GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

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Board Minutes **September 16, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Melody Coniglio, Reba Dykes, David Fabig, James Lee Holden, Kathy Johnson, Douglas Lundblad, Patricia Varanese

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Oluic

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Lakomiak, Jim Mausser, Michelle Maneage, Teresa Slater

GUESTS: Kathy Franz (League of Women Voters Geauga), Paul Bolino, Christina Charlillo (Ravenwood Health), Mary Wynne-Peaspanen, Stacy Noyes (Signature Health), Angi Daugherty (Family Pride), Tracy Jordan (Geauga County Sheriff's Office), Lynn Berner, Sarah Welch (Catholic Charities), Michelle Bertman, Kelly Giegerich (Lake Geauga Recovery Centers), Lee and Linda Miller (Geauga Residents), Kristy Mowry (Red Tulip Project), Tia Lawrence (Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance), Brandon Lichtinger (Maple Leaf), Angela North (NAMI Geauga)

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Oluic was unable to attend. Vice Chairman Johnson served as Acting Chair. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Holden called the roll for attendance and the following Board members were present: Melody Coniglio, Reba Dykes, David Fabig, James Lee Holden, Kathy Johnson, Douglas Lundblad, Patricia Varanese. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Mr. David Fabig was appointed by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners on June 30, 2026, for a four-year term. The Oath of Office was delivered to Mr. Fabig by Teresa Slater, Notary Public.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM AUGUST 19, 2026

Mr. Holden moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. Ms. Varanese seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **VOICE VOTE: AYES-7; NAYS-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Johnson welcomed Mr. Fabig to the Board. Ms. Johnson stated that he and Ms. Coniglio will make great Board members and she is excited about the team assembled around the table. Ms. Johnson said the community is fortunate to have agencies, directors, and staff who work together in a spirit of cooperation. It is something we can all be proud of.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lakomiak welcomed Board members, providers, and community members. She said she had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Fabig before his appointment and again afterward, when she provided the board member orientation. She is excited to see the great contributions he will bring. Ms. Lakomiak stated that tonight, board members will hear directly from our contract agencies about the programs this board funds and learn more about their specific work. They will present on Fiscal Year 2026 outcomes – July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

VI. AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

a. **Catholic Charities:** Lynn Berner, Senior Grants Specialist and Sarah Welch, Program Manager, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

b. **Family Pride:** Angi Daugherty, Executive Director, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

c. **Geauga County Sheriff's Office:** Tracy Jordan, Crisis Services Director, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

d. **Lake Geauga Recovery Centers:** Michelle Bertman, President/CEO and Kelly Giegerich, Risk/Quality Coordinator, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

e. **NAMI Geauga:** Angela North, Executive Director, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

f. **Ravenwood Health:** Christina Charlillo, Director of Quality and Performance Improvement, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

g. **Red Tulip Project of Geauga:** Kristy Mowry, Program Director, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

h. **Signature Health:** Stacy Noyes, Sexual and Reproductive Health Services, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

i. **Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance:** Tia Lawrence, Executive Director, provided program updates and outcomes information for SFY2026.

VII. BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution 26-09-1 Permanent Supportive Housing Grant Award

Ms. Varanese moved to approve the Resolution. Ms. Coniglio seconded the motion. Discussion: The Board received a grant from HUD that can be used for operating expenses, support services, and administrative expenses at the Geauga Independent Apartments. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-6; NAYS-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED. Note: Mr. Holden excused himself from the meeting prior to the completion of agency presentations.**

b. Resolution 26-09-2 Reimbursement to the Geauga Safety Center 1st Half of SYF2027

Ms. Varanese moved to approve the Resolution. Ms. Coniglio seconded the motion. Discussion: This is pass through funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health for reimbursement of psychotropic medications prescribed to inmates at the Geauga Safety Center. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-6; NAYS-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED.**

c. Financial Reports

Mr. Mausser presented the financial reports for August and highlighted the following:

- 15.8% of the Board's SY2027 administrative budget was expended in July and August.
- Geauga County Calendar Year Budget Performance Report shows expenditures of just over $4.84 million through August.
- The Auditor's Fund Balance at the end of August was just over $1.99 million.
- Voucher Recap 722 for August 2026 in the amount of $425,990.44.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Varanese moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fabig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.