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**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEARS OF COLLEGE MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

*Archbold, Ohio* – The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, April 30 on the Archbold campus. As part of the meeting, the Board enjoyed a presentation from Business & Public Services faculty member and NSCC alum Heather Galbraith on a mental health initiative she has put together. “The Initiative can be broken down into three main goals,” Galbraith said. “Reduce the stigma of mental health for our learners, develop a campus wide approach to mental health care needs and lastly, (establish) a student body group.”

**NORTHWEST STATE PROVIDES VALUABLE ASSISTANCE**

According to Mental Health America (mhanational.org), 19% of adults experienced a mental illness, an increase of 1.5 million people over last year’s dataset (2017-2018 figures)[[1]](#endnote-1). Northwest State offers its students, faculty and staff with a no-charge, confidential Campus Counseling Center, supported by the Center for Child & Family Advocacy in Napoleon. Services available include: crisis intervention, information & referrals, and personal counseling. More information is available by texting **NSCCHELP** to 419-591-6487, or by calling that number.

**In other Board action:**

* Approved the promotion of Shannon Floyd – Director-Advising, and Julie Thome – Cook.
* Approved the employment of Austin Flores – Director-Admissions, Heidi Keller – Executive Administrative Assistant to the VP for Academics, Gregory Nartker – Faculty-Industrial Technologies (Welding), Sarah Casserino – Advisor-Academic, and Alexsandra Yantis – Success Coach (TRIO-SSS).
* Approved Remote Work Policy updates.
* Approved NSCC to locally administer building B renovations ($2.4 million) and cyber disaster recovery site ($100,000) projects, including selecting consultants, preparing and approving contract documents, receiving bids and awarding contracts for each project.
* Approved the 2020-2021 revised budget
* Approved banking authority for business office transactions for the President, Chief Fiscal & Administrative Officer, and the Director of Finance and Accounting.
* Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, and two resignations

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1. https://www.mhanational.org/issues/state-mental-health-america [↑](#endnote-ref-1)