



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County was held on **October 21, 2025**, at 247 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio.

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING was CALLED TO ORDER at **4:00 P.M.** by Steve Poggiali, Chair.
The presence of a quorum was established.

WELCOME

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Poggiali, Thomas Tucker, Nancy McKeen, Lisa Crescimano, Nancy Martin, Celine Hemminger, Adrienne Gibbs, Rob Quinn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alexis Koch

STAFF PRESENT

Diane Taylor, Alyssa McGue, Cheryl Huss, Dii'Azia Brown, Caleb Stidham

GUESTS PRESENT

Erie Shore Network, SARCC, NAMI, OhioGuidestone, Bayshore Counseling, Firelands Counseling and Recovery

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brenda C. Baum, Executive Director of Erie Shore Network, Inc. told the Board she is looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, October 23rd for the ADAMHS Board Quarterly Provider Meeting.
- Amanda Hass LISW-S, Director of Erie County at Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services announced that AOT court currently have seven participants now and they are looking at another two to three.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion	THE BOARD CHAIR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.		
Motion Made by:	Tom Tucker	Seconded:	Rob Quinn

PRESENTATIONS

GREATER SANDUSKY PARTNERSHIP SMALL GRANT – Nikki Savona, NBC-HWC
Employee Resource Specialist presented regarding the small grant they received from the board for \$30,000. Nikki told the Board about the Employer Retention Program (ERP), the program

connects local employees with resources such as professional counseling, housing, utility assistance, rental assistance, food, school supplies, gas cards, vehicle repair, and more. So far to date, they've served 83 total employees, with 43 of those in Erie County. They have provided 185 services overall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.

No quorum for meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Tom Tucker stepped in as chair. He let the Board know that Diane had quite a bit of presentation during the meeting which is all under her Executive Director report today. All the other items that were sent were approved to move to the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- **QUARTERLY PROVIDER MEETING** – Diane reminded the Board that the Quarterly Provider Meeting is this Thursday, October the 23rd from 1 to 3, at the Erie Shore Network. Dii'Azia sent out a reminder this morning to all of our providers and Board members.
- **VACATION LEAVE POLICY CHANGE** – Diane let the Board know The county changed the policy so employees earn one week of vacation after six months of work and another week after the next six months, instead of having to wait a full year to earn two weeks due to us following the county vacation leave policy.
- **CRISIS SERVICES** –
 - **STATE** – Diane informed the Board that the state is going to be sending out a RFP to start some piloted regional mobile crisis. Their goal is to begin to really dive into what these regional projects, mobile crisis will look like throughout each county.
 - **LOCAL** – Diane told the Board that she has been talking to Tracey Campbell, L.P.C.C.-S, the Operations Director of Firelands Regional Health System's Behavioral Health division, because whatever they do with the regional crisis services is going to affect our local crisis services when they take our crisis money away. Tracy and Diane are going to start looking at how this reduction of finances will affect the services that we can provide. It may mean we'll have shorter hours; Tracey has already started doing this with five counties, they have gone from having crisis services for 16 hours and to reduce it to 10 hours being covered during the peak hours. Our services, minus the mobile crisis, will include the warm line, which is also up for debate because we already have 988. Unfortunately, with 988 our citizens are not using 988 they are using the warm line. Diane will be meeting with Lorraine next month to talk about ways we can enhance the 988 line. She's also submitted a small grant so that we can really start publicizing 988. 988 is averaging a max of about 98 calls monthly while the warm line is averaging over 300 calls.

