



STARK COUNTY  
**Mental Health &  
Addiction Recovery**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 @ 4:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Julie Gonzalez, Board President, called the July 23, 2020 StarkMHAR (Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery) video and teleconference meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

**A. Roll Call of Members**

**Members Present**

Michelle Balderson  
Richard Bennett  
Elizabeth Bowen  
Mark Brink  
Rick Campbell  
Kathy Catazaro-Perry  
Tom Douce  
Sharla Elton  
Julie Gonzalez  
Mike Pomesky (4:30 PM)  
Taylor Schauer  
Brandice Schnabel  
Eileen Schwartz  
Leigh Shaheen  
Pat Williams

**Members Absent**

Jaylaunna Davis  
Diane Wilson

Brandice Schnabel, Board Secretary, recognized a quorum allowing the Board to conduct business.

**Staff Present**

John Aller, Executive Director  
Stef Fabelis, Director of Business Operations  
Jill Machamer, Director of Administrative Support Services  
Michele Boone, Director of Clinical Services  
Jennifer McIntosh, Director of PartnerSolutions  
Stephanie Kutcher, Quality Improvement Coordinator  
Jeannie Cool, Manager of Programs and Evaluations  
Allyson Rey, Director of Marketing, Communications & Community Relations  
Lisa Jordan, Administrative Assistant

**Guests Present**

Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health: Joe French  
Coleman Professional Services: Stephen Inchak  
Pathway: Wendy Tracy  
NAMI Stark County: Kay Raga

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

Upon motion by Richard Bennett, seconded by Elizabeth Bowen, Board members hereby adopt

the agenda for the July 23, 2020 Board meeting as presented. **Ayes:** M. Balderson, R. Bennett, E. Bowen, M. Brink, R. Campbell, K. Catazaro-Perry, T. Douce, S. Elton, J. Gonzalez, T. Schauer, B. Schnabel, E. Schwartz, L. Shaheen, P. Williams; **Nays:** none; **Abstentions:** none. **Motion carried.**

**C. Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Julie Gonzalez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. June 25, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

Julie Gonzalez indicated that Board members had received these minutes prior to the Board meeting and asked if there were any edits or questions. Upon motion by Taylor Schauer, seconded by Eileen Schwartz, Board members hereby approve the June 25, 2020 Board meeting minutes as written. **Ayes:** M. Balderson, R. Bennett, E. Bowen, M. Brink, R. Campbell, K. Catazaro-Perry, T. Douce, S. Elton, J. Gonzalez, T. Schauer, B. Schnabel, E. Schwartz, L. Shaheen, P. Williams; **Nays:** none; **Abstentions:** none. **Motion carried.**

**III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A. July 21, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Julie Gonzalez, Executive Committee Chair, reported that the July 21, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes were emailed to Board members for their review prior to the Board meeting. Julie reported the following items were discussed:

- **StarkMHAR Partnering with the Dismantling Racism Coalition of Stark County**  
StarkMHAR and the Dismantling Racism Coalition have partnered to create the 15-Day Unity Challenge. The challenge is designed to create dedicated time and space to build more effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of race, power, privilege, and leadership.
- **System of Care**  
StarkMHAR was not awarded the System of Care grant, but we were allowed to utilize carryover funds for continuation of the work in the next year. The System of Care department will move under the auspices of the clinical department.

Upon motion by Julie Gonzalez, seconded by Richard Bennett, Board members hereby approve the July 21, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed. **Ayes:** M. Balderson, R. Bennett, E. Bowen, M. Brink, R. Campbell, K. Catazaro-Perry, T. Douce, S. Elton, J. Gonzalez, T. Schauer, B. Schnabel, E. Schwartz, L. Shaheen, P. Williams; **Nays:** none; **Abstentions:** none. **Motion carried.**

**B. Resolutions**

**a) Resolution 20-07-001 – Approval of Contracts/Consultants**

Stef Fakelis stated that the Approval of Contracts/Consultants resolution includes two contracts for the courts. These contracts are for funds that flow from OhioMHAS (Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services) through StarkMHAR to the courts. They are over the \$25K threshold.

