

Olentangy Well-Being and Mental Health Board Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2025- 6:33-8:03pm

Olentangy Administrative Offices: Berlin Room

Members Present: Brandon Lester, Nancy Freese, Katherine Branson, Samantha Norman, Allie Nicolay, Jessa Reed, Andrea Vescelius, Allison Houle, Rachael Morocco, Peter Stern, Renee VanVorhis, Liz Poprocki, Anna Kovach, Andrew Warren, Jay Patton, Saanvi Bandhawaker

1. Welcome, Call Meeting to Order

2. Call Role

A quorum was present.

3. Approval of September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Approved

4. Approval of October 2025 Meeting Agenda

Approved

5. Committee Member Update

Introduction of group and new committee member.

6. Review 2024-2025 Committee Goals and Set 2025-2026 Goals

Using last year's goals as a reference, the committee reviewed previous goals. The group discussed the ongoing work around caregiver and community engagement. Members talked about the importance of continually reviewing and improving how we communicate with caregivers about available support, services, strategies, and resources. There was agreement that messaging should be more intentional and tailored to specific stakeholder groups, following a targeted universalism approach. The team also discussed the value of creating safe and welcoming spaces where families, students, and staff can share information, have open conversations, and build connections. These spaces are seen as key to fostering belonging and strengthening community ties. The group recommended exploring opportunities to create connection and support groups for parents, students, and staff, as well as developing a series of student-centered events designed to offer multiple ways for students to connect and engage with one another.

The group also discussed various aspects of the JED partnership, including details about the assessment process, expected outcomes, and how this work aligns with the committee's goals and initiatives.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025