



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County was held on **April 15, 2025**, at 247 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio.

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING was **CALLED TO ORDER** at **4:01 P.M.** by Steve Poggiali, Chair.

The presence of a quorum was established.

WELCOME

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alexis Koch

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Erie Shore Network, SARCC

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brenda Baum from Erie Shore Network said that Painting for Paws event on March 29th had 14 guests who attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion	THE BOARD CHAIR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2025, MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.		
Motion Made by:	Lisa Crescimano	Seconded:	Thomas Tucker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Nancy Martin, Planning Committee Chair, gave the report from April 1st meeting. Nancy told everyone that the committee discussed conversations about budget priorities, state cuts, and small grants continue into next year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Tom Tucker gave the report from the April 8th meeting. Tom told everyone about payment organizations that were discussed, budget adjustments, Medicaid adjustments that may have to be adjusted upon receiving some MOUs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

AOT CONFERENCE UPDATE – Cheryl Huss (Project Director) attended the SAMHSA AOT Symposium in Annapolis along with Thomas Dusza (Magistrate, Erie Co. AOT Court). Cheryl has attended a mock hearing since returning. Hoping to start seeing participants in the next few weeks. Judge Wonnell from Kansas invited our AOT team to join one of their zoom meetings. They plan to travel to Summit County to visit Judge Elinore Stormer, who was the MC at the symposium. All of Erie County documentation submitted. SAMSHA has had some staffing changes there's a new GPO and Grants Management Specialist both new people have been extremely responsive.

MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH ACTIVITIES – Cheryl informed the board she received \$3,000 grant from Community Coalition Development for suicide prevention. These funds can go towards creating a website for suicide prevention aside from the webpage on our ADAMHS site. They also provide \$3,000 towards coaching and trainings. Ice Cream Social the Suicide Coalition along w/ Eats n Treats, Cedar Point, Kalahari, and Veteran Services on May 18th at the County Building Grounds. The activities we are planning to include mental health screenings, family-friendly activities, information sharing on mental health, suicide prevention, and substance use prevention. Cheryl also let the board know Cedar Point and Kalahari want to team up to create a wellness program event. Dii'Azia informed the board of the Gratitude Wall she's working on. She will provide supplies to Providers at the Quarterly Provider Meeting on April 24th at SARCC to encourage participation at their offices. Also, Dii'Azia told the board of her proactive collaboration with Sandusky City Schools next year for Mental Health Awareness month.

BAYSHORE – MEDICAID CONCERN – Alyssa informed the board of the issues Bayshore Counseling is currently experiencing with Medicaid due to Commercial insurance companies denying claims due to their therapist be independently licensed. Most commercial insurance companies want dependently licensed therapists. With commercial insurance companies denying these patients' claims, Medicaid has begun denying as well. This is creating hardship for them and many other agencies. Bayshore is asking for \$75,000 of their contract to be used to cover this hardship and allow patients to be seen.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR FY25 (ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FIRELANDS COUNSELING, OHIOGUIDESTONE, SANDUSKY ARTISAN'S) – Alyssa informed the board that:

- Erie County Health Department has only used about 80% of their budget, they're asking to add another line item to increase detox to \$35,000. Chair asked for motion, motioned by Tom and seconded by Lisa. The motion passed.
- Firelands Counseling asking to create new line item to fill in nursing services being paid this would be patient driven and has happened due to the Medicaid changes. Chair asked for a motion, motioned by Rob and seconded by Tom. The motion passed.
- OhioGuidestone is asking to allocate \$23,398.29 of their budget to cover losing productivity during their DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) training. This motion will be tabled until we receive a MOU.
- SARCC is asking for an increase in their contract, they have already utilized 98% and is asking for \$19,500 to cover the increase in peer support services. They will have to create a MOU for a contract increase. Chair asked for motion, motioned by Lisa and seconded by Steve. The motion passed.

FY26 PROPOSALS – Alyssa informed the board that all proposals have been received, and she will get binders put together and out to all board members by the Provider Quarterly meeting on April 24th.

FISCAL MANAGER REPORT

Alyssa McGue, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the FY2025 board revenues, expenses, cash balance summary, changes in fund balances, and docket.

- Supplemental Appropriations for \$68,224.18 that need to be allocated into the return of monies from SOR. Motioned by Lisa and seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

MOTIONS REQUIRING ACTION

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

Motion	RESOLUTION 04-2025-01 Accepting the report of the fiscal manager on Expenditures and Vouchers Processed for Payment processed for payment during April 2025 in the amount of \$629,893.67 . 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 04-2025-02 Approving the report of the fiscal manager on Then and Now processed for payment during April 2025 in the amount of \$132,670.45 . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Rob Quinn
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 04-2025-03 Approval of the transfer of \$27,726 to Erie County Family Drug Court. 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	

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Cheryl updated the board about the policies being sent out to Jason Hinnners, the Assistant Erie County Prosecutor, Civil Division. There were minimal changes made, just a few word changes on some policies. Members want updated policies sent over to them via email with changes highlighted.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:55 p.m.

CHAIR SIGNATURE

