

MHRS BOARD MEETING

October 20, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Agenda

Consent Agenda	Item	Information Enclosed	Action Required	Allocation Required	Page
	1. Call to Order				
	2. Roll Call				
	3. Recognition of Visitors				
	4. Swearing in of New Board Member • Andrea Loch				
	5. Determination of Items to be Removed from Consent Agenda				
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Board Minutes – September 15, 2015	✓	✓		1-5
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Treasurer’s Report • September 2015 Financial Statements	✓	✓		6-13
	8. Programs & Services Committee Report				14
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Allocation Request for Evaluation Services	✓	✓	✓	14-15
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Civil Commitment Designations - Appointment of Attorney	✓	✓		15
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Health Officer Credentialing	✓	✓		15-16
	9. Planning & Finance Committee Report				17
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. FY 2016 Community Mini-Grant Proposal – Allocation	✓	✓	✓	17-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. TASC FY 2016 Contract Allocations	✓	✓	✓	20-22
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Governance Committee Report • Issue 3 – Proposed Constitutional Amendment Regarding Marijuana	✓	✓		23 23-28
	11. Director’s Report				
	12. Open Session				
	13. Adjournment				

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Roll Call - Members Present:

Audrey Weis-Maag	Dr. Lois Ventura	Dr. Mary Gombash
Neema Bell	Dr. Tim Valko	Scott D. Johnson
Pastor Earley	William Sanford	Lynn Olman

After Roll Call:

Linda Alvarado-Arce

Members Absent:

Linda Howe	Pastor Perryman	Anthony (Tony) Pfeiffer
Robin Reeves	Kyle Schalow	Andre Tiggs

Staff: Scott Sylak, Tom Bartlett, Tim Goyer, Donna Robinson, Carolyn Gallatin, Latisha Williams, Karen Olnhausen

Visitors: Paul Lewis, Recovery Council; Richard Arnold; Wendy Shaheen, A Renewed Mind; Jennifer Moses, Zepf Center; Merisa Parker, Rescue; Carole Hood, Rescue; George Johnson, Rescue; Karen Wu, ABLE; Lucy Wayton, LSS; Mike Kasperczyk, Unison.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., with Ms. Neema Bell, Board Chair, presiding.

Consent Agenda Items: The Trustees reviewed the Consent Agenda items, and the following three items were approved by consent. Voting to approve the Consent Agenda was: Mr. Johnson-yes; Pastor Earley-yes; Dr. Ventura-yes; Dr. Gombash-yes; Mr. Olman-yes; Mr. Sanford-yes; Ms. Weis-Maag-yes; Dr. Valko-yes.

Board Minutes – August 18, 2015

Treasurer's Report

August 2015 Financial Statements

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County approves the August 2015 financial statements and the July and August 2015 voucher schedules of bills as presented in the September 15, 2015 Board packet.

Programs and Services Committee Report

Planning and Finance Committee Report

A. Naloxone Collaboration Allocation

Mr. Sylak stated that the Naloxone Collaboration was discussed at the August 25, 2015 P&S Committee and at the September 1, 2015 P&F Committee meeting of which did not have a

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quorum. Because there wasn't an official recommendation from the P&F Committee, it was brought forth to the full Board for continued discussion and a final recommendation. Mr. Sylak referred to pages 18-19 of the meeting packet for a review of the SAMHSA Overdose Prevention Toolkit and the OMHAS Health Resource Toolkit that recommends making Naloxone available to at-risk populations in an effort to decrease of the number of heroin and opiate deaths related to overdose. There were 142 heroin and opiate related deaths in 2014 in the Lucas County and surrounding area.

Mr. Sylak explained the collaboration between the MHR SB and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department for distribution of Naloxone whereby the Board would agree to reimburse the Health Department for the actual cost of 1,500 Naloxone kits in FY 2016 at the approximate cost of \$60 per kit and fund a modest advertising campaign. The Health Department will bill third party payer sources, and collect any available rebates and co-pays prior to billing the balance to the MHR SB. In addition, the Health Department will provide educational training to the recipient that will include treatment resources and dispensing Naloxone through their pharmacy. Currently, Emergency Services and most law enforcement are currently dispensing Naloxone. At-risk targets for relapse include individuals being released from detoxification units, hospitals, jails and prisons among others.

The Committee discussed Board Staff's recommendation of an allocation of \$90,000 for the 1,500 Naloxone kits and \$30,000 to ensure adequate advertisement of the availability of Naloxone, for a total of \$120,000. Discussion ensued with regard to the criteria for insurance coverage and individuals paying cash for Naloxone, and if the Board should cover the cost for individuals whose insurance won't cover it or for someone requesting it that wasn't comfortable requesting the prescription through their insurance carrier. Mr. Sylak stated that the Board staff would follow the poverty eligibility guidelines unless the Board would like to consider not having an income ceiling on Naloxone. There was discussion with regard to the possible need for a cap on the number of kits that would be prescribed for the same family member if multiple kits were requested from repeat visits to the Health Department. Mr. Sylak emphasized that the primary reason for the Naloxone allocation is to save lives. Following an in-depth discussion, the Trustees requested that in finalization of the MOU that Naloxone be available to everyone regardless of payer source; however, billing a payer source should be the first option.

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County allocates \$120,000 for Fiscal Year 2016 for the purpose of establishing a Naloxone Collaborative with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, and authorizes its Executive Director to enter into the appropriate agreements to implement the project.

Mr. Olman moved to approve the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Ventura. Voting on the motion was: Mr. Johnson-yes; Ms. Alvarado-Arce-yes; Pastor Earley-yes; Dr. Ventura-yes; Dr. Gombash-yes; Mr. Olman-yes; Mr. Sanford-yes; Ms. Weis-Maag-yes; Dr. Valko-yes.

