



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County was held on **September 16, 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rob Quinn, 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

- Valerie Capucini, LPCC-S who is the MRSS Clinical Supervisor let the Board know that MRSS launched services for Erie County as of September 2nd and brought some flyers and brochures to share. (See attached)
- Amanda Hass LISW-S who is the Director of Erie County at Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services announced that AOT is up and going. They currently have 5 participants, half a doing very well, the other half a struggling a little but overall, it is going very well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion	THE BOARD CHAIR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 19, 2025, MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Lisa Crescimano

PRESENTATIONS

UNITED WAY PODCAST – E.J. Brinson, Executive Director of United Way

E.J. told the Board about United Way podcast Healing Connections, the podcast is mental health and addiction focused. They worked with several different leaders within the community to put faces to their stories to help break barriers and give hope to those currently struggling. They currently have 8 episodes aired so far, these podcasts can give CEUs to those working in addiction. Currently they have above average views on the United Way Facebook page. Their podcasts snippets have about 4,500 views and on YouTube they have 22 subscribers with their first episode have between 150-200 views, second episode have between 100-200 views, the third episode had about 100-150 views. The Suicide Prevention Coalition will also be on the Healing Connection podcast on Wednesday, September 24.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee met on September 2nd, several things were discussed such as the Suicide Prevention Coalition is planning a walk with a purpose event for suicide prevention month, the event is called The Steps of Hope on September 27th in the parking lot of Erie County Government Office Building. Diane spoke about the Culture of Quality (COQ) overview. Diane informed the committee we are still in the process of getting the board certified. Currently 33 out of 50 counties are COQ certified in Ohio. Diane's goal is to submit for certification at the end of December. There was an update on the guardianship issues, Diane shared the contract that Sue Daugherty of Serving Our Seniors has drafted regarding the guardianship program. The contract is currently with the attorneys for both Serving Our Seniors and the ADAMHS Board. This program will be 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. Then she went over the policy and procedures that had been revised by Jason, the assistant Erie County prosecutor, the civil division. Lastly, Celine will take Nancy's place in next month meeting because she will be out of town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

No meeting this month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

➤ DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN TRAINING –

OhioMAS granted money to the region to develop a regional disaster planning team. There were five agencies that were represented. One of the things that they are trying to do if there is a disaster, be able to mobilize a team very quickly to anywhere in the region. Diane said it was a very informative training and she is going to be convening a meeting with the people that were there and invite some other agencies as well.

➤ CRISIS LISTENING PLAN UPDATE –

Diane, Steve, and Celine went to Wood County to the Crisis Listening Plan session. OhioMAS wanted to hear what everybody was doing with their crisis plans in kind of a round robin setting to see what each county approach was. We have 14 counties in our region. They had asked for board members, staff and clinicians to come to make sure is that it's not a cookie-cutter plan. What works for Cuyahoga

County is not going to work for Erie County; what works for a rural county is not going to work for a super-rural county.

➤ **SOS 4.0 –**

Diane let the Board know that we did receive the funding. We received the same amount that we got last year. Diane said she is going to do it a little different this year by increasing our prevention because prevention is something that we didn't fund through tax levy dollars, so we're funding it through SOAR 4.0. The majority of that will be going to Bayshore Prevention and Treatment in the jail.

➤ **FCFC SHARED PLAN –**

Diane let the Board know that Family and Children's Affairs Council had another planning session to identify what their goals are going to be for the next two years. One of the things that they talked a lot about is respite care for people that are working with children that have a mental illness and working with kids that have developmental delays. There is an increase in the number of kids that need placement. The shared county plan is that we're going to look at ways that we can collaborate to figure out how we the community can bring some respite to Erie County.

➤ **ONE OHIO UPDATE –**

Diane let the Board know we plan to apply for One Ohio funds again, focusing on prevention programs. The new grant cycle begin in December. Kelly has been in conversation with One Ohio and they are okay with us submitting the similar type of application since they see the first year as a planning stage and year two and three will be more development stage.

➤ **CYBERSECURITY ACT TRAINING FOR BOARDS –**

Under the law now, everybody needs a cybersecurity policy. We can follow the county policy, but it's required by National law requires everyone to have cybersecurity training and a policy. Training is available online, similar to fraud training, and certificates will be collected.

➤ **2023 SEFA: ERIE ADAMHS BOARD CLOSE-OUT LETTER –**

Diane just wanted to let the Board know that we just got notice that the 2023 annual report was approved. There were no issues with it.

➤ **POLICY AND PROCEDURES –**

Diane informed the Board of the three Policies and procedures that have been reviewed and updated by Jason Hinners, Assistant Erie County Prosecutor, Civil Division to include Ohio Revised Code language and meet cultural quality standards. The board's attorney has reviewed them with minimal comments.

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 09-2026-01 Accepting the report of the fiscal manager on Expenditures and Vouchers Processed for Payment processed for payment during September 2025 in the amount of \$533,638.63 . 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	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
ABSENT _ ROB QUINN	Yes _ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes _ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	RESOLUTION 09-2026-02 Approving the report of the fiscal manager on Then and Now processed for payment during September 2025 in the amount of \$157,938.54 . 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	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
ABSENT _ ROB QUINN	Yes _ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes _ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	RESOLUTION 09-2026-03 Approval of the transfer of \$75,000 to Erie County Family Drug 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	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
ABSENT _ ROB QUINN	Yes _ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes _ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	RESOLUTION 03-2026-04 Approval of the transfer of \$75,000 to Erie County Juvenile 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	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
ABSENT _ ROB QUINN	Yes _ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes _ STEVE POGGIALI	

Motion	RESOLUTION 09-2026-05 Approving the Whistleblower Protection Policy, No. IV-A.9 in compliance with ORC Section 4113.52. 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	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	Yes_ NANCY MARTIN	
ABSENT _ ROB QUINN	Yes _ THOMAS TUCKER	Yes _ STEVE POGGIALI	

RESOLUTION 09-2026-06			
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Motion	Approving the Civil Rights Policy, No. V-A.18 in compliance with ORC Section 4112. Protocol: Roll Call Vote . Resulted: Tabled		
Motion Made by:	Steve Poggiali	Seconded:	Tom Tucker
☐ ADRIENNE GIBBS	☐ ALEXIS KOCH	☐ CELINE HEMMINGER	
☐ LISA CRESCIMANO	☐ NANCY MCKEEN	☐ NANCY MARTIN	
☐ ROB QUINN	☐ THOMAS TUCKER	☐ STEVE POGGIALI	
Motion	RESOLUTION 09-2026-07 Approving the Abuse and Neglect Policy, No. V-A.19 in compliance with ORC Section 340.05. 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	☐ ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	☐ YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
☐ ABSENT_ ROB QUINN	☐ YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	☐ YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Lisa asked if we had a veteran court, Diane told her that it has been a discussion with Judge Tone. The sheriff is collecting data to see if Erie County have enough veterans to make it work. The goal is that we won't have a veteran court, but it will be a branch of the drug court.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR SIGNATURE

