

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
OF SENECA, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 in the Nancy A. Cochran Conference Room.

Board Members Present: Alexandra Rojas, Jimmie Young, Tony Paulus, Pamela McLaurin, Karen Van Horn, Kellee Hoover, Dean Bliss, Pat Del Turco and Rudy Letzring

Board Members Absent: Celinda Scherger, Helen Shinn and Dee Frankart

Board Staff Present: Mircea Handru, Robin Reaves and Tanya Hemmer.

CALL TO ORDER

Rudy Letzring, Vice-Chairperson, called the April 26, 2018 meeting of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties to order at 4:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Melanie White - NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties
Michelle Clinger - Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services
Jim Fruth - Attorney

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: 1	To approve the March 29, 2018 minutes of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties.		
Motion Made By:	Karen Van Horn	Seconded:	Pat Del Turco

Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee reviewed the Board's proposed Credit Card policy. Each committee member received a draft of the proposed policy, V-A. 3f. The Board credit card policy designates a Compliance Officer (Administrative Chairperson) to review all credit card transactions quarterly as an internal control procedure. Each Board employee will have a credit card in their name to be used only for expenditures related to the particular employee's expenses. One other credit card will be designated for office general purposes. This particular credit card is to be utilized for expenditures related to any current Board members and/or office internet services transactions. The office general purpose credit card transactions need to be pre-approved by the Executive Director. The credit card allowable transactions include: airfare, hotel accommodations, conference registration, and internet services/ software programs. The Administrative Committee recommended to move with approval of the credit card policy.

MOTION: 2	To authorize the Executive Director to implement the following Policy and Procedure effective May 1, 2018: V-A. 3f Human Resources: Credit Card Use.		
Motion Made By:	Tony Paulus	Seconded:	Jimmie Young

The Executive Director discussed Motion 10 of the December 7, 2017 Board meeting that authorized the Executive Director to enter into a regional contract for Fiscal Year 2018 with Bloom of Grace, LLC DBA Surest Path to Recovery Center of Bloomville for detox and residential treatment services in an amount not to exceed \$176,171.80. The Executive Director discussed the Northwest Ohio Collaborative available funding and projects for withdrawal management services (detox). The Northwest Ohio Collaborative is made up of the Executive Directors that cover 23 counties in Northwest Ohio. The Northwest Ohio Collaborative agreed to approve three regional projects. One of the three projects included Surest Path to Recovery Center of Bloomville. In addition, the Northwest Ohio Collaborative agreed on increasing funding to the Surest Path to Recover Center of Bloomville project. The Executive Director reminded the committee members that no contract has been signed yet, even if the initial motion was approved in December. Also, the Executive Director mentioned that no contract will be signed until the agency is certified as a detox treatment provider through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Executive Director recommended to amend Motion 10 from the December 7, 2017 Board meeting by striking out the following words: "and residential treatment"; "\$176,171.80"; and, "Erie, Ottawa, Huron, Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties" and by inserting the following words: "\$243,444.00", and "all counties in the Northwest Ohio Collaborative Region".

MOTION: 3	<p>To amend Motion 10 of the December 7, 2017 Board meeting by striking out the following words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "and residential treatment" - "\$176,171.80" - "Erie, Ottawa, Huron, Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties" <p>And by inserting the following words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "\$243,444.00" - "all counties in the Northwest Ohio Collaborative Region" <p>The final motions reads:</p> <p>To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a regional contract for Fiscal Year 2018 with Bloom of Grace, LLC DBA Surest Path to Recovery Center of Bloomville for detox services in an amount not to exceed \$243,444.00, contingent upon available funding. The regional contract includes all counties in the Northwest Ohio Collaborative Region.</p>		
Motion Made By:	Dean Bliss	Seconded:	Karen Van Horn

The Executive Director updated the committee on an additional \$3,828 that was received from Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. This funding was not included in the Ohio MHAS budget and was not planned for FY2018 services. The Executive Director is planning to get more information from Ohio MHAS regarding carryover of these funds in FY2019. The Executive Director recommended to not rush in approving these funds for services without proper planning and implementation of services. No motion was recommended.

