

Olentangy Well-Being and Mental Health Board Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025- 6:30-7:55PM

Olentangy Administrative Offices: Berlin Room

Members Present: Brandon Lester, Katherine Branson, Allie Nicolay, Jessa Reed, Allison Houle, Rachael Morocco, Michell Gordon, Anuki Liyanage, Aarya Patel, Andrew Warren

1. Welcome, Call Meeting to Order

2. Call Role

A quorum was not present.

3. Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Approved

4. Approval of April 2025 Meeting Agenda

Approved

5. Updates

A. New Committee Membership (Student Representative): The Student-Well Being Department is currently coordinating applications for student membership from Olentangy High School.

B. New Committee Membership: Opportunities will be shared with the larger community in late May and early June. The Student Well-Being Department is working with the Communications Department to share newsletters and building news posts.

C. Summer internship opportunities for students in grades 8-11 are being shared with the intent that they have access to career pathways related to social services, mental health, and human services. Last summer, ten Olentangy students participated in the county-wide program.

6. Be SMART Presentation

Rachael Morroco and Laura Sams presented information about the Be SMART secure firearm storage program. They discussed the importance of securing firearms and possible ways to share information with parents, students and community members to reduce the risk of death by firearms for young people. Suggestions were made to share materials in connection to other district prevention initiatives such as suicide awareness, personal safety and violence education, and school resource officer presentations. Other community events such as curriculum nights were identified as events when information could be shared.

7. OBHS Student Presentation

The Berlin High School Teens Supporting Teens (TST) club presented information about their student organization. The students highlighted the ways the club supports student wellness by creating a safe space for teens to connect with one another. Suggestions about expanding the organization to other

Olentangy high schools were made, along with including other established student extracurricular groups.

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 14, 2025