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MINUTES of July 11, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Suzy Carter, Richard Chaney, Karen Conrad, Molly Greer, Lynn Jung, Angela Liggett, Scott Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jacqueline Block, Greg Cottrell, Dorothy Glancy

GUESTS PRESENT: Tammy Brewer, Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Laura Stith, Lucas Strakowski

STAFF PRESENT: Erica Pursley, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

1. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the July 11, 2016 meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Angela Liggett).
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting with the following changes: Removal of duplicated Section #5. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).
3. Review Materials/Correspondence: Karen Scherra stated that a copy of the letter she sent to Scott Boone, CEO of New Housing Ohio (NHO), was included in the Correspondence Folder. The content of the letter was approved by the Board at the June 13, 2016 Board meeting. The letter explained that the Board of Directors would be utilizing the funding held at OMHAS to meet the OMHAS Continuum of Care requirements by developing a recovery housing project in our county in partnership with our contract agencies. The funding held at OMHAS is from the return of OMHAS capital funding from the sale of an NHO apartment building in Clermont County. The Newspaper folder contained articles on the increase in fentanyl overdoses, as well as an article on the recent passage of a federal bill for access to addiction services. Karen explained that the bill provides support for treatment, MAT, prevention, naloxone and other needed services and supports, but unfortunately does not contain the funding for these additional services. Karen also pointed out several articles about individuals running for Congress that are discussing the opiate epidemic in their campaign speeches. The Miscellaneous file contained some reports with statistics on drug use and suicides.
4. Karen Scherra presented highlights from her Executive Director's Report. Karen explained that Melissa Burke, Board Administrative Assistant, will be on Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for five (5) weeks starting June 27, 2016. Karen also pointed out that staff coverage will be an issue in the next few weeks. Erica Pursley, Fiscal Officer, will be on vacation in mid-July, and Karen will be at a conference and on vacation during some of this

DJFS at the end of June and Karen is still awaiting information on when Juvenile Court Probation staff will be moving in.

Karen Scherra also discussed the state hospital utilization for the year. Despite no longer having a contract with Mercy Clermont Hospital, Clermont County's bed utilization at Summit Behavioral Healthcare is just over half of the total bed count assigned for FY16. Clermont has only used 162 bed days for civil clients and 1,382 bed days for forensic clients. Karen stated that our consumers appear to be doing very well living in the community, and that services such as CPST (case management) and the hotline/mobile crisis seem to be helping prevent hospitalizations.

Karen Scherra provided the Board members with information on OMHAS' new Grants and Funding Management System (GFMS). The system was developed to provide Boards and providers with a platform to report all Federal and State grant and allocation funding so that OMHAS has a better understanding of the boards' funding streams for use in block grant applications and other information requests. There are several concerns about the GFMS, including the fact that it was initially set up to track monthly allocations not fee for service allocations.

Karen Scherra informed the Board that she had recently met with GCB staff to discuss ideas regarding capital projects and the Board's submission of a capital plan to OMHAS. Karen reminded the Board members that the Board's priority for capital projects is Recovery Housing and residential treatment facilities, both of which are required by the Continuum of Care. After discussion with GCB, it was decided that our system is not ready to submit a capital plan since the Board doesn't currently have the required 50% match. GCB will be putting together a two year housing plan and will be discussing their ideas with Karen in the future. Karen will send OMHAS a letter stating that Clermont does not have the required match for a capital plan but will be interested in submitting a plan in two years. Karen also mentioned that the Warren/Clinton Board will be re-submitting a capital plan for a crisis stabilization unit. Warren/Clinton Board previously partnered with Clermont to submit a similar crisis stabilization unit capital plan in FY16, but the plan was not approved. The Warren/Clinton Board will allow Clermont county residents access to the crisis stabilization unit.

Karen Scherra highlighted the information she provided in her Executive Director's report related to State/Legislation/Activities. Governor Kasich signed several bills in mid-June and Karen provided a summary of these state bills, as well as Federal bills.