The Administrative Committee reviewed the FY2019 projected budget from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The form included state and federal funding. The Board is planning to submit the FY2019 Ohio MHAS budget by May 11, 2018. The Board asked for clarification from Ohio MHAS regarding Title XX funds as well as withdrawal management funds for the regional project. A definite answer on these two funding sources was not yet received from Ohio MHAS. Also, the Executive Director informed the committee members of a few grants that were submitted to Ohio MHAS, but most likely, the grant awards will not be made available prior to May 11, 2018. The Ohio MHAS budget will include only known funding sources as of May 11, 2018. The Administrative Committee recommended to approve submission of the Ohio MHAS FY2019 budget.

MOTION: 4	To authorize the Executive Director to submit the Ohio MHAS FY2019 FIS 040 Budget to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.		
Motion Made By:	Pamela McLaurin	Seconded:	Tony Paulus

The Deputy Director discussed the motion approved by the Board during the April 25, 2015 meeting that read "To authorize the Executive Director to appropriate \$2,500 annually for the Phyllis Putnam Scholarship for individuals who have or are receiving mental health or addiction services to attend events such as the local NAMI walk, the annual NAMI dinner, the annual state NAMI convention, and local events." The Board has historically set aside state funds on a blanket purchase order to allow for qualifying expenses to be paid. There are minimal requests to use the funds. The Deputy Director recommended that the funds be contracted directly to an agency that has direct contact with individuals who meet the criteria and are in need of the financial assistance. It was discussed that New Housing Ohio, Inc. could be an awarding agency for the funds with the language of the original motion included in a contract between the Board and the agency.

MOTION: 5	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract with New Housing Ohio, Inc. for the time period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for individuals who have or are receiving mental health or addiction services to attend events such as the local NAMI walk, the annual NAMI dinner, the annual state NAMI convention, and local events, contingent on available funds.		
Motion Made By:	Alexandra Rojas	Seconded:	Pat Del Turco

The Administrative Committee reviewed the local levy proposals, including those from all three counties. The committee members reviewed both the narrative portion, as well as the financial breakdown. A financial form was provided that included each agency's request and the recommendation by the Executive Director and Deputy Director. The committee members discussed to delay approval of a few contracts due to one or more of the following reasons: upcoming audit review, clarification regarding services, clarification regarding service rates, and notification regarding state or federal grants to cover such services. These contracts included: Mohawk Local Schools, Carey Local Schools, New Housing Ohio, Inc, Corporate Anointing Ministries, Sandusky County Re-Entry Program, and Sandusky County Clyde Court. The Administrative Committee recommended to move forward and recommend approval of the other proposals as listed in the fiscal forms, per county. The Administrative Committee commended the forms and narrative provided by the Board employees.

SENECA COUNTY LEVY FUNDS

MOTION: 6	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Seneca County Family and Children First Council for <u>Seneca Mentoring Youth Links program and Wraparound services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$33,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Pat Del Turco	Seconded:	Pamela McLaurin

MOTION: 7	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties for <u>Advocacy, Support and Education Services and Crisis Intervention Team Training</u> in the amount not to exceed \$23,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Jimmie Young	Seconded:	Karen Van Horn

MOTION: 8	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services for <u>CARSA Coalition, Strengthening Families Program, Traditional Outpatient Treatment Services, Detox Services, Medication Assisted Treatment Services, Inpatient Services, Tele-psychiatry services, Wraparound and Peer Support Services, and AOT Court Related Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$279,625 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Karen Van Horn	Seconded:	Alexandra Rojas

MOTION: 9	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Tiffin City Schools for <u>In-school Counseling Services and Education Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Tony Paulus
Seconded:	Jimmie Young

MOTION: 10	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Seneca East Local Schools for <u>In-School Counseling Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Dean Bliss
Seconded:	Pamela McLaurin

MOTION: 11	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Hopewell Loudon School for <u>In-School Counseling Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Pamela McLaurin
Seconded:	Karen Van Horn