B. Strong Families Safe Communities OMHAS Allocation

Mr. Bartlett referred to pages 19-20 of the meeting packet for a review of the allocation that OMHAS made in the amount of \$300,000 to a four county consortium for Strong Families, Safe Communities – Helping Ohio’s Children and Youth in Crisis. The Four County consortium approached the MHRSB to act as the fiscal agent for FY 2016. By the Board accepting the request for FY 2016, an award of \$75,000 in funding for Lucas County Family and Children First Council would be granted to reduce out-of-home placements and prevent children/youth and their families from moving into more costly levels of care by providing Wraparound services to help stabilize the child/youth and family. If accepted, the MHRSB would be the fiscal agent for this award and would distribute the funding to Lucas, Erie, Seneca and Sandusky Family, and Children First Councils to implement this programming in accordance with the budgets submitted to OMHAS. There would be no net financial impact on the Board except for some administrative work that is covered under the administrative budget.

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County agrees to act as the Fiscal Agent for the OMHAS \$300,000 Strong Families Safe Communities FY 2016 allocation and authorizes the Executive Director to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the MHRB Board and the Lucas, Erie, Seneca and Sandusky Counties’ Family and Children First Councils to define the roles and responsibilities of these organizations.

Dr. Valko moved to approve the motion and it was seconded by Pastor Earley. Voting to approve the motion was: Mr. Johnson-yes; Ms. Alvarado-Arce-yes; Pastor Earley-yes; Dr. Ventura-yes; Dr. Gombash-yes; Mr. Olman-yes; Mr. Sanford-yes; Ms. Weis-Maag-yes; Dr. Valko-yes.

C. Ambulatory Detoxification

Mr. Goyer indicated that due to the increase in the use of heroin and opiates, the demand for detoxification services has risen in Lucas County. However, Medicaid restrictions limit the number of beds to 16 that an agency can maintain in a facility for inpatient detoxification services. While ambulatory detoxification is a covered service through Medicaid, non-Medicaid clients don’t have access to these services and Board staff would like this population to receive them. Therefore, a recommendation was made by staff to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit ideas from certified providers as to their program design and structure for an outpatient ambulatory detox program using medicated assisted treatment (primarily Suboxone) along with other traditional ambulatory detox treatment methods.

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County authorizes its Executive Director to issue a Request for Information to qualified providers in order to solicit ideas, cost estimates, and interest for the provision of Ambulatory Detox Services to uninsured Lucas County residents.

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Dr. Ventura moved to approve the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Sanford. Voting to approve the motion was: Mr. Johnson-yes; Ms. Alvarado-Arce-yes; Pastor Earley-yes; Dr. Ventura-yes; Dr. Gombash-yes; Mr. Olman-yes; Mr. Sanford-yes; Ms. Weis-Maag-yes; Dr. Valko-yes.

MHRS Board Attendance – September 2014 – August 2015

Ms. Bell reviewed the 12-month Board Attendance Report and the 12-month rolling average of Committee and Board meeting attendance on pages 21-23 of the meeting packet. A formula error was detected on the Board Attendance Report within the “percentage of meetings attended” column on the report which skewed all of the overall attendance percentages. Staff will correct this error and a revised Board Attendance Report will be sent to the Trustees.

Director’s Report

- Ms. Olnhäusen received a resolution from the County Commissioners this morning regarding September being national “Recovery” month. Many of the agencies are planning events celebrating mental health recovery. The Recovery Council is hosting a “Recovery is Beautiful” rally on Saturday, September 26 at the Ottawa Park Amphitheater and everyone is invited.
- An event addressing “Contemporary Issues in Behavioral Health Treatment of Latinos” will be held on October 23, 2015 at NOPH; presented by NAMI, in collaboration with the MHRSB and OMHAS.
- The 3rd annual African American Forum on mental health awareness will be held on October 7, 2015 from 9:00 am -2:00 pm at the Warren A.M.E. Church. CEU’s are available and this event is sponsored by NAMI.
- On September 17&18, 2015, Mr. Sylak will be traveling to Washington DC to attend a forum entitled, “Advancing Policy and Practice, 50 states convening to prevent opiate overdose and addiction.” Every state is sending a team of representatives to learn what other states are doing practically to reduce the heroin/opiate overdose and related deaths. Mr. Sylak was the only board representative chosen by Director Plouck at OMHAS to attend due to the local initiatives occurring with the providers, courts and the Sheriff’s office, and the great level of supporting documentation.
- The MHRSB is writing an OMHAS grant for \$150,000 to fund two equivalent full-time positions to implement the GAIN Short Screener at booking in the Lucas County Corrections Center. If the Board receives the grant, it would be on a pilot basis and the intent is to join the GAIN information which would identify the likelihood of alcohol/drug or mental illness with the Public Safety Assessment screening information being done by pretrial. This information would be given to the judge at pre-arraignment to support and improve the release decision making process.

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- The Recovery Helpline Steering Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis with the intent of operationalizing at some level on January 1, 2015. The electronic infrastructure is being developed and staff is looking at the CareNet software due to their similar functions and Board staff is meeting with the Northwest Ohio Hospital Council for a possible collaboration.
- The MHR SB is advertising in various news publications and on-line for the three new full-time positions. The County Personnel Department will handle the advertising and screening of candidates for interviews with staff and County HR. Existing staff have moved their offices by department and additional computer equipment and phone lines are being purchased.
- Mr. Sylak stated that the Board has recently received legal guidance from the Board State Association Attorney regarding what Boards can and can't do in relation to taking a position for or against Issue 3 - legalization of medicinal and recreational use of marijuana. No Board resources may be used for or against Issue 3. Mr. Sylak will share the information with Mr. Borell at the County Prosecutor's Office and Ms. Bell for her review prior to taking a position or any action being taken on Issue 3.

Open Session

- Mr. Arnold stated that last Thursday Harbor went before the Planning Commission for a special use permit for their 22nd street office to become a 16-unit drug and alcohol treatment facility for pregnant mothers who are using alcohol or drugs, and their children. The Planning Commission members approved the permit and it will go before City Council for final approval.
- Mr. Arnold indicated that the MHR SB stopped funding ambulatory detox on March 18, 2008, and at that time, he expressed his feelings to the Board to not cut the funding until they received information directly from consumers who used the services. Previously, he shared his knowledge and concerns with the Mental Health Board and County Commissioners with regard to consumer representation and said he didn't get a response back. Mr. Arnold is again requesting that the MHR SB consider creating a policy that allows for direct consumer feedback before cutting funding or discontinuing a program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Anthony (Tony) Pfeiffer, Secretary

Scott A. Sylak, Executive Director

Treasurer's Report

- **September 2015 Financial Statements**

Enclosed is the Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending September 2015. Also enclosed are the schedules of POS claims, contract vouchers and miscellaneous vouchers already delivered to the Auditor's office.