5. Committee Reports: Scott Wheeler reported for the Finance Committee and stated that two items being recommended by the Committee needed action from the Board members. Erica Pursley explained that, by statute, the Board members have to approve the contract agencies' sliding fee scales. The sliding fee scales provide guidance as to the amount of payment required for services based on income and family size. Erica explained that the sliding fee scales were adjusted to include the new poverty levels established by the federal government for 2016. The new sliding fee scales for FY2017 incorporate the 300% of poverty

requirement for individuals to qualify for Board subsidized services. The Board of Directors approved the 300% of poverty level for eligibility for Board subsidized services in FY2016. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2017 Sliding Fee Scales for GCB and CFI. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Angela Liggett).

Scott Wheeler asked Amy Foley to provide information to the Board members regarding a funding request from Hope Community Center (HCC). Amy explained that the HCC has two air conditioning units and two furnaces. Both of the air conditioners are not working, and one of the furnaces is also not working. HCC had the other furnace repaired in December. Amy explained that she is awaiting input from her Board to determine if the units should be repaired or replaced. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve reallocation of funding from HCC's current approved budget for needed repairs or to replace the air conditioners and the furnace. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Angela Liggett) Amy explained that she would be presenting the issue to her Board of Directors for a recommendation on how to proceed. Amy also stated she would request additional funding from our Board in the future if needed.

6. Action Items: Karen Scherra explained to the Board members the FY2017 MOU with Sojourner. The Board is continuing its arrangement with Common Pleas Court in FY2017 to allow the Court to refer individuals involved with the Court who are in need of residential services to Sojourner, a substance use treatment provider in Butler County. The MOU with Sojourner is with the Board. Per the MOU, the Board will be paying for these services, up to a maximum of \$50,000, as specified by the Court, and then will be reimbursed by the Court. Board staff will be monitoring the use of these services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2017 MOU with Sojourner in Butler County for residential services for alcohol/drug clients referred by Common Pleas Court and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Angela Liggett)

Karen Scherra further explained the FY2017 Amendment to MOUs with Common Pleas Court for residential treatment at Sojourner and outpatient treatment services at CRC. In FY2016, Common Pleas Court provided the Board with up to \$50,000 for residential services and up to \$25,000 for outpatient services. The Board pays the agencies directly for services and then is reimbursed by Common Pleas Court. Common Pleas Court asked to extend the FY2016 MOUs through June 30, 2017 since there are still funds left from the original FY2016 amounts allocated by the court. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2017 Amendments to the MOUs with Clermont County Common Pleas Court regarding Probation Department grant funds and the provision of residential services to Common Pleas Court referrals at Sojourner and the provision of treatment services to Common Pleas Court referrals at Clermont Recovery Center (CRC)/Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB), and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Molly Greer)

Karen Scherra presented the MOU with the Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) regarding Family and Children First (FCF) staff providing SAMHSA grant funded services. The FCF staff have moved to DJFS, and effective July 1st 2016, DJFS is now the Administrative Agent for FCF. DJFS is now responsible for all the fiscal activity associated with the FCF program. However, funding from the SAMHSA FAST TRAC grant the Board obtained in 2009 is currently supporting the salary, fringes, and other expenses, such as mileage and travel costs, of four (4) of the FCF staff. These funds will be used until the grant terminates on September 28, 2016. For the period of July 1st through September 28th, the Board must draw down funds from the grant and reimburse DJFS for those expenses. An MOU was created to allow for DJFS to invoice the Board for these expenses and for the Board to pay the invoices. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the MOU with the Department of Job and Family Services for the FCF staff working in the FAST TRAC program to complete their duties and for the Board to reimburse their expenses with SAMHSA grant funds, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Lynn Jung)

Karen Scherra also presented the FY2017 Consultant Agreement for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program and asked Lee Ann Watson to explain the agreement. Lee Ann explained that the former CIT Law Enforcement Coordinator, Cpt. Steve Rogers, had resigned. Officer Chad Lutson from Union Township Police Department will be the new CIT Coordinator. Lee Ann explained that the Coordinator assists with the CIT training, and is the liaison between the law enforcement system and the behavioral health system. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2017 consultant agreement for a law enforcement officer to assist with the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Scott Wheeler)

