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Board Membership

- 18 member board
- 8 – appointed by Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- 7 – appointed by Wayne County Commissioners
- 3 – appointed by Holmes County Commissioners

Board Member Requirements

- Must have an interest in mental health and/or addictions programs and facilities
- Must be a resident of Wayne or Holmes County
- May not serve as a board member for any of the WHMHRB's contract providers
- May not be a direct relative of a MHRB-funded agency's board member or county commissioner within the Wayne/Holmes service district
- Must attend at least one in-service training each year. The training must be provided or approved by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services.
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Trans-cultural competence reflects the idea that all persons are unique, worthy individuals regardless of their differences. Persons who are trans-culturally competent believe that all persons have the ability to develop to their highest capacity, and seek to inspire others to be the best that they can be. Ethnicity and cultural differences would be seen as an opportunity for growth rather than a hindrance. Cultural competence provides the opportunity for stigma reduction. When there is a lack of cultural understanding, there is a greater risk of unintentionally hurting clients. Clients who feel unsafe may choose to not seek out services. This concept is critical for Board members to understand and value and is emphasized throughout service planning and exploration of community needs.

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Board Member Requirements (340.02)

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MHRB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FY22

******All members are required to attend the Board Meetings as well as serve on either the Program or Finance Committee. Therefore, members will most likely attend 2 meetings per month. Meetings start at 5:30pm and typically last 1- 1 ½ hours. ******

BOARD MEETINGS (5:30 P.M.)

September 16, 2021
October 21 2021
November 18, 2021
December 16, 2021
January 20, 2022
February 17, 2022
March 17, 2022
April 21, 2022
May 19, 2022
June 16, 2022

Board Chair: Bruce Armstrong

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (if needed) (5:00P.M.)

August 19, 2021
December 16, 2021
March 17, 2022
June 16, 2022

Executive Committee Members

Bruce Armstrong
Annette Cary
Barb Mykkanen
Jim Pyers

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS (5:30 P.M.)

September 2, 2021
October 7, 2021
November 4, 2021
December 2, 2021
January 6, 2022
February 3, 2022
March 3, 2022
April 7, 2022
May 5, 2022
June 2, 2022

Program Committee Members (tentative)

Annette Cary (Chair)
Cherie Graham
David Hershberger
Rhonda Ling
Roger Moore
Barbara Mykkanen

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (5:30 P.M.)

September 9, 2021
October 14, 2021
November 11, 2021
December 9, 2021
January 13, 2022
February 10, 2022
March 10, 2022
April 14, 2022
May 12, 2022
June 9, 2022

Finance Committee Members: (tentative)

Mike Brumfield
Dennis Finley
Sarah Harder
Matthew Miller
Matthew Ogden
James Pyers (Chair)
Robin Troyer

Wayne County Commissioners

SUE SMAIL RON AMSTUTZ BECKY FOSTER

Application For Wayne County Mental Health & Recovery Board

I wish to apply for membership on the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Wayne and Holmes Counties. I am not a member of a board or employee of any agency with which this Board has a contract for services or facilities (or will resign from agency, board or employment if appointed to this Board). My spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law does not serve as a member of a board of any agency and/or is not employed by any agency with which this Board has a contract for services or facilities, nor does he/she serve as a County Commissioner of a county or counties in the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service district. If appointed, I understand and agree that all information contained in this application and information pertaining to my race and gender can be made public.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____ E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____ E-MAIL: : _____ FAX: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

LIST NAME, CITY & STATE OF EMPLOYER (MOST RECENT FIRST):

NUMBER OF YEARS LIVING IN WAYNE COUNTY: _____

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

LIST ANY COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH:

PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME OR OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.