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## ENCLOSURE ONE

### MINUTES of April 13, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andy Bateman, Jacki Block, Karen Conrad, Kelley Costello, Carole Cottrill, Dorothy Glancy, John Kelly, Patty Lawrence, Geoff Schwerzler, Katie Shepard, Greg Varner

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Suzy Carter

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:** Richard Chaney

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Greg Brown, Laura Esslinger

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cindy Knoblauch, Erica Pursley, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

1. Chairperson Karen Conrad welcomed everyone and thanked Board staff for providing the day's hospitalities. The meeting then proceeded.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the April 13, 2019 Board meeting. (Motion-Dorothy Glancy, second-Kelley Costello).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes. (Motion-Kelley Costello, second-Greg Varner).
4. Review Materials/Correspondence Folders: Executive Director Karen Scherra brought everyone's attention to the folders being passed around and specifically mentioned a few of the items from each. In the Youth Mental Health folder, Karen said there were many articles that focused on youth suicides, in particular an article about the two teen suicides within a week of each other at Turpin High School. Karen also mentioned the article about the suicide of one of the Parkland High School shooting survivors, as well as the suicide of the father of one of the children killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in Connecticut. Karen said the mental health system needs to provide more treatment options for survivors of traumatic events, as these individuals are at greater risk for PTSD and other mental ailments.

In the State Info/Reports folder, Karen pointed out demographic fact sheets pertaining to Ohio's House Districts 65 and 66. District 14, under Senator Joe Uecker, is a much larger area than those of Representatives Green and Becker.

In the Correspondence folder, Karen said there was a thank you note from the local YMCA thanking Karen for her assistance with the YMCA's application for state funding for children's programs in Clermont County. Even though the application was denied due to Clermont being a "Tier 2" county, the YMCA still wanted to express its gratitude to Karen for her efforts. The YMCA also plans to apply for a mini-grant through the Board.

In the State/Federal Issues/Articles folder, Karen said there were many articles discussing the Medicaid work requirements and challenges to Obamacare.

In the Addiction Folder, Karen mentioned that there is still a great focus on opioids and fentanyl. However, meth is making a huge comeback and its use is very much on the rise. With the overdose deaths declining, articles are focusing more on the topic of treatment.

In the Adult Mental Health folder, Karen pointed out the large booklet that was published by the Lindner Center in Warren County. The booklet outlines mental health disorders as the country's number one health problem. Karen said the Lindner Center has also put out tv ads that imply it is the hub for mental health care in the Cincinnati region. Karen noted the Lindner Center focuses on assisting clients with private insurance and does not work much with the population served by CCMHRB.

In the Local Articles folder, Karen said there was an article about Lorain County merging its mental health and addiction boards. Until now, Lorain County was the only county in Ohio to still have separate boards for mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services. Karen said the merger is being implemented by the Lorain County Board of County Commissioners and will occur on July 1, 2019. The Lorain County Commissioners have not involved the Board staff in the decision to merge. Karen stated that this is an example of what can occur if a Board does not maintain positive relationships with the County Commissioners.

5. Executive Director's Report: Karen Scherra presented a few highlights from her Executive Director's report. Through the OMHAS Collective Impact grant funding, Karen Scherra and Lee Ann Watson and two Opiate Task Force (OTF) members from Clermont Public Health were able to attend the National Council for Behavioral Health Conference on March 24-27 in Nashville. The conference is "the" behavioral health conference to attend and had many interesting national speakers. Several of the breakout sessions focused on topics of interest to the Board and the Opiate Task Force.

Karen also mentioned that the Clermont County Probate Court is interested in starting an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) pilot. Lee Ann Watson finalized a draft procedure for the program.

