



# HURON COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

2 Oak Street  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

## January 3, 2022 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Location: Huron County MHAS Board Office, 2 Oak Street, Norwalk**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**The Public may attend in person only.**

Time		Who
5:29 PM	<b>Call to Order</b>	Board Chair
	<b>Guest Introductions &amp; Public Comment</b>	
	<b>Board Chair Report</b> • Youth Resiliency Project	Board Chair
	<b>Old Business</b>	
	<b>Meeting Discussion/New Business</b>	
5:51	<b>Adjournment</b>	Board Chair



**January 3, 2022**

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at \_\_\_\_5:29\_\_\_\_ PM.

Board Members in attendance:

X	Katie Chieda	X	Ben Chaffee, Jr.	X	Mitch Cawrse
X	Laura M. Wheeler		Julie Landoll-Excused		Silvia Hernandez-Excused
	Amber Boldman-Excused	X	Nora Knople	X	Tom Sharpnack
X	Lenora Minor	X	John Soisson	X	Sandy Hovest
	Carol Anderson-Excused				

X	Kristen Cardone, Executive Director	X	Ashley Morrow
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## II. GUEST INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- Brad Romano (New London Local Schools)
  - Mr. Brad Romano presented to the Board regarding the Youth Resiliency Project in New London. Mr. Romano shared that the MHAS Board agreed in July 2021 to partner with the New London School District to purchase and renovate a building for a Youth Resiliency Project. This project would potentially be in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and would utilize capital funds available through OhioMHAS and a local match from the Board.
  - Mr. Romano shared that a significant amount of work has been done throughout the last year to identify and secure a property and complete the required environmental and asbestos studies. The property is a commercial building located adjacent to the New London School property. New London Local Schools have already submitted the earnest money for the property and the application for the project has been sent to the state Controlling Board for approval. The Controlling Board at the state will meet on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to discuss the project, review the proposal and decide on approval. Mr. Romano shared that the process of getting the application approved has taken longer than expected and the current property owners of the building have stated they currently have competing offers. Mr. Romano shared that the concern is if the district is unable to close on the property by the end of January, the cost could increase or the district could lose the property altogether.
  - Mr. Romano requested for the Board to approve releasing the funds to New London Local Schools prior to the Controlling Board’s approval in an effort to secure the building and property for the project. The Board had approved a \$250,000.00 match and the purchase price of the building currently is \$162,000.00.
    - There was concern from Board members regarding releasing the funds and the possibility of the application being rejected by the state.
      - Ms. Cardone shared that according to the capital funding team from OhioMHAS, it is highly likely that the application will get approved due to the fact that the state capital team works very closely with each project, helping make all corrections needed in order for projects to be approved and funds to be utilized. Mr. Romano shared that the application is in the hands of a state field representative who is reviewing the application prior to presenting it to the controlling board to ensure that the application has all necessary information needed for approval.
        - Mr. Romano added that for some reason the application would get rejected, he would do what is necessary to ensure the project goes forward.
      - Ms. Cardone recommended the Board include language in the contract to protect the Board should the project not be approved, in which New London Local Schools would either reimburse the Board the amount of the purchase price or would transfer ownership of the property and the building to the Board. All parties were in approval of this language being added to the contract.

## III. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

- Youth Resiliency Project

<b>MOTION: 1</b>	To alter motion #13 from the July 20, 2021 Board meeting to allow for the capital funding match of \$250,000.00 for the Youth Resiliency Project to be released to New London Local Schools immediately without requiring approval of the capital funding application by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.		
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	<a href="#">John Soisson</a>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<a href="#">Nora Knople</a>

9	Katie Chieda	6	Ben Chaffee, Jr.	3	Mitch Cawrse
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8	Laura M. Wheeler		Julie Landoll-Excused		Silvia Hernandez-Excused
	Amber Boldman-Excused	5	Nora Knople	2	Tom Sharpnack
7	Lenora Minor	4	John Soisson	1	Sandy Hovest
	Carol Anderson-Excused				

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business to discuss.

**IX. MEETING DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS**

- There was no new business to discuss.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION:</b> <b>2</b>	To adjourn the January 3, 2022 Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services special meeting.				
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	<b>Ben Chaffee, Jr.</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Mitch Cawrse</b>		

The January 3, 2022 special meeting of the Board adjourned at \_\_5:51\_\_p.m.