For the month of September, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$2,144,230 which is \$633,569 favorable to the budget. Total Board revenues were \$118,961 worse than budget due to timing differences associated with receipt of OMHAS funding. Expenses were \$752,530 better than budget due to underspending in all expense categories.

On a September FYTD 2016 basis, revenues exceeded expenses by \$2,965,710 which is \$238,272 favorable to the budget. Total Board revenues were \$449,671 modestly below budget primarily due to lower than anticipated OMHAS federal revenues. Most of these reduced revenues will be received in the next two months. Total Board expenditures were \$687,943 less than budget due to underspending in all expense categories. September FYTD 2016 AOD and MH POS underspending was \$314,946 below the budget, but MH POS expenses for September was only \$1,707 below plan. AOD POS underspending represent 79% of the total MH and AOD POS underspending.

Claims and Voucher information for September is as follows:

- Payments of POS claims for September are included for ratification. The total of these payments paid by agency were as follows:

AGENCY	AOD	MH	TOTAL
HARBOR	6,470.62	62,398.61	68,869.23
NEW CONCEPTS	24,829.97		24,829.97
UNISON	13,005.20	105,071.83	118,077.03
ZEPF	56,558.00	105,745.28	162,303.28
OUT-OF-COUNTY	-	1,041.32	1,041.32
GRAND TOTAL	100,863.79	274,257.04	375,120.83

- September Contract vouchers total \$1,691,328.60. Included in this amount were the second scheduled grant payments for FY 2016.
- September Miscellaneous vouchers total \$ 20,301.56. Included in this amount was \$5,085.10 of budgeted equipment purchases.

The following motion is recommended to the Board of Trustees:

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County approves the September 2015 financial statements and the September 2015 voucher schedules of bills as presented in the October 20, 2015 Board packet.

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Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
September 2015

	<u>September Actual</u>	<u>September FYTD Actual</u>	<u>September YTD Budget</u>	<u>September FYTD Budget Variance</u>	<u>FY 2016 Annual Budget</u>
Revenues					
Local Levy Revenue	\$ 8,038	\$ 7,498,265	\$ 7,552,405	\$ (54,140)	\$ 17,720,231
Federal Grants Revenue	\$ 88,218	\$ 447,137	\$ 783,432	\$ (336,295)	\$ 3,402,504
State Revenue	\$ 111,395	\$ 497,335	\$ 410,242	\$ 87,093	\$ 1,640,977
HUD Revenue	\$ 54,821	\$ 54,821	\$ 109,852	\$ (55,031)	\$ 659,112
BHJJ/OOD Revenue	\$ 14,447	\$ 14,447	\$ 105,746	\$ (91,299)	\$ 582,280
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 276,919</u>	<u>\$ 8,512,006</u>	<u>\$ 8,961,677</u>	<u>\$ (449,671)</u>	<u>\$ 24,005,104</u>
Expenditures					
Grant Funded Program Expenses	\$ 1,593,389	\$ 3,876,714	\$ 4,039,132	\$ 162,418	\$ 14,476,774
MH Non-Medicaid POS Expenses	\$ 284,219	\$ 504,361	\$ 571,852	\$ 67,491	\$ 3,440,600
AOD Non-Medicaid POS Expenses	\$ 89,006	\$ 195,067	\$ 442,523	\$ 247,455	\$ 2,654,736
Pass Through Program Expenses	\$ 338,030	\$ 651,318	\$ 837,900	\$ 186,582	\$ 3,183,536
Board Administration Expenses	\$ 116,505	\$ 318,835	\$ 342,833	\$ 23,998	\$ 1,735,704
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,421,149</u>	<u>\$ 5,546,296</u>	<u>\$ 6,234,239</u>	<u>\$ 687,943</u>	<u>\$ 25,491,350</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>\$ (2,144,230)</u>	<u>\$ 2,965,710</u>	<u>\$ 2,727,438</u>	<u>\$ 238,272</u>	<u>\$ (1,486,246)</u>

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Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County
Consolidated Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2015

	<u>August 31, 2015</u> Balance Sheet	<u>September</u> Changes	<u>September 30, 2015</u> Balance Sheet
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Total Cash	\$ 21,640,120	\$ (1,858,820)	\$ 19,781,300
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 434,744	\$ (287,306)	\$ 147,438
Total Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,560	-	\$ 1,560
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 22,076,424</u>	<u>\$ (2,146,126)</u>	<u>\$ 19,930,298</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 394,637	\$ (1,896)	\$ 392,741
Accrued Employee Benefits	\$ 197,481	-	\$ 197,481
Deferred Revenue	\$ 380,000	-	\$ 380,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 972,118	\$ (1,896)	\$ 970,221
Fund Balances			
Disaster Response Board Desig.	\$ 50,000	-	\$ 50,000
Wernert Center Board Designated	\$ 2,200,000	-	\$ 2,200,000
Total Board Designated Funds	\$ 2,250,000	-	\$ 2,250,000
Operating Fund Balances	\$ 18,854,307	\$ (2,144,230)	\$ 16,710,077
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 22,076,424</u>	<u>\$ (2,146,126)</u>	<u>\$ 19,930,298</u>

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September 2015 - Purchase of Service Disbursements