Under Federal Activities and Legislation, Karen said there is a lot of focus on Medicaid work requirements and the problems associated with them. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released guidance on how it will review and approve applications for States interested in adding work requirements in their Medicaid programs. The new tools from CMS are meant to provide guidance on creating effective demonstrations under Medicaid waiver authorities. However, Medicaid work requirements are having a devastating impact in Arkansas. Over 18,000 Arkansas residents lost their Medicaid coverage since requirements began last summer for non-exempt individuals to report 80 hours of work-related activities per month. Losing health coverage casts negative ripple effects for those residents, including deteriorating health and further stigmatizing low-income individuals. Board member Patty Lawrence asked if the Board members should advocate to support the continuation of Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Karen Scherra said that they can, since the Ohio Legislature has not been very supportive of Medicaid expansion, but that the focus right now is the state budget. If we

hear that there are issues involving Medicaid Expansion in the budget, we will let Board members know and suggest action steps.

6. Action Items: The first action item was the agreement with the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties for implementation of the Department of Labor Grant. Karen Scherra provided an updated on the federal Department of Labor grant, which she wrote, that was awarded to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties. After much discussion between the members of the WIB about the intent of the grant, the WIB voted to contract with CCMHRB for the outreach portion of the grant activities, to be provided by the ASPIRE program at GCB, with the OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) centers in Butler and Warren counties providing the bulk of services once individuals who meet the grant criteria are located. ASPIRE will also be eligible for some funding for the services they provide if the individual is in recovery from an opioid addiction and ASPIRE is better positioned to serve the individual than the OMJ Center. The contract language will be slightly tweaked to accommodate the terminology preferences of all parties involved. Karen recommended the Board approve the contract as presented, allowing for minor revisions. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agreement with the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties for implementation of the Department of Labor grant as presented. (Motion-Kelley Costello, second-John Kelly).

The second action item was the Resolution for donation of furniture to the Hope Community Center. With the Board having the maximum 14 members, new Board room chairs were needed. Board staff kept the best of the previously purchased chairs and ordered some new ones to have a total of 18 (14 Board members and 4 staff). The other chairs are still usable, but the Board has no use for them nor a place to store them.

The Hope Community Center (HCC) needs additional furniture, as the staff from Families Connected will be merging with HCC as of July 1st, and much of what they currently use is not in good shape or is too large for the space. Board staff will be assisting Amy Foley in finding the most inexpensive way to obtain the needed equipment before the transition.

According to state and County regulations regarding furniture and equipment, donation of these items is allowable. However, it must be formally approved in the form of a resolution by the Board of Directors, since the items were purchased with tax payer dollars. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Resolution for donation of furniture (chairs) to Hope Community Center as presented. (Motion-Andy Bateman, second-Kelley Costello).

7. Discussion Items: The first discussion item was the OACBHA Annual Board Director's Retreat (April 11-12). Karen Scherra attended the retreat again this year and shared with the Board members that both the new OMHAS Director, Lori Criss, and the new Director of Governor DeWine's Recovery Ohio Initiative, Alisha Nelson, were present at the retreat. According to Karen, both Directors spent a great deal of time listening to the Board Directors' expressing the needs and expectations of local systems. There was also much discussion on grant funding verses allocations, Behavioral Health Redesign, the importance of Medicaid Expansion, and the need for access to data in order to plan for service delivery at the local level. Karen said it was also brought up at the meeting that the state allocations were below this fiscal year's amount

(we are \$200,000 short). Lori Criss assured the Boards that she believes the SFY2020 allocation will be at least the same as SFY2019. Karen said she is confident that Lori Criss will be a good leader in the behavioral health system as she has been in the system for many years.

Karen said she also had a chance to speak with former State Trooper Steve Click, who now heads the Trauma Response Team at OMHAS. He has spoken with Amy Foley as well. Karen said Mr. Click spoke at the retreat about what he sees as Board responsibilities in the event of a community traumatic event such as the case of Clermont's Detective Brewer being killed in the line of duty. Karen said Mr. Click also agreed to come to Clermont County to present on what, if anything, could have been handled better in the response following the tragedy.