MOTION: 12	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. for <u>Ambulatory Detoxification Services, Traditional Outpatient Treatment Services, Medication Assistance Treatment, Jail Assessments, Detox Services, and Mental Health Services at CROSSWAEH</u> in the amount not to exceed \$53,775.00 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Kellee Hoover
Seconded:	Tony Paulus

MOTION: 13	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Community Counseling Services for <u>In-school Counseling Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Alexandra Rojas
Seconded:	Pat Del Turco

MOTION: 14	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Seneca County Juvenile Court for <u>Youth Center Behavioral Health Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$45,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Pat Del Turco
Seconded:	Karen Van Horn

MOTION: 15	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Summit Psychological Associates, Inc. for <u>Traditional Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Seneca County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Jimmie Young
Seconded:	Pamela McLaurin

SANDUSKY COUNTY LEVY FUNDS

MOTION: 16	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Sandusky County Health Department for <u>Evidence-Based Prevention Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Karen Van Horn
Seconded:	Dean Bliss

MOTION: 17	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Momma's House Community Development Center, Inc. for <u>Youth Educational Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Tony Paulus
Seconded:	Jimmie Young

MOTION: 18	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc. for <u>Prevention and Education Services at Lakota Local Schools</u> in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Dean Bliss
Seconded:	Alexandra Rojas

MOTION: 19	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services for <u>Traditional Outpatient Treatment Services, Detox Services, Medication Assisted Treatment Services, Inpatient Services, Tele-psychiatry services, and Wraparound and Peer Support Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$333,495.32 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Pamela McLaurin
Seconded:	Karen Van Horn

MOTION: 20	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties for <u>Advocacy, Support and Education Services and Crisis Intervention Team Training</u> in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Kellee Hoover
Seconded:	Jimmie Young

MOTION: 21	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. for <u>Ambulatory Detoxification Services, Traditional Outpatient Treatment Services, Medication Assistance Treatment, Jail Assessments, Detox Services, and Mental Health Services at CROSSWAEH</u> in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Alexandra Rojas
Seconded:	Pamela McLaurin

MOTION: 22	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Summit Psychological Associates, Inc. for <u>Traditional Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Pat Del Turco
Seconded:	Dean Bliss

MOTION: 23	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Sandusky County Family and Children First Council for <u>High-Fidelity Wraparound Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Jimmie Young
Seconded:	Tony Paulus

MOTION: 24	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Liberty Center of Sandusky County for <u>Behavioral Health Support Services at Liberty Center</u> in the amount not to exceed \$13,520 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Sandusky County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Karen Van Horn
Seconded:	Jimmie Young

WYANDOT COUNTY LEVY FUNDS

MOTION: 25	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Wyandot County Family and Children First Council for <u>The WAY and Wraparound Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$7,880 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.
Motion Made By:	Tony Paulus
Seconded:	Pat Del Turco

MOTION: 26	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Wyandot County General Health District for <u>Life Skills Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$28,819.24 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Dean Bliss	Seconded:	Karen Van Horn

MOTION: 27	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties for <u>Advocacy, Support and Education Services and Crisis Intervention Team Training</u> in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Pamela McLaurin	Seconded:	Dean Bliss

MOTION: 28	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services for <u>Traditional Outpatient Treatment Services, Detox Services, Medication Assisted Treatment Services, Inpatient Services, Tele-psychiatry services, and Wraparound and Peer Support Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$79,675.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Kellee Hoover	Seconded:	Pat Del Turco

MOTION: 29	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. for <u>Ambulatory Detoxification Services, Traditional Outpatient Treatment Services, Medication Assistance Treatment, Detox Services, and Mental Health Services at CROSSWAEH</u> in the amount not to exceed \$14,325.76 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Alexandra Rojas	Seconded:	Tony Paulus

MOTION: 30	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Open Door Resource Center, Inc. for <u>Getting Ahead</u> in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Pat Del Turco	Seconded:	Dean Bliss

MOTION: 31	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Community Counseling Services for <u>In-school Counseling Services</u> in the amount not to exceed \$9,000 for Fiscal Year 2019 using Wyandot County levy, contingent upon available funding.		
Motion Made By:	Jimmie Young	Seconded:	Pat Del Turco

The Administrative Committee discussed various ways to proceed with the 2019 calendar for committee and Board meetings. It was recommended to not order new notepads for the entire members and simplify the process. The one-page calendar was recommended to be sufficient.