PAYMENT DATE	VENDOR	VOUCHER	NET AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/4/2015	Family Svcs. Of N.W.O.	421600	1,041.32	CLAIMS WK 8/24/15 OOC MH
9/3/2015	Harbor	421603	18,256.85	CLAIMS WK 8/24/15
9/10/2015	Harbor	422345	19,712.40	CLAIMS WK 8/31/15
9/24/2015	Harbor	424403	30,320.73	CLAIMS WK 9/14/15
9/29/2015	Harbor	425355	579.25	SUBOXONE JUL-AUG
9/10/2015	New Concepts	422346	9,967.86	CLAIMS WK 8/31/15
9/17/2015	New Concepts	423598	5,789.40	CLAIMS WK 9/7/15
9/24/2015	New Concepts	424406	9,072.71	CLAIMS WK 9/14/15
9/10/2015	Unison	422348	76,244.89	CLAIMS WK 8/31/15
9/23/2015	Unison	424412	174.84	SUBOXONE AUG
9/24/2015	Unison	424408	41,657.30	CLAIMS WK 9/14/15
9/3/2015	Zepf	421542	5,059.72	JUL SUBOXONE
9/3/2015	Zepf	421604	38,900.35	CLAIMS WK 8/24/15
9/10/2015	Zepf	422341	205.55	FY15 BAD DEBT
9/10/2015	Zepf	422343	32,319.42	CLAIMS WK 8/31/15
9/24/2015	Zepf	424414	80,334.73	CLAIMS WK 9/14/15
9/24/2015	Zepf	424419	5,483.51	SUBOXONE AUG
			375,120.83	TOTAL


Executive Director

September 2015 - Contractual Disbursements

PAYMENT DATE	VENDOR	VOUCHER	NET AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/3/2015	Able	421446	12,641.99	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Adelante	421454	21,611.66	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Big/Brothers/Big Sisters	421458	7,520.33	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Court Diagnostic	421461	56,745.00	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/4/2015	Ellen E Jones	421596	1,072.00	CONTRACT SERVICES AUG
9/17/2015	Ellen E Jones	423601	816.00	CONTRACT SERVICES AUG/SEPT
9/3/2015	Family Svcs. Of N.W.O.	421463	6,046.33	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Harbor	421496	168,608.84	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Nami of Greater Toledo	421498	39,848.33	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/24/2015	Neighborhood Properties	424420	58,923.78	HUD GRANT JULY
9/3/2015	Rescue Mental Health	421499	559,839.99	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	St Paul's Community Center	421500	90,644.17	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	St. Vincent Medical Center	421501	19,718.17	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/14/2015	Swanton Area CC	422778	8,880.67	FY16 GRANT JUL-OCT
9/3/2015	SCAT	421502	21,418.17	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	TASC of Northwest Ohio	421503	159,428.00	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	The Learning Club	421497	18,292.33	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Thomas M Wernert Center	421506	96,985.00	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Unison	421505	101,419.67	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	UMADAOP	421445	69,812.84	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
9/3/2015	Zepf	421507	171,055.33	FY16 GRANT SEP/OCT
			1,691,328.60	TOTAL



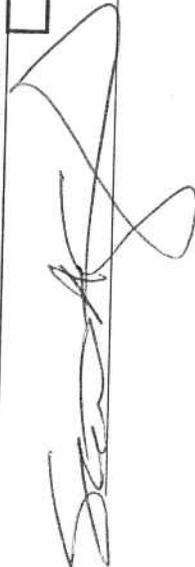
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September 2015 - Miscellaneous Disbursements

PAYMENT DATE	VENDOR	VOUCHER	NET AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/4/2015	1Matters.org	421440	1,000.00	2015 TENT CITY SPONSORSHIP
9/4/2015	American Evaluation	421606	99.00	AEA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
9/4/2015	Amy J Priest	421530	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/11/2015	Buckeye Cablesystem	422335	210.25	SEPT EMAIL TELESYSTEM
9/29/2015	Carolyns Pers. Catering	425368	211.25	MHFA TRAINING
9/4/2015	Cdw Government, Inc	421432	407.46	AUG STAFF EQUIPMENT
9/29/2015	Cdw Government, Inc	425369	4,677.64	SEPT STAFF EQUIPMENT
9/4/2015	CHARLOTTE I. CUNO	421549	5.00	AUG RECOVERY COUNCIL
9/17/2015	City of Toledo	423604	80.00	COMM ENG - RALLY EXPENSE
9/17/2015	City of Toledo	423606	250.00	COMM ENG - RALLY DEPOSIT
9/4/2015	Daniel James Rodgers	421560	10.00	AUG RECOVERY COUNCIL
9/22/2015	Donna M Robinson	424471	61.86	TRAVEL/CIT SUPPLIES
9/17/2015	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	423608	197.12	AUG RENTAL CAR
9/17/2015	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	423610	98.56	AUG RENTAL CAR
9/17/2015	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	423612	98.56	AUG RENTAL CAR
9/4/2015	Gregory Collier	421547	10.00	AUG RECOVERY COUNCIL
9/10/2015	Iron Mountain Inc	422339	24.00	AUG DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION
9/4/2015	Joe Saad	421529	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/4/2015	Karen Olnhausen	421532	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/23/2015	Keystone Printing	415810	(397.50)	BROCHURES PMT REFUND
9/4/2015	Kristal Barham	421538	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/4/2015	Kristal Barham	421437	277.94	AUG TRAVEL/ENGAGEMENT
9/29/2015	Kristal Barham	425371	173.47	AUG TRAVEL/ENGAGEMENT
9/10/2015	Kwik Parking	422338	1,090.50	AUG PARKING
9/10/2015	Laprensa De Toledo	422333	68.00	AUG EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING
9/17/2015	Leaf Commercial	423602	437.00	SEPT COPIER SYSTEM
9/24/2015	Lucas County	424469	5,065.70	RENT AUG
9/10/2015	Metzgers	422330	1,459.05	AUG COMM ENGAGEMENT
9/24/2015	Michael's Gourmet	424472	50.00	CIT TRAINING
9/4/2015	NEW ENGLAND TRANSCR.	421442	231.00	AUG TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE
9/4/2015	Nextel Communication	421443	107.20	AUG WIRELESS SERVICE
9/29/2015	Nextel Communication	425365	107.20	SEPT WIRELESS SERVICE
9/29/2015	OACBHA	425364	114.00	SEPT COMM ENGAGEMENT

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September 2015 - Miscellaneous Disbursements

