have something back by now explaining what is happening. We are going to hold a special provider's meeting next week to come back around this, but we wanted the Board to know also that this is going to be a huge issue with a significant impact as it would place us in the position to consider not paying reimbursements without being able to verify the information. Cuyahoga and some smaller boards have stopped approving reimbursements from Medicaid claims. It is complicated to pay reimbursements without access to the information, but our providers will not stop receiving reimbursements from us while we investigate. OACBHA is seeking a consultant for advocacy on this and will try to set up a meeting with the Governor. We are going to stay on this be relentless to make sure we understand. We will talk this through with the providers on Monday.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING DATES**

Committee Chair Dr. Victor McCarley reminded all those in attendance that the next full Board meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Trustee Greg West moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jill Bucaro. With no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Dr. Victor McCarley, Committee Chair

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