

Preble County Mental Health & Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024

6:30 p.m. In Person/Teams

Meeting Called By: Landen O'Banion, Board Chair
Attendees: All Board Members and Public

Type of Meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Mission Statement

To ensure that quality mental health and addiction services and supports are available to all Preble County residents.

Present: Tyessa McQueen, David Sizemore, Robert Wood, Megan Garton, Shannon Steele, Landen O'Banion, Miranda Armstead, Ashley Clark

Announced Absence: Paula Schlotterbeck

Unannounced Absence: No Unannounced Absences

Staff: Hurst, Sherry; Raynes, Amy; Green, Autumn

Call To Order: Chairman O'Banion called meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Roll Call: Roll Call was read by Board Staff, Autumn Green

Reading of the Mission Statement: David Sizemore read the mission statement.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Ian Cross Resignation.

Recognition of Guests: Recovery Community, NSL Board, Lisa Landerer, Kelli Ott, Cynthia Wion, Jerri Lynn Stanley, Everett & Diana Trittschuh, Lynn Ferguson.

Presentation of the March 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

24.04.631 Robert Wood motioned to approve the March 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes with Megan Garton seconding. Yes- 7 No-0 Abstain-0

Board Staff Report

Amy's April Calendar-Director Raynes presented her calendar for April. There were no further questions.

Strategic Plan/Annual Report-Director Raynes sent out the annual report and strategic plan to board members. Raynes invites board members to give feedback by the next board meeting.

Board Evaluation/Director Evaluation-Director Raynes reminded board members to turn in their evaluations to Autumn Green as soon as possible.

Ian Cross Resignation- Director Raynes stated that Ian Cross resigned on Friday April 19, 2024.

Finance

FY25 Draft Provider Funding Allocations-David Sizemore presented the allocation to the board. Sherry Hurst explained these are draft allocations from previous year.

24.04.632 David Sizemore motioned to approve the FY25 Provider Funding Allocations with Miranda Armstead seconding. Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0

FY24 Budget Revisions-David Sizemore presented the budget revisions to the board. Sherry Hurst explained that we applied for additional funds as well as the landlord incentive funds.

24.04.633 David Sizemore motioned to approve FY24 Budget Revisions with Miranda Armstead seconding. Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0

Contracts- David Sizemore presented the board with the contracts listed below.

FY24/FY25 HIT: Landlord Incentive Program & Admin-\$37,000 Expense.

FY25 SAFE MOU - \$12,500 Expense

FY25 JFS Wraparound MOU - \$30,000 Expense

FY25 Butler County ESC/Success Program - \$80,872 Expense

FY25 Alternative Living Solutions - \$31,755 Expense

FY25 FCFC Coordinator - \$15,750 Revenue

24.04.634 David Sizemore motioned to approve contracts with Robert Wood seconding. Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0

David Sizemore presented the board with the contract for the YWCA lease.

FY25 YWCA Lease-\$6,450 Revenue

24.04.635 David Sizemore motioned to approve Contracts with Megan Garton Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-1 Miranda Armstead

Balance Sheet, Revenue/Expense Statement, & Reconciliation Detail (2) FY24 March-David Sizemore presented the board. with the balance sheet and Chairman O'Banion stated that Sherry Hurst circled the Reconciliations, and the board staff will be cleaning up vendor report.

24.04.636 David Sizemore motioned to approve Balance Sheet, Revenue/Expense Statement, & Reconciliation Detail (2) FY24 March with Miranda Armstead seconding. Yes- 7 No-0 Abstain-0

Ashley Clark arrived at 6:43 PM.

Recovery Farm-Chairman O'Banion stated that there is a three-minute response time for all parties.

Next Step Living Board Comment- Next Step Living (NSL) Board President introduced the board and spoke of NSL success and his own personal recovery story.

Community Comment-

David Miles spoke about the impact that NSL had on his life and his recovery.

Angel- Spoke of the impact that NSL had on her life as well as the community. Angel spoke about the different community and public events that NSL holds every year. Including meetings, weddings, celebrations of life, and sober living events.

Beth-Spoke of the growth that Preble County has had because of the work that Lisa Landerer and NSL has done.