PAYMENT DATE	VENDOR	VOUCHER	NET AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/10/2015	Office Max Contract	422329	260.38	AUG OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/24/2015	Office Max Contract	424426	439.57	SEPT OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/24/2015	Office Max Contract	424428	5.94	SEPT OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/24/2015	Office Max Contract	424431	27.98	AUG OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/24/2015	Office Max Contract	424435	21.50	AUG OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/29/2015	Office Max Contract	425361	22.16	SEPT OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/29/2015	Office Max Contract	425362	313.50	SEPT OFFICE SUPPLIES
9/24/2015	Ohio Business Machines	424421	253.71	COPIER OVERAGE AUG
9/24/2015	Ohio Business Machines	424423	14.50	COPIER TONER AUG
9/4/2015	Paul Lewis Jr	421558	5.00	AUG RECOVERY COUNCIL
9/4/2015	Riley's Carpet & Floors	421597	622.00	AUG FURNITURE CLEANING
9/4/2015	Robert Arquette	421545	10.00	AUG RECOVERY COUNCIL
9/4/2015	Scott A. Sylak	421525	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/4/2015	Steve Spinelli	421526	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/4/2015	Steve Spinelli	421598	431.28	WEBSITE RENEWAL REIMB
9/17/2015	Steve Spinelli	423607	25.30	SEPT TRAVEL REIMB
9/29/2015	Steve Spinelli	425366	214.00	SURVEY SUBSCR RENEWAL REIMB
9/4/2015	Susan Helppie	421552	5.00	AUG RECOVERY COUNCIL
9/4/2015	SCAT	421439	113.40	JUL SHARED AD
9/10/2015	The Blade	422331	380.68	AUG EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING
9/24/2015	The Sojourner's Truth	424463	95.00	AUG EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING
9/4/2015	Timothy Goyer	421534	55.00	SEPT CELL PHONE
9/4/2015	Timothy Goyer	421438	25.00	AUG TRAVEL REIMB
9/24/2015	Toledo Journal	424465	106.50	AUG EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING
9/24/2015	Toledo Journal	424467	199.90	PUBLIC SRV AD/LABOR DAY
9/29/2015	Toledo Journal	425363	100.00	AD RECOVERY RALLY
			20,301.56	TOTAL


Executive Director

Programs & Services Committee Report

The Programs & Services Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on September 29, 2015. At this meeting, Cami Roth Szirotnyak, the Board's Quality Improvement Manager, briefed the committee on two reports: The annual summary of the Compliance Review process, and the FY 2015 Year-End Provider Performance Report. This is a semi-annual report that reviews the performance and outcomes of 83 Board funded programs. Committee members received the report in advance of the meeting so they were prepared with questions they wanted to discuss. Mr. Robert Arquette, Recovery Council Chair, submitted the names of Mr. Justin Brandeberry and Mr. Ed Poelstra to be appointed members of the Council. The P&S Committee did approve them, and with that, Mr. Arquette announced that Recovery Council is now at full membership. The following issues that were considered resulted in recommendations to the full Board:

A. Allocation Request for Evaluation Services

Earlier in the year at a committee meeting, a Trustee raised the question as to whether or not two new programs, Hospital Engagement and Preventing Psychiatric Emergencies, were having the causal effects for which they were funded. Staff noted then that on the Outcomes Report there were indicators that days from discharge to first psychiatric appointment and reduction in the utilization of crisis services were showing improvement; however, it was impossible to attribute that improvement to these two programs without a thorough evaluation. At that time, Board staff informed the P&S Committee that internally MHRSB does not have the skill sets to perform that level of evaluation, but would seek out a professional(s) to provide the service.

At the September 29, 2015 Programs & Services Committee meeting, Board staff presented a recommendation to allocate up to \$10,000 to fund a contract with a professional evaluator or evaluation firm. The P&S Committee discussed the recommendation, and while in favor of contracting for evaluation services, members were in agreement that \$10,000 would likely not be enough money to get the type of product needed. In particular, there was a desire to look at incorporating consumer responses along with quantitative data into the analysis. The Programs & Services Committee recommended the following:

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County allocates an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in FY 2016 for the purchase of professional evaluation services, and authorizes the Board's staff to solicit proposals for such services, and select and contract with a vendor according to the guidelines in the Board's Purchasing Policy.

At the October 6, 2015 Planning & Finance Committee meeting, members supported the concept of the evaluation, but recommended eliminating any reference to an amount that might be allocated. They proposed amending the motion to say:

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County authorizes its Executive Director to issue a Request for Information to solicit ideas that may lead to the purchase of professional evaluation services for the Hospital Engagement and Preventing Psychiatric Emergencies Programs at Harbor, Unison, and Zepf.

If either of these two motions is presented and approved at the October 20, 2015 Board meeting, staff will solicit the desired response in accordance with the MHR SB Purchasing Policy. Funding for this activity was not included in either the FY 2016 Purchasing Plan or the Board's Administrative Budget. If the MHR SB approves a motion in this meeting without an allocation, it will ultimately have to make an allocation at a subsequent meeting to move forward with a contract for these services.

B. Civil Commitment Designations - Appointment of Attorney

Ohio Revised Code [5122.15 (A)(10)] says that for cases of evaluation by Probate Court for civil commitment, the MHR SB will designate an attorney to present the case demonstrating that a person is a mentally ill person subject to court order. In June, 2015, the MHR SB designated Attorney David R. Taylor to be one of the Board's two attorneys. It has since come to our attention that Attorney Taylor has handed those duties off to Attorney Keith Mitchell.

In order to document MHR SB's compliance with these statutory requirements, the following two motions are recommended by the Programs & Services Committee:

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County rescinds the motion it approved at its June 16, 2015 meeting to designate David R. Taylor as an attorney to fulfill the Board's responsibilities according to ORC 5122 related to involuntary civil commitments.

and

For the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County Designates Attorneys Carla B. Davis and Keith L. Mitchell to fulfill the responsibilities of:

- a. Timely hearings under ORC 5122.141(B);*
- b. Hearing for involuntary commitments under ORC 5122.15 (A) (10) and (H);*
- c. Hearing procedures under ORC 5122.15*

C. Health Officer Credentialing

System Health Officer Candidates are reviewed and approved based on criteria established in Board Policy – Designation of Health Officers, in accordance with ORC 5122.01(J) to facilitate emergency hospitalization as described in ORC 5122.10. Designation as a health officer by MHR SB authorizes agency staff to take into custody persons who are thought to be mentally ill

for the purpose of emergency examination in a hospital or community mental health agency. The Health Officer Credentialing Committee reviewed applications for seventeen (17) renewal candidates and two (2) new candidates. The Committee reviewed documentation to verify that the individuals being considered have the required licensure or certifications, experience in the field, and trainings as required by MHR SB policy. The individuals listed in the motion below have met the requirements for designation as a System Health Officer.