The Administrative Committee asked questions about the progress of the Board's CISM team. The Board continues to work on finalizing various steps to have the team ready to respond after critical incident. The goal is to have the team ready by July 1, 2018.

The Administrative/Finance Committee adjourned its Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:52 p.m.

MOTION: 32	To approve the April 16, 2018 minutes of the Administrative Committee of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties.		
Motion Made By:	Karen Van Horn	Seconded:	Tony Paulus

Program Committee

The Program Committee met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in the Nancy A. Cochran Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

The Deputy Director reported on a recent major incident involving a Seneca County resident who died by suicide at a state hospital in Toledo on April 6, 2018. The Deputy Director provided a review of the case as information was received from local law enforcement, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services and the hospital CEO. The case is still under investigation by the State Highway Patrol as the incident occurred at a state hospital. The Deputy Director anticipates an update during a meeting scheduled on April 27th with the hospital CEO. The only local concern that was identified is that the Board was not notified of the event until it was published in the local newspaper. The concern was expressed to both entities that should have reported it sooner.

The Executive Director continued the discussion regarding youth services in Wyandot County. There had been various meetings held with community leaders and providers regarding youth services. It was recommended to implement a county-wide youth mentoring program under the umbrella of the Wyandot County Family and Children First Council. Also, it was planned to move all prevention services in Wyandot County under the Wyandot County Family and Children First Council. This will include evidence-based community prevention strategies. Key partners in the community include the Wyandot County Commissioners, Wyandot County General Health District, Open Door Resource Center, Wyandot Counseling Associates, and the Wyandot County schools. The plan is to utilize the state funds earmarked for Wyandot County.

MOTION: 33	To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Wyandot County Family and Children First Council in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 for <u>youth mentoring program and evidence-based prevention services</u> in Fiscal Year 2018, contingent upon available funds.		
Motion Made By:	Tony Paulus	Seconded:	Alexandra Rojas

The Deputy Director discussed implementation of the CISM Team. While funds were already approved for implementation of the CISM Team, the Seneca County Auditor recommended a resolution for the stipend earmarked for the CISM members. It was recommended to approve a resolution listing the stipend amount as follows: two full-day training: \$200.00; ½ day critical incident response for a team member: \$150.00; full-day critical incident response for a team member: \$300.00; ½ day critical incident response for team coordinator: \$300.00; full day critical incident response for team coordinator: \$500.00.

MOTION: 34	To approve SSW CISM Team stipend for Calendar Year 2018 as follows, contingent upon available funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ½ day training: \$50.00- One full-day training: \$100.00;- ½ day critical incident response for a team member: \$150.00;- Full-day critical incident response for a team member: \$300.00;- ½ day critical incident response for team coordinator: \$300.00;- Full day critical incident response for team coordinator: \$500.00.		
Motion Made By:	Dean Bliss	Seconded:	Pamela McLaurin

The Executive Director and Deputy Director also discussed a meeting they attended in Fremont, which included all county law enforcement agencies, county and city fire departments, and county EMS. The meeting was to discuss active shooter situations, as well as services available to the first responders and the community soon after critical incidents. The plan is to discuss how the SSW CISM may be incorporated into the Sandusky County plan for such incidents. The Board staff will participate in future meetings.

The Committee meeting discussed the OACBHA Crisis Text Line Mini-grant. The Board received \$1,000 from OACBHA to promote Crisis Text Line throughout the Board district. Nicole Twarek, the Board's Prevention and Education Coordinator, is working with the Suicide Prevention Coalition to plan the Second Annual Max's Miles Walk. It was recommended to use the funds to purchase t-shirts with the Crisis Text Line logo and for information to be disseminated to participants in the walk.