Everett Trittschuh- Asked the board if there is a question of whether the farm will continue. Director Raynes stated that the farm will continue and stated that the question is whether the board will continue to be involved. Trittschuh asked if the business was legitimate, and there is no issue with the residence on the farm but the people running the farm. Trittschuh asked how the board was able to buy the property and presented Code 340.034. Director Raynes stated that the state allowed the board to buy the property and the state paid 75% of the property and 25% was local funds. Robert Wood stated that the purchase was reviewed but the county legal teams. Director Raynes stated that the state did not make us put the property in NSL name because if we wanted to move to a different provider then the board could do that. Director Raynes stated that nothing was hidden from the public when the board purchased the property. Director Raynes stated there were issues with that law that Trittschuh presented to the board, so they modified the law. Director Raynes recommended Trittschuh ask the state because they were involved during the purchasing process, and they knew what the law stated.

Lynn Ferguson stated that she is concerned about the zoning of the property. Director Raynes stated that the zoning was approved. Ferguson asked if the neighbors had to approve the zoning. Director Raynes stated that no that is not the case. Ferguson stated that she was also worried about the gun policy. Director Raynes stated that the target was removed. Ferguson has an issue with the backstop of the property. Ferguson stated that the gun policy was broken, and Director Raynes stated that the NSL board is investigating as well as the Sheriff's Office. Ferguson asked the NSL board if Lisa Landerer would continue to run the farm. Director Raynes stated the NSL is currently in the process of investigating and a decision will be made at a later date. Ferguson asked if they are being insured and had workmen's compensation. Director Raynes stated that yes everyone is insured and covered. Director Raynes also stated that the counties attorney looks over all contracts that the board is involved in.

Diane Trittschuh stated that they have not had trouble with residents at the farm D. Trittschuh stated that she has heard things that happened. She is also concerned about gun policies on the farm. D. Trittschuh questioned that the board isn't running the farm NSL is running it. Director Raynes stated that inspections are done, and tenants are allowed to come to the board for grievances. The board is a funder and our providers run the actual programs. D. Trittschuh asked if there are random drug testing of the people running the program and that there is no one overseeing the people running it. D. Trittschuh asked if the state oversees the program. Raynes stated that NSL is certified with the state, and they were notified of the incident. D. Trittschuh asked if Walter Landerer would be allowed back. NSL Board president stated that this is a legal issue and if a person is in recovery makes a mistake it is not a death sentence and that an investigation is being done. Director Raynes stated that with it being run by peers yes, it is messy, but these programs are most effective when run by peers. D. Trittschuh asked if someone who is running the farm relapses then are they allowed back? NSL Board President stated that he was not able to answer that question at this time. NSL Board President stated that they had an emergency meeting and took action to protect the residents and the community.

Brittany Combs- Spoke about the community that Lisa Landerer built in Preble County and how NSL has changed her life.

Missy Stevens-Spoke about meeting Lisa at meetings and taking clients to meeting in Preble County. She spoke of the impact that Lisa Landerer has had on so many people in recovery, not just people in Preble County. Stevens stated that she does not want one mistake to overshadow all the good that happened at NSL.

Lisa Landerer- Spoke about NSL success and talked about the impact that NSL had on her own recovery. Landerer told the board about the events that NSL holds for the community and spoke about the growth of NSL in the future. Landerer stated the NSL has had an 80% success rate. Landerer stated that the board is free to drug test her as the executive director at any time.

David Miles stated that the recovery facility that he works for has a 30% success rate and they called that successful according to the state. Miles stated that this says a lot about NSL.

Director Raynes stated that NSL is still investigating and suggested tabling this decision until the we have the full investigation. Director Raynes stated that everyone has been heard and decisions with be made accordingly.

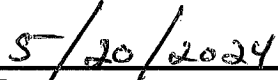
24.04.637 Miranda Armstead moved to table the recovery farm discussion to allow Next Step Living board to investigate and review policies with Megan Garton seconding. Yes-8 No-0 Abstain-0

Chairperson's Remarks- Chairman O'Banion thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

24.04.638 Sizemore motioned to adjourn Board Meeting with seconding Clark Yes- 7 No-0 Abstain-0


Board Chair


Date