The Programs & Services Committee reviewed the recommendation at its September 29, 2015 meeting, and the following motion is recommended to the Board of Trustees:

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County designates the following individuals listed as System Health Officers to serve a term not to exceed two years:

For Renewal of Designation:

Jason A. Bachar (LSW) – Harbor – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Camille P. Abounaaj (BA, LSW)– Unison – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Melissa R. Dohse (LSW, LPCC) – Unison – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Bruce A. Kelley (LSW, LCDC III) – Unison – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Amy L. Kobold (MA, LPCC-S) – Unison – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Timothy Q. Foreman (MHP I, LSW) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Michael F. Frenzell (MHP III, LPCC) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Bonnie J. Harden (MHP I, LSW) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Carole L. Hood (CNO, RN) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Helen Montalto (MHP I, LSW) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Jewel Patterson (MHP I, LSW) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Helisa D. Rowan (MHP I, LSW) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Anthony W. Szilagye (MHP III, LPCC) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Tanya M. Turner (MHP III, LISW-S) – Rescue – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Pamela R. Contreras (LSW) – Zepf – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Michelle R. Hurlless (BSW, LSW) – Zepf – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Amy L. Rose (MA, LSW) – Zepf – not to exceed October 31, 2017

For New Designation:

LeeLin F. Beebe (LSW) – Zepf – not to exceed October 31, 2017
Alicia R. Winne (MSW, LSW) – Zepf - not to exceed October 31, 2017

Planning & Finance Committee Meeting Report

The Planning & Finance Committee met on October 6, 2015. At that meeting, four items were discussed. One of these agenda items did not require an allocation.

The OMHAS Capital Plan was discussed. The MHR SB is going to submit two funding requests to OMHAS. The Board's top priority is the Wernert Center's expansion project. The MHR SB provided up to \$2,200,000 in funding for this project, and we are asking for \$500,000 in additional project funding. The other Board request is for \$500,000 to support the NPI's Modernization project. Over the last three fiscal years, the MHR SB has provided \$1,450,000 for this project.

It is uncertain that the MHR SB will receive funding for these two capital projects, but since the Board has allocated significant funding for these two projects, OMHAS may provide some funding in their next funding cycle.

Another topic discussed was the allocation request for evaluation services which will be covered as part of the Programs & Services Committee Report.

The remaining two items that were discussed require an allocation, and they are outlined in the following narrative which includes motions for the Board's consideration:

A. FY 2016 Community Mini-Grant Proposal - Allocation

In an effort to foster activities that promote positive mental health and prevent substance abuse, the Board staff is proposing implementation of a community mini-grant program. Attached is the FY 2016 Community Mini-Grant Proposal. It is intended that the process will be held semi-annually in FY 2017.

A total of up to \$50,000 would be available for innovative projects that increase awareness and attention to mental health and/or prevent substance abuse for any age group. The Community Mini-grant Program will allow the MHR SB to cultivate a more robust relationship with entities doing quality work that help to reduce the impact of mental illness and prevent substance and/or gambling abuse. As indicated in the proposal, the maximum funding per project is \$5,000, and will permit the Board to provide funding to grass roots organizations that are working hard to make a difference in the communities they serve by providing programming that offer skills, strengths, resources, supports, or coping strategies for the population that the MHR SB serves.

The Planning & Finance Committee was supportive of this proposed allocation. The following motion is recommended to the Board of Trustees:

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County allocates \$50,000 for the Community Mini-Grants program in FY 2016, and authorizes the Executive Director to develop a process to distribute these funds consistent with the Proposal.

FY 2016 Community Mini-Grant Proposal - Overview

In continuing efforts to foster activities that promote positive mental health and prevent substance abuse, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) of Lucas County is pleased to announce an opportunity for funding. We are looking for innovative projects that will promote mental health, and/or prevent substance, and/or gambling abuse.

MHRSB Funding Priorities:

- Consistent with the MHRSB's mission: Cultivate a high-quality, efficient, and accountable network of community assets dedicated to reducing the impact of mental illness and addiction.
- Community-based activities that focus on building upon individual and community strengths to help the MHRSB achieve positive change, or assist persons dealing with mental illness or substance abuse problems realize hopes, dreams and goals.
- Projects that are in response to growing challenges in Lucas County.

Organizational Eligibility and Restrictions

Eligibility:

- Project requests must be community based.
- The project request must impact Lucas County residents.
- OMHAS certified agencies are ineligible to receive mini-grant funds.
- Submit a 1-3 page Request for Funding Proposal Summary which includes the following elements: project/event description, how this proposal is consistent with the MHRSB's Mission and System-wide Goals, how the money is going to be used, and the projected impact (outcome) of this proposal.

Limitations:

- Grant funds cannot be used for expenses related to fundraising events.
- Grant funds cannot be used for political purposes.
- Grant funds cannot cover equipment such as iPads, iPods, tablets or other electronic items.

- Travel and lodging for speakers and/or staff are not allowable costs for community mini-grants.
- MHRSB cannot provide full event funding.

Funding Levels/Award Amounts

A total up to \$50,000 is available for programs serving Lucas County residents; the maximum funding per project is \$5,000. The grant period is November 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The selection committee reserves the right to adjust the amount awarded to successful applicants.

Requirements

All recipients must complete these minimum requirements:

- Invite MHRSB staff to all events.
- Include MHRSB logo on all signage, promotional materials (t-shirts, water bottles, magnets, etc.), and on social networking websites and other printed materials.
- Submit electronic copies of photos from the event or program.
- A final accounting of funds must be submitted within 60 days after the end of the activity.
- All unused funds must be returned to the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County.

Proposals must be received or postmarked no later than **Monday, November 30, 2015** to:

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County
Attn: Community Mini-grants
701 Adams St., Suite 800
Toledo, Ohio 43604

B. TASC FY 2016 Contract Allocations

When the MHRSB approved the FY 2016 Purchasing Plan at their May 19, 2015 Board meeting, the only allocation that was part of this Purchasing Plan which was related to TASC was the Family Drug Court allocation. At that time, TASC was in conversations with the MHRSB, the Lucas County Courts, and the Lucas County Sheriff in terms of what the criminal justice wanted TASC to do as they changed the criminal justice system.