6. Discussion Items: In relation to the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, Karen Scherra stated that she had included a revised implementation timeline for the Medicaid Redesign in the Board mailing. However, that revised timeline had already been re-revised in less than a week. Karen stated that this kind of constant revision is what has been occurring with the Redesign. Karen provided a copy of the re-revised timeline to Board members. Previously, agencies could choose to implement the new coding and rates in January or April of 2017, with full implementation required on July 1, 2017. Now, July 1, 2017 is the only date available for implementation. Karen noted that GCB had planned to wait until the mandatory start date. Karen also stated that Jeff O'Neil had told her that GCB will have to wait to see how the new billing under the Redesign will financially impact the agency, since many services will have significantly reduced billable amounts. It is anticipated that our contract providers will take a substantial financial hit, particularly related to billing amounts for services that will be based on the credentials of the staff person providing the service. Karen stated that the Board will have to decide how to reimburse the agencies for the Non-Medicaid services. Karen shared that GCB would like to bill the Board in the same way as Medicaid under the Redesign, but with a different (i.e., higher) rate. Karen stated that the Redesign will be a topic for the Board retreat

since it will involve determining how the Board reimburses for Non-Medicaid clients and Non-Medicaid services, and how this in turn impacts the Board's reserves.

Karen Scherra also provided an update on the FY2018-2019 State Budget. Karen mentioned that the Board will have the same budget for FY2017 as in FY2016 since the state did not complete a midyear revision of the two year budget. Karen informed the Board members that the State had been charging the Managed Care companies a tax, which was recently discovered to be illegal. The state will lose over \$1 billion in revenue because they cannot continue this tax. Karen is concerned that this may impact OMHAS' FY2018 budget. Karen also shared that even though the number of individuals on Medicaid Expansion is higher than anticipated, the cost of the State's Medicaid program is under-spent by approximately \$1.8 million. It appears that the overall number of "regular" Medicaid recipients is much less than anticipated. Further, as previously discussed, Medicaid "Spend Down" is being eliminated and many of those on spend down will not be eligible for Medicaid first before they are eligible for Medicaid. These changes will impact our system. Steve Goldsberry also mentioned that the new labor laws will significantly impact case management services. The new labor laws related to overtime will become effective December 1, 2016.

Karen Scherra stated that the topic of the OMHAS Capital Plan Submission was discussed under her Executive Director report.

Lee Ann Watson explained that the Clermont County Fair is July 24-30, 2016. The Board will once again have a booth at the fair and will need volunteers to staff the booth. CRC prevention staff will be providing staffing during the week days. Volunteers are needed for evenings and weekends.

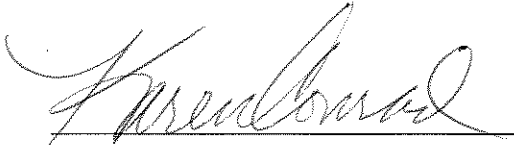
8. Agency Reports: Amy Foley presented for HOPE Community Center (HCC) stating that she had no additions to her report. Amy took the opportunity to thank the Board members for approving the use of her budget for needed repair or replacement of the HCC air conditioners and furnace.

Steve Goldsberry reported on behalf of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB) and stated that CRC has been hiring many new staff including a peer position, a case management position, an outreach position, and prevention positions. Steve also informed the Board members that the adolescent program at CRC is changing to include less home-based services and more office-based traditional outpatient treatment such as group and individual counseling. CRC is adding a counselor to TASC since the caseloads are so high. This additional position was funded through money from the state. Steve also mentioned that CASC has been struggling with census, but has had 27 clients for the last week. Steve also stated that CASC may be expanded to include a unit for women.

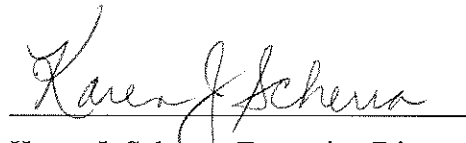
Lucas Strakowski reported for NAMI and provided the Board members with information on the recent "Hot Topics" workshop that featured a discussion on anxiety in youth. Lucas also shared that the Family to Family class at Mercy Clermont will be starting soon.

Laura Stith reported on behalf of Child Focus, Inc. and reminded the Board members of CFI's upcoming fund raisers. Laura also shared with the Board the Red's Rookie Success League event. The summer day camp is a character building program for underprivileged youth. This is the second year that CFI has been involved with the program. Laura thanked the Board for allowing CFI to bill prevention so they can provide services at the program.

9. There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Angie Liggett)



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director