MOTION: 35	To encumbrance of \$1,000 from the OACBHA Crisis Text Line Mini-Grant to be utilized for promotion of the Crisis Text Line throughout the Board's district.		
Motion Made By:	Pamela McLaurin	Seconded:	Kellee Hoover

The Deputy Director also shared information regarding the utilization of the Crisis Text Line statewide, as well as in the Board district. A summary sheet of Crisis Text Line utilization will be provided at the Board meeting to all the members and the public.

The Program Committee discussed the local levy proposals. The Committee members reviewed the Board staff and Administrative Committee recommendations. The Executive Director highlighted some of the new services and the more significant proposed changes. A financial form was also provided. The committee members discussed to delay approval of a few contracts due to one or more of the following reasons: upcoming audit review, clarification regarding services, clarification regarding service rates, and notification regarding state or federal grants to cover such services. These contracts included: Mohawk Local Schools, Carey Local Schools, New Housing Ohio, Inc, Corporate Anointing Ministries, Sandusky County Re-Entry Program, and Sandusky County Clyde Court. The Program Committee recommended to move forward and recommended approval of the other proposals as recommended by the Administrative Committee.

The Deputy Director asked the committee about their desire to receive calendar notebooks for the tracking of Board meeting dates as well as group texts for reminder efforts. The committee members opted to no longer receive the notebooks as they receive a one-page calendar of annual meeting dates and they agreed to the group text method for reminder messages.

The Deputy Director distributed a sign-up sheet for the June 11-12th Opiate Conference. She asked all Board members who plan on attending the conference to fill out the form indicating the breakout sessions she/he wishes to attend and to submit the form to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

The Program Committee adjourned its April 18, 2018 meeting at 5:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday May 23, 2018.

MOTION: 36	To approve the April 18, 2018 minutes of the Program Committee of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties.		
Motion Made By:	Kellee Hoover	Seconded:	Alexandra Rojas

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board had no old business to conduct.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board had no new business to conduct.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Executive Director shared information regarding Madison Mobus. Madison will start an unpaid internship with the Board, beginning August 6, 2018. She will work closely with the Board's Prevention and Education Coordinator on an education project regarding youth (12-21 years old). Madison is a senior at Tiffin University

completing a degree in criminal justice. She is planning to teach Forensic Pathology in Washington DC this summer. Her long term plans are to work in a field related to criminal justice or mental health.

The Executive Director informed the Board of a \$1,000 donation that was received from Fremont ProMedica Hospital. These funds were donated to the Board to continue the efforts in combating the drug epidemic and to continue to provide resources to individuals in need. The Board Executive Director thanked ProMedica for their generous donation.

The Executive Director mentioned that there is no update on the OTSO audit. The Executive Director is projecting a clean audit with no findings. The Administrative Committee will review the results of the audit during the May 2018 committee meeting.

The Executive Director discussed the Latino Conference that will take place on Friday, April 27, 2018 in Fremont. This initiative by the Board started last year when the decision was made to set aside local levy funds to support services for the Latino population in Sandusky County. The Executive Director will provide the opening remarks. He is looking forward to attend the event.

The Executive Director mentioned the increased need in services for children with severe mental illness. It has become a real challenge for the Board to find psychiatrists to serve these children. The Executive Director is in discussions with Firelands to find innovative ways to serve this population. It is important to find a way to get ahead of the problem, as the Executive Director believes this need will continue to increase. While the drug epidemic continues to get the most attention, the reality is that access to drug treatment services improved greatly over the last two years in the Board district, as well as in other parts of Northwest Ohio.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT


The Vice-Chairperson opened the floor to public comments. Melanie White from NAMI SSW thanked the Board of their support. Michelle Clinger from Firelands shared information regarding a grant with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office to enhance mental health services for individuals incarcerated.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 37	To adjourn the April 26, 2018 meeting of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties.		
Motion Made By:	Alexandra Rojas	Seconded:	Dean Bliss

The April 26, 2018 meeting of the Board adjourned at 5:33 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mental Health and Recover Services Board will be held Thursday, May 31, 2018.

The Executive Director, in consultation with the Board Chairperson, may call a Board meeting with three business days' notice by telephone if necessary.



Celinda Scherger, Chairperson


Helen Shinn, Secretary