



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County was held on **August 19, 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, Rob Quinn, Nancy McKeen, Lisa Crescimano, Nancy Martin,

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Celine Hemminger, Alexis Koch, Adrienne Gibbs

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Erie Shore Network, SARCC, NAMI, OhioGuidestone, Bayshore Counseling

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mary Supina, Assistant Director at Sandusky Artisans
 - Informed everyone there is still time to register for their 12th annual Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 13th at Jackson Street Pier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion	THE BOARD CHAIR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 15, 2025, MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.		
Motion Made by:	Lisa Crescimano	Seconded:	Nancy McKeen

PRESENTATIONS

MRSS UPDATE – Nicole Klimas-Morrison, MSW, LISW-S, CDCA, Regional Director-Operations, OhioGuidestone

- Nicole brought Valerie Capucini, LPCC-S who is the MRSS Clinical Supervisor. The MRSS initially was supposed to launch July 1, and then the state pushed back the MRSS launch until September 2. The state has given them five staff to cover the hours Monday through Friday from 8am to 8pm. They currently have three of the five positions filled. Once it launches on September 2, anyone who calls 988 in Erie County will go to the NORD Center's 988, then that 988 will connect to OhioGuidestone to go and do the mobile outreach. Valerie will oversee making sure that there is a clinician who can go out,

do the outreach, and then do that stabilization and outgoing services. How the regional part of the MRSS model works in all 14 counties is that when someone calls 988, they get linked to a clinician who does an initial screening to triage to decide if it's an emergency that needs to be out within 60 minutes, or if it's something they want to schedule, and then they can schedule within 48 hours. Clinicians will typically do a crisis assessment, some brief intervention, and then offer stabilization. The stabilization is up to 42 days. After about six weeks they can either continue services with an Ohio Guidestone provider, or we'll link them to an appropriate provider in the community they are living in. Mobile Response & Stabilization Crisis Services for youth up to 21 years old.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.

No meeting this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Tom Tucker let the Board know that in their meeting held on August 12, there was discussion over some items which were explained, and approved, then everything got moved to the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- **SMALL GRANT SIX-MONTH REVIEW** – Diane updated the Board on the progress of the current small grants. Grants of up to \$75,000 were available for a one-year period, priority given to programs demonstrating strong sustainability plans. These grants will conclude on December 31st, 2025. There are two things to consider, first is the goal is to start up programs that met our mission, and second is that they had to prove they had the ability to sustain after these monies were exhausted. The amount requested was over \$500,000. We had allocated \$600,000 for the grants, so it's below what we had initially allocated. We awarded over \$338,000. To date, we've only spent \$47,000. Some of the programs are having difficulty getting started because they're newer programs, and Diane is working with them to provide them with some technical support. Others are doing very well. For example, United Way has their podcast up and running, Diane encouraged everyone to go on their website to see their podcast. Their goal for that is to spread awareness about mental health. Diane told the Board we have five programs that have been targeting children and adolescents in the community; three of are targeted to the faith-based community; two is addressing adults with mental health; two is addressing substance abuse; and the last one, the Erie County Health Department asked for \$75,000 for training of their staff. Diane decided not to provide that amount of money for one agency for training but instead put aside \$50,000 for training for the community and for the network. By offering quarterly training for our providers. She thinks we should use this pot of dollars for any other provider or entity that requests dollars from the Board. For example, the request we received from the Department of Jobs and Family Services for \$24,000. The plan is to update the Planning Committee on which of these are likely to conclude successfully versus which ones just aren't getting any traction. Erie County Jobs and Family Services wrote to request a renewal of the previously executed MOU between Erie County Department of Jobs and Families and the ADAMHS Board. The

agreement provided specific funding to them to help cover appropriate parents to complete an adult psychiatric assessment with a parenting component. They heavily rely on these assessments, and they have been an invaluable tool that has been used as a focal point of discussion when making permissive decisions for the children that we serve. Chair asked for motion, motioned by Rob Quinn and seconded by Lisa Crescimano. The motion passed.

➤ **COLLABORATIVE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SERVING OUR SENIORS REGARDING GRANTS** – Diane informed the Board of the challenges currently being endured with providing guardianship. It's been a real challenge in our community to acquire guardians, with the AOT program, we have a few consumers that need guardians. It's the responsibility of the probate court to provide guardianship. Unfortunately, they have a very small budget to work with. Our budget for guardianship is \$70,000, we currently pay Catholic charities \$50,000, and we've set aside \$20,000 in anticipation that we will need to hire a guardian or guardians for these high-risk population. Sue Doherty from Serving Our Seniors and Diane have been working very closely to figure out how we can pull resources together to solve the guardianship program problems. Sue situation is more dire than ours because we have Catholic Charities that we contract with, and she relies on probate courts. Sue and Diane have been reaching out to lawyers and social workers in the community. Serving Our Seniors board has approved that they will set aside \$50,000 for the next five years to work with the board and collaboration in finding guardianship. The goal is for anyone that's 62 years old and older and has a mental illness and fits both of our criteria, we'll split the cost. Sue is trying to figure out how she can provide the services in her community for those that are mentally ill and needs guardianship. In our contract we will only commit to this year once we find a person that's willing to do this. Diane will bring it to the board once person is found, and the contract will end June 30th at the end of our fiscal year.

➤ **ANNUAL PLAN** – Diane let the Board know that the goal for our annual plan is to start in September. Diane, Caleb Alyssa and Cheryl will get together and come up with a blueprint and then present it to the board. Diane would like to set up some community forums to get some of the input from the community. The overall goal is to narrow down our three primary priorities.

FISCAL MANAGER REPORT

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

➤ **AOT BUDGET TRANSFER** – suggest taking \$4,477 from regular salary and transferring it to the OPERS line item. Chair asked for motion, motioned by Lisa Crescimano and seconded by Nancy Martin. The motion passed.

MOTIONS REQUIRING ACTION

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

Motion	RESOLUTION 08-2026-01 Accepting the report of the fiscal manager on Expenditures and Vouchers Processed for Payment processed for payment during August 2025 in the amount of \$541,200.74 . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Lisa Crescimano
ABSENT_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	ABSENT_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	RESOLUTION 08-2026-02 Approving the report of the fiscal manager on Then and Now processed for payment during August 2025 in the amount of \$479,522.29 . Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Resolution Carried .		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Lisa Crescimano
ABSENT_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	ABSENT_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	RESOLUTION 08-2026-03 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:	Thomas Tucker
ABSENT_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	ABSENT_ ALEXIS KOCH	ABSENT_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- E.J. Brinson, Executive Director of United Way, to present at next Board Meeting.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:50 p.m.

CHAIR SIGNATURE 