



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County was held on **January 20, 2026**, at 2900 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio.

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING was **CALLED TO ORDER** at **1:00 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, Dii'Azia Brown, Caleb Stidham

GUESTS PRESENT

SARCC, NAMI, Bayshore Counseling, Firelands Counseling and Recovery

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion	THE BOARD CHAIR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 09, 2025, MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.		
Motion Made by:	Lisa Crescimano	Seconded:	Nancy Martin

PRESENTATIONS

NAMI – FAITHNET PROGRAM SMALL GRANT – Abigail Echavarri, Advocate for Nami presented on the small grant they received. Abigail is in charge of the FaithNet program at NAMI. NAMI FaithNet is an interfaith resource network of NAMI members, friends, clergy and congregations of all faith traditions who wish to encourage faith communities who are welcoming and supportive of persons and families living with mental illness. NAMI FaithNet strives to encourage welcoming, caring congregations as well as to promote the vital role of spirituality in the recovery journeys of many who live with mental health conditions, those for whom faith is a key component. They launching their first faith-based event on July 9th, 2025, it was called Bridges of Hope. Thirteen

people attended along with four churches present. The Bridges of Hope event was directed to the church leaders and their ability to help them identify symptoms of a mental condition and then also be able to learn how to talk to them. Their second event was on November 17th, 2025. Twelve people attended along with three churches present. They have also did an event called Family and Friends program and that one's also to identify certain diagnosis and be able to diffuse. At this event they did a few activities, a monologue on how to talk with somebody that approaches you when they're having a mental illness or their families. Abigail also shared a personal story on how important this is to be able to identify when a family member or friend is having a mental health crisis within the churches. Something she said in the email was that there's been a few times where people just don't know how to approach it and that they've been a little bit embarrassed, that they have embarrassed the person in crisis by putting them on stage and said that they're demonically possessed and when maybe it was a mental health condition. The goal they have for this year is we'll be to reach out more churches such as the African American churches, Hispanic churches right now their community is going through a hard time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Nancy let the Board know that the Planning Committee talked about several topics, most of which I believe Diane will cover in her Executive Director Report. One thing talked about is that we're going to have some updated MI training for AOT. There were also a couple of funding things, and a reminder of the Quarterly Provider Meeting is the Thursday, January 22nd at Firelands Counseling and Recovery.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Rob let the Board know that the Finance Committee met last week and it was a brief meeting. They moved all the finance agenda items onto today's agenda so that it can be voted on later.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- **BEACON TRANSFER** – Diane updated the Board regarding the transfer of Beacon House. She told them Erie County Health Department, and our maintenance guy Bill Roll did a walkthrough of the Beacon site, and the apartments are good to go except for the one where we still have a client in that we're trying desperately to get rid of but he's homeless and mentally ill, so we're waiting until the weather subsides. There is a few areas that still needed to clean the laundry room and the room where the heating system is located. The next step is for the Board to work with the Health Department to transfer that building to them. Diane talked to the state, and the only thing that needs done is to ensure that the Health Department is going to be using the property for similar purposes in which it is. Diane hopes within the next couple weeks, her and Trey can meet and finalize the process.
- **DISASTER PLANNING TABLETOP EXERCISES** – Diane informed the Board of the small grant we received from the state to provide training on disaster planning. The Board invited some of the providers to attend this training course in the summer and had about 12 people attended. The goal is if there was a major disaster, like for example, there was a major flood, the counties know that there is a disaster plan. Health Department has a health disaster plan. But the state is wanting to make sure that the behavioral health component has a plan also. They want us to have a regional plan so that if something

happens in Huron County, or if something happens in Sandusky County, they didn't have enough providers, and Erie County comes to help we would all be trained the same way to handle the situation and we could provide support to them. The next step is that they're going to be having these training courses across the state. They call them tabletop exercise. They'll have one in Erie County in May or June, the plan is to invite all of our stakeholders expanding who we invite the training will include first responders, sheriff, police, behavior health leaders, health department, hospital, family members, and consumers

- **REGIONAL UPDATES** – Diane gave the Board an update from her regional meeting. She let the Board know we received a letter regarding the adult mobile crisis pilot RFP we submitted, our region applied for a grant for \$11.4 million to provide mobile outreach to all our neighboring counties (Huron, Sanusky, Seneca, Wyandotte). For example, Lucas County has a very robust mobile outreach team, but some of the counties like Erie and Huron have very minimal mobile outreach. The request was to provide each county with over \$2 million so that they could each have a very strong mobile outreach. We received the grant but also received notice that we are only getting \$2.5 million to spread across all counties. Diane will be meeting on Friday via Zoom to discuss this with the other counties. For our county to have a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week mobile crisis response, we will have to hire, based on the model that the state wants.
- **CAPITAL PROJECT** – Diane reminded the Board that the Erie County Health Department brought the former Lutheran Memorial nursing home and they are planning to expand their mental health and substance abuse services. Road to Hope is wanting and willing to expand their services and partner with the Health Department because we're in desperate need of more recovery housing for men. Jeff at Road to Hope has some plans to not only expand the number of recovery housing for men but expanding some recovery housing for women with kids too.
- **BUDGET TIMELINE/ BUDGET CONTINGENCY PLAN** – Diane told the Board that last week on January 13th, some of the Boards got a letter saying that one of the federal programs would be cut, and to stop and cease that day. But then the next day on the 14th, the government turned that around. Our monthly average is about \$434,000; we have six months' worth of expenses left, we're estimating how much we will spend in the next six months. Our current balance is over \$3 million and then we still have revenue that we anticipate coming in from the state about \$887,000. Diane thinks that we'll have a potential carryover of that \$1.9 million. Looking at next year's revenue, Diane estimates that there will be \$4.6 million less. Diane figured that we will be able to budget about \$5.5 million. That's with the carryover money that we will have and the new revenue that we have only based on if the state doesn't cut us. Diane said she thinks that we will be okay for FY27, but in FY28 that'll be a different story because we will have exhausted all that money that we had in carryover dollars.

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 01-2026-01 Accepting the report of the fiscal manager on Expenditures and Vouchers Processed for Payment processed for payment during January 2026 in the amount of \$659,530.86 . 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 01-2026-02 Approving the report of the fiscal manager on Then and Now processed for payment during January 2026 in the amount of \$20,250.00 . 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 01-2026-03 Approval of the transfer of \$27,783.58 to Erie County Adult 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	YES_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	YES_ STEVE POGGIALI	

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:42 p.m.

CHAIR SIGNATURE 