At the June 16, 2015 Board meeting, the Trustees approved a two-month extension of TASC's FY 2015 Provider Agreement for the same reasons cited in the preceding paragraph. The two-month extension was further extended for another two months at the August 18, 2015 Board meeting as discussions continued, and it will expire on October 31, 2015.

Some clarity has come from these continuing discussions, but the actual services that the criminal justice system wants TASC to perform have not been finalized. TASC has continued the services for which the MHRSB provided FY 2015 funding to TASC in FY 2016. The Board staff does not believe that making a recommendation for a third extension of TASC's FY 2015 Provider Agreement is appropriate. Therefore, the Staff is ready to make FY 2016 Board Allocation recommendations so that a FY 2016 Provider Agreement can be issued to TASC.

Attached is a summary of the TASC allocations for FY 2014, FY 2015 and the Staff's recommendation for FY 2016 allocations by program, as well as a summary of them stated below:

- A combined allocation of \$512,550 to TASC for criminal justice services which is a combination of the Community Transition, Forensic Linkage and Community Innovations Program allocations that were made in FY 2015. There would be no change in funding for TASC in FY 2016 as compared to FY 2015.
- A \$33,000 allocation for the Release to Recovery Program is recommended which would be an increase of \$25,000 for TASC to replace the OMHAS allocation for this program. The Release to Recovery Program had a total combined budget of \$33,000 in FY 2015 when the OMHAS FY 2015 funding was included. This program has been successful in facilitating the re-entry of individuals who were incarcerated and are being released back into the community, and the staff wants to maintain this program's funding.
- The DYS aftercare allocation recommendation remains at \$129,992. OMHAS increased the DYS aftercare allocation to \$161,242 for FY 2016, but the Board staff wants to make the same TASC allocation that was made in FY 2015. The Board Staff will be coming back to the Committee to allocate the remaining DYS Aftercare funding before the end of the calendar year.

The grand total of the new TASC FY 2016 allocations is \$675,542. If we include the \$70,110 FY 2016 Family Drug Court allocation approved at the May 19 Board meeting, TASC would be receiving a total of \$745,652 for FY 2016 less \$258,968 that has been already paid to TASC in FY

2016 in accordance of the two FY 2015 contract extensions. As detailed on the TASC's allocation summary, the total FY 2016 TASC Contract amount will be \$486,684. It is the Board staff's opinion that TASC deserves the stability associated with these FY 2016 allocations as discussions continue with the identified parties in terms of what the criminal justice system wants TASC to do in the future.

After discussion, the Planning & Finance Committee was supportive of these FY 2016 allocations. The following motion is recommended to the Board of Trustees:

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County allocates a total of \$486,684 in allocations to TASC for FY 2016 as discussed above and authorizes the Executive Director to issue a FY 2016 Provider Agreement to TASC.

TASC Actual FY 2014 & FY 2015 Allocations and Recommended FY 2016 Allocations Summary

Program	FY 2014 Approved Allocations	FY 2015 Approved Allocations	Total FY 2016 Recommended Allocations	Net FY 2016 Recommended Allocation	Comments
Family Drug Court	\$ -	\$ 70,110	\$ 70,110	\$ 46,740	Approved at May 19 Board Meeting.
Community Transition	\$ 55,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 146,666	Same as FY 2015 allocation.
Forensic Linkage	\$ 158,550	\$ 158,550	\$ 158,550	\$ 105,700	Same as FY 2015 allocation.
Community Innovations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,000	\$ 89,333	Initial funding was provided by OMHAS in FY 2014 and FY 2015.
Release to Recovery	\$ 5,333	\$ 8,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 22,000	OMHAS Funding was eliminated in FY 2016.
DYS Aftercare	\$ 194,988	\$ 129,992	\$ 129,992	\$ 76,245	
TASC Operations	\$ -	\$ 48,728	\$ -	\$ -	One time allocation to stabilize OMHAS Pass Thru Funding.
Total TASC Allocations	\$ 413,871	\$ 635,380	\$ 745,652	\$ 486,684	
New FY 2016 TASC Allocations			\$ 675,542		Have already approved the FY 2016 Family Drug Court allocation at the May 19 Board Meeting.

Comments - The Net New FY 2016 Recommendation Allocation amount of \$486,684 reflects FY 2016 payments to TASC associated with the two FY 2015 contract extensions which were approved by the MHRS Board at the June and August Board Meetings.

10/1/2015

Governance Committee Report

On October 13, 2015, the Governance Committee met to review the Committee's Charter and to discuss taking a position regarding State Issue 3 – Proposed Constitutional Amendment Regarding Marijuana. The group also entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel related matter. The Committee's Charter was approved without revision. After discussion regarding State Issue 3, the Governance Committee approved recommending a motion to the full Board in opposition of State Issue 3.

- **State Issue 3 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment Regarding Marijuana**

State Issue 3 is a proposed constitutional amendment that if passed, would create a process for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes.

On the Lucas County Board of Elections web site, there are two one-page documents in favor and in opposition to State Issue 3. These one-page documents along with the official ballot language are attached. The Governance Committee has considered the issue, and consistent with the MHRS Board's mission, is recommending the following motion to the full Board for consideration.

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is opposed to Issue 3, the proposed constitutional amendment that grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes.

Issue 3

Grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To add Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Endow exclusive rights for commercial marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction to self-designated landowners who own ten predetermined parcels of land in Butler, Clermont, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Delaware, Stark, and Summit Counties. One additional growth facility may be allowed for in four years only if existing facilities cannot meet consumer demand.
- Permit retail sale of recreational marijuana at approximately 1,100 locations statewide. Such retail establishments must have a state license that may be obtained only if the electors of the precinct where the store will be located approve the use of the location for such purpose at a local option election.
- Legalize the production of marijuana-infused products, including edible products, concentrates, sprays, ointments and tinctures by marijuana product manufacturing facilities.
- Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to, grow, cultivate, use, possess, and share up to eight ounces of usable homegrown marijuana plus four flowering marijuana plants if the person holds a valid state license. Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to purchase, possess, transport, use, and share up to 1 ounce of marijuana for recreational use. Authorize the use of medical marijuana by any person, regardless of age, who has a certification for a debilitating medical condition.
- Prohibit marijuana establishments within 1,000 feet of a house of worship, public library, public or chartered elementary or secondary school, state-licensed day-care center, or public playground, however: after a certain date, a new day-care, library, etc., cannot force a preexisting marijuana establishment to relocate by opening a new location within 1,000 feet of the business.