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING OVERVIEW** – Cheryl has drafted a questionnaire designed to gather input from stakeholders and the community to identify gaps and priorities for the board's strategic plan. The goal is to get the questionnaire sent out at the beginning of the year. The Board plans to solicit input from providers and stakeholders, by possibly using group settings, forums with refreshments, and digital surveys such as QR codes to encourage participation.
- **STATE UPDATE: NAME CHANGE** – Diane informed the Board that OhioMHAS has undergone a name change from Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). This change is to reflect a renewed commitment to the health and wellbeing of every Ohioan.
- **FY27 BUDGET** – Diane told the Board that in the Quarterly Provider Meeting that she is going to be informing the providers that it's going to be a flat contract for FY2027, no new revenue, no new services, no small grants.
 - **NEW GRANT** – Diane let the Board know we have received a \$250,000 grant called Bridges Over Barriers from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to work with children involved in the criminal justice system. Bayshore is taking the lead on the Bridges Over Barriers grant, the MOU with about 14 different agencies including the courts and the school system. The school system and the courts will identify these kids that are at high risk, and then Bayshore will be providing services geared to these kids.
 - **OPEN POSITION** – Diane told the Board that Cheryl has resigned, leaving one full-time position open. Cheryl last day will be on Friday, October 24th. Diane will be temporarily taking over as the AOT Project Director until new person is hired. Cheryl has volunteered to continue working with the Suicide Prevention Coalition.
- **OACBHA BOARD RETREAT** – Diane informed the Board that she attended the OACBHA Retreat and that everybody is trying to prepare for less funding coming. They gave directors a blueprint of what other directors have done in the past during times like this. This is a part of our strategic initiative. It's important that we do our strategic initiative soon because we must let the community know that things will be changing and we must come up with some priorities, and we want the community to be a part of the priorities.
- **ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. UPDATE** – Diane told the Board that The Erie County Health Department is reopening their Kaptur House, they will designate two beds for crisis services, and the other beds will be for people that have a substance abuse problem.
- **SANDUSKY CITY SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH DAY** – Diane let the Board know that Sandusky City School has contacted us. We're doing a collaboration with them for their mental health day event. Diane and Dii'Azia are on the committee, their event will be on May 7th, 2026.
- **FIRELANDS COUNSELING FY25 CONTRACT INCREASE** – Diane informed the Board that Firelands Counseling is asking for an increase in their contract. She's not sure how

much, but their budget has been cut over the last couple years. They have maxed out their contract each time since it has been cut.

FISCAL MANAGER REPORT

Alyssa McGue, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the FY2026 board revenues, expenses, cash balance summary, changes in fund balances, and docket.

MOTIONS REQUIRING ACTION

The Chair called for motion(s) to approve the following Resolutions:

Motion	RESOLUTION 10-2026-01 Accepting the report of the fiscal manager on Expenditures and Vouchers Processed for Payment processed for payment during October 2025 in the amount of \$532,472.78 . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Lisa Crescimano
YES_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	YES_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	YES_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	
Motion	RESOLUTION 10-2026-02 Approving the report of the fiscal manager on Then and Now processed for payment during October 2025 in the amount of \$14,531.47 . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Nancy Martin
YES_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	YES_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	YES_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	
Motion	RESOLUTION 10-2026-03 Approval of the transfer of \$5,000 to Erie County Family Dependency Court . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Nancy Martin
YES_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	YES_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	YES_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	
Motion	RESOLUTION 03-2026-04 Approval of the Calendar Year 2026 Annual Revenues and Appropriations . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Lisa Crescimano
YES_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	YES_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	YES_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	
	RESOLUTION 09-2026-05		

Motion	Approving the Civil Rights Policy, No. V-A.18 in compliance with ORC Section 4112. Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Nancy McKeen
Yes_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	Yes_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
Yes_ LISA CRESCIMANO	Yes_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
Yes_ ROB QUINN	Yes_ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes_ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	EXECUTIVE SESSION To discuss the Compensation of a Public Employee or Official. Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Tom Tucker	Seconded:	Nancy McKeen
Yes_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	Yes_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
Yes_ LISA CRESCIMANO	Yes_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
Yes_ ROB QUINN	Yes_ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes_ STEVE POGGIALI	

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- The Board went into the Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. until 5:06 p.m. Lisa Crescimano moved that we do an addendum to Diane contract for an additional \$10,000 for AOT Program Director position until the position is filled and Tom Tucker seconded the motion passed.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:09 p.m.

CHAIR SIGNATURE _____