Finally, Karen also mentioned that at the retreat, Board Directors expressed their desire to be recorded in State Legislature as not only the hubs for opioid use and addiction, but also the hubs for mental health resources. OACBHA staff will be working to see that language can be inserted in the budget bill.

The second discussion item was Appreciation Week. Appreciation Week was established by the state in 2018 to honor and thank first responders for their efforts in fighting the opioid epidemic. This year, Appreciation Week will be the week of April 29 through May 3. Karen Scherra reminded the Board that last year's activities in Clermont County included passing out thank you cards/video flash drives with a thank you video, appreciation certificates, and cookies to all First Responder stations in the County. This year, in addition to the Commissioner's Appreciation Week Proclamation coming up on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Appreciation Week Committee plans to present each Police Department and Fire/EMS Department with plaques recognizing and thanking them for the great efforts they have extended to the community in the fight against opioids. Karen said there will also be a celebratory Opiate Task Force (OTF) meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> which will be open to the community in recognition of Appreciation Week. Karen said there will be food and refreshments at the OTF meeting. The Appreciation Week festivities were funded through state funding of \$1,000 and \$350 granted by pharmaceutical companies. Board staff showed Board members one of the Appreciation week plaques and passed out invitations to the May 9<sup>th</sup> OTF meeting.

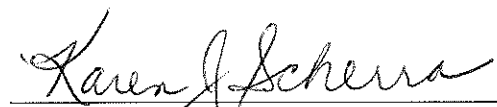
The third and final discussion item was the OMHAS Capital Grants for Child Focus Inc. (CFI) and the Boys and Girls Club. Karen Scherra said the state is offering capital grants to agencies for children's programs that promote resiliency, health and strength in youth. The grant funding can support any children's programming that promotes resiliency and is not just limited to treatment services. Both CFI and the Boys and Girls Club have applied and have been tentatively approved for the grant funding. Both agencies plan to use the money for buying and renovating buildings in Clermont County to house programs for children in the community. The final site visits and reviews are set for April 24. If all goes well, final paperwork will be signed for both projects to proceed. Karen said CCMHRB aided in the applications for the funding for both agencies. The state funding will cover 75% of the cost for each project.

8. Agency Directors' Reports: All agency reports stand as presented. Erica Pursley added that she had worked with Alicia Fine of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (GCB) on submitting a SOR grant funding proposal. She said OMHAS received very few applications when the grant

was first offered, so OMHAS issued a new RFA for the grant. Alicia came up with a proposal that included funding requests for Recovery Coaches and recovery housing. The application was submitted on April 12, 2019. On a side note, Board staff said the women's recovery house, located on State Route 222 near the Sheriff's office, is coming along nicely. Karen Scherra wrapped up by saying she had been approached by a Clermont Sun reporter regarding The Ridge, a residential SUD agency, which is trying to buy property in Batavia for another residential program. The reporter asked Karen if she would want to live next to a recovery house and asked a few questions about the Recovery House on Merwin Road. Karen said she would have no problem with it. Unfortunately, when the article was printed, it focused a lot on the Merwin recovery house instead of The Ridge. GCB, as operator and owner of the house on Merwin, was not contacted for the article, which was unfortunate, as they had no advance notice about the article.

9. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the April 13, 2019 Board of Directors meeting. (Motion-Dorothy Glancy, second-Kelley Costello).
10. Re-Enter Board Meeting: During the Board retreat, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to re-enter the April 13, 2019 Board of Directors meeting. (Motion-Carole Cottrill, second-Greg Varner).
11. Action Item: The Board discussed several issues related to the allocations to agencies for FY 20. One was the addition of administrative costs to grants and programs funded outside of the GOSH billing system, and the other was a request from a contract agency to supplement Medicaid in one service area. The Board decided to take action on the Medicaid issue. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, that the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board will not subsidize any under-funding in Medicaid services to contract agencies. (Motion-Andy Bateman, second-Kelley Costello).
12. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the April 13, 2019 Board of Directors meeting. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-John Kelly).

  
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Karen Conrad, Chairperson

  
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Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director