- Prohibit any local or state law, including zoning laws, from being applied to prohibit the development or operation of marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facilities, retail marijuana stores, and medical marijuana dispensaries unless the area is zoned exclusively residential as of January 1, 2015 or as of the date that an application for a license is first filed for a marijuana establishment.
- Create a special tax rate limited to 15% on gross revenue of each marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facility and marijuana product manufacturing facility and a special tax rate limited to 5% on gross revenue of each retail marijuana store. Revenues from the tax go to a municipal and township government fund, a strong county fund, and the marijuana control commission fund.
- Create a marijuana incubator in Cuyahoga County to promote growth and development of the marijuana industry and locate marijuana testing facilities near colleges and universities in Athens, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Mahoning, Scioto and Wood Counties, at a minimum.
- Limit the ability of the legislature and local governments from regulating the manufacture, sales, distribution and use of marijuana and marijuana products. Create a new state government agency called the marijuana control commission (with limited authority) to regulate the industry, comprised of seven Ohio residents appointed by the Governor, including a physician, a law enforcement officer, an administrative law attorney, a patient advocate, a resident experienced in owning, developing, managing and operating businesses, a resident with experience in the legal marijuana industry, and a member of the public.

	YES	SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?
	NO	

CERTIFICATION

Acting in my capacity as the secretary of the Ohio Ballot Board, I hereby certify to the Secretary of the State of Ohio that the foregoing text is the ballot language prescribed by the Ohio Ballot Board, acting pursuant to Article II, Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution and section 3505.062 of the Revised Code of Ohio, for this constitutional amendment proposed by petition for submission to the Ohio electorate at the election to be held on November 3, 2015.

In testimony whereof, I have subscribed my name in Columbus, Ohio, this 18th day of September, 2015.



Secretary, Ohio Ballot Board

Official Argument Against Issue 3
Filed with Ohio Secretary of State, August 17, 2015

VOTE NO ON ISSUE 3
No Marijuana Monopoly in Ohio's Constitution

Issue 3 cements in the Constitution a billion-dollar marijuana monopoly for a small group of wealthy investors.

- Issue 3 gives them exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio, and insulates them from any business competition or act of the legislature.
- The investors who wrote Issue 3 set their own preferential tax rates directly into the Constitution – rates that can't be changed by the Legislature like those on beer, wine, and tobacco.

Issue 3 puts our children at risk.

- Issue 3 legalizes marijuana-infused products like candy and cookies, which often have dangerously high levels of THC, and are highly tempting to children, including very young children.
- High limits on personal possession of marijuana will result in broad exposure of our children and underage high school and college students to marijuana.

Issue 3 will flood Ohio with marijuana.

- Proponents imply that Issue 3 allows small amounts of marijuana for recreational use. In reality, it allows every adult 21 or over in the state the right to possess as much as 9 ounces (more than half a pound) of marijuana, or about 500 average-sized marijuana joints. In addition, every adult could possess four flowering marijuana plants at home.
- Issue 3 allows 1,159 retail marijuana stores – that's more locations than Starbucks or McDonalds, and nearly three times the number of state liquor stores.

Republican and Democrat elected officials, children's health advocates, hospitals, doctors, addiction counselors, faith leaders, mental health professionals, parents, educators, law enforcement officials, farmers, chambers of commerce and leading business groups all urge a NO vote on Issue 3.

Stop the marijuana monopoly. Keep marijuana away from our children. Vote NO on Issue 3.

Signed by:

Eric Burkland, President, Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Reverend Dr. David Cobb, Pastor, Emanuel Baptist Church
Bill Denihan, CEO, ADAMHS Board Cuyahoga County
Jack Fisher, Executive Vice President, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Gordon Gough, President & CEO, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Élise Spriggs, Drug Free Action Alliance

VOTE YES ON ISSUE 3

☞ VOTE YES FOR PERSONAL CHOICE. Issue 3 legalizes marijuana for medicinal and personal use in Ohio. It allows persons over age 21 to buy, possess, and grow a small amount of marijuana for their own use.

☞ VOTE YES FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE. Issue 3 authorizes non-profit dispensaries for medicinal marijuana, which Ohio doctors could prescribe to treat patients with cancer, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, sickle cell anemia or other debilitating diseases; children with epilepsy; and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

☞ VOTE YES FOR GOOD JOBS AND WELL-FUNDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. Issue 3 establishes an industry that will create tens of thousands of jobs in Ohio. It permits, regulates, and taxes marijuana sales by licensed growers and retailers. It will eventually generate more than \$550 million annually in tax revenue, 85% of which will go directly to local governments, which may spend these funds on public safety, economic development, road/bridge repair, and other infrastructure improvements.

☞ VOTE YES FOR A TIGHTLY REGULATED INDUSTRY. Issue 3 creates an independent commission that will regulate the growth and sale of marijuana and issue licenses to ten initial grow facilities. The commission may license additional grow facilities as necessary. The initial ten-license limit is consistent with recommended best practices, and avoids problems other states with more grow sites have encountered in maintaining quality, ensuring safety, tracking product, and collecting taxes. Contrary to unfounded charges, the market established by Issue 3 does not constitute a monopoly, cartel, or oligopoly, and the commission's authority prevents any from developing. These charges have been trumped up by the legislature, which failed for decades to vote on legalizing marijuana, not even for medicinal purposes, and now opposes letting tax revenue from Issue 3 bypass it and go directly to local governments, replacing funding that the legislature previously slashed.

Submitted by Committee in Charge of the Initiative Petition: Barbara Gould, Taylor Deutschle, Robert J. Letourneau, Rosemary Robinson and Patrick T. McHenry