**WHEREAS,** with the Boards review and approval of Resolution 18-02-042 creating a policy to comply with Ohio Revised Code Sections 340.041 regarding the execution of contracts; and

**WHEREAS,** the policy requires the Executive Director to receive prior approval from the Board prior to executing contracts with expenditure amounts of \$25,000 or more, or those that are for expenditures less than \$25,000 that are not for standard board operations or emergency clinical and recovery support services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that upon **MOTION** by Rick Campbell, **SECONDED** by Kathy Catazaro-Perry, the Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Board, does hereby approve, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director's execution of the following contracts; and be it further

Organization	Scope	Amount	Period
<b>Expense</b>			
Canton Municipal Court	Appropriations will be transferred from OhioMHAS to StarkMHAR and the Court for the Specialized Docket Program .	\$80,000.00	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021
The Court of Common Pleas of Stark County	Appropriations will be transferred from OhioMHAS to StarkMHAR and the Court for the Specialized Docket Program.	\$180,000.00	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

**Ayes:** M. Balderson, R. Bennett, E. Bowen, M. Brink, R. Campbell, K. Catazaro-Perry, T. Douce, S. Elton, J. Gonzalez, T. Schauer, B. Schnabel, E. Schwartz, L. Shaheen, P. Williams:  
**Nays:** none; **Abstentions:** none. **Motion carried.**

**IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**A. No meeting in July. Next meeting Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:30 am**

**V. INFORMATION AND BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY**

**A. No July meeting. Next tentative meeting is August 11, 2020 at 4 pm.**

**VI. POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A. No July meeting. No meeting currently scheduled.**

**VII. PROGRAM AND EVALUATION**

**A. No July meeting. Next meeting Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 4 pm**

**VIII. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A. July 13, 2020 Community Affairs Committee Meeting Report**

Brandice Schnabel, Community Affairs Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on July 13, 2020 and those meeting minutes were emailed to Board members for their review prior to the Board meeting.

Upon motion by Brandice Schnabel, seconded by Kathy Perry, Board members hereby approve the July 13, 2020 Community Affairs Committee meeting minutes as printed. **Ayes:** M. Balderson, R. Bennett, E. Bowen, M. Brink, R. Campbell, K. Catazaro-Perry, T. Douce, S. Elton, J. Gonzalez, M. Pomesky, T. Schauer, B. Schnabel, E. Schwartz, L. Shaheen, P. Williams: **Nays:**

none; Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

## **IX. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **A. July 13, 2020 Nominations Committee Meeting Report**

Leigh Shaheen, Nominations Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on July 13, 2020 and those meeting minutes were emailed to Board members for their review prior to the Board meeting.

- **SFY 2021 Slate of Officers**  
Discussed the appointment of the below-listed names for Board officers for SFY 2021.
  - President: Pat Williams
  - Vice President: Brandice Schnabel
  - Secretary: Richard Bennett or Taylor Schauer
  - Treasurer: Sharla Elton
  - Past President: Julie Gonzalez

Ms. Gonzalez called for further nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the floor. Ms. Gonzalez closed the nominations. Board members will vote on the proposed slate of officers at the August 27, 2020 Board meeting.

Upon motion by Leigh Shaheen, seconded by Brandice Schnabel, Board members hereby approve the July 13, 2020 Nominations Committee meeting minutes as printed. Ayes: M. Balderson, R. Bennett, E. Bowen, M. Brink, R. Campbell, K. Catazaro-Perry, T. Douce, S. Elton, J. Gonzalez, M. Pomesky, T. Schauer, B. Schnabel, E. Schwartz, L. Shaheen, P. Williams: Nays: none; Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

## **X. EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE**

### **A. No July meeting. Next meeting in the spring of 2021**

## **XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **A. Mr. Aller reported on the following:**

- **Suicide and Overdose Data**  
John indicated that the rate of suicide and overdose deaths had been trending downward through May, but the recent data indicates that they have been going up. Staff is working on addressing.
- **State Budget**  
Funding for behavioral health has not been reduced at this time. Mr. Aller indicated that there could be cuts later in the year and we continue to monitor the situation.
- **Racism and Cultural Competency**  
Social media was being utilized to post racist comments. The individual indicated they were an employee of StarkMHAR but is not an employee. The Board is working with legal counsel on managing the situation. StarkMHAR is updating their social media policy for Board staff and Board members and will be bringing it forward for adoption later.
- **Fifteen-Day Unity Challenge**  
Board members, staff and the public can participate in the fifteen-day unity challenge. Board members will receive the link to the website.

**XII. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

**A. There was no correspondence.**

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. There was no public comment.**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

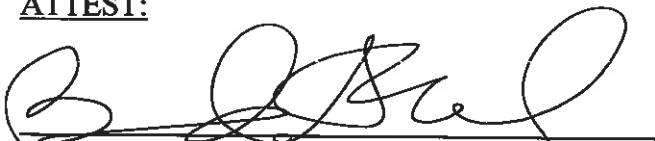
Ms. Gonzalez adjourned the July 23, 2020 StarkMHAR Board meeting at 4:55 pm.



Jill Machamer  
Director of Administrative Support Services

**APPROVAL DATE:**

ATTEST:



Brandice Schnabel, Secretary  
Stark County Mental Health & Addiction  
Recovery



John Aller, Executive Director  
Stark County Mental Health & Addiction  
Recovery