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MINUTES of June 13, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline Block, Richard Chaney, Karen Conrad, Greg Cottrell, Dorothy Glancy, Lynn Jung, Molly Greer, Scott Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Suzy Carter, Angela Liggett

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Carter, Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Sandy Lock, Jeff O'Neil, Lucas Strakowski, Heather Turner

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

1. Prior to starting the Board Meeting, Chairperson Karen Conrad reminded the group that there were Action Items from the May 2016 Board Meeting that the Board Members would be voting on, since those items were tabled due to not having quorum at the May 2016 meeting.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the June 13, 2016 meeting, with a revision to the date changing it from May 9, 2016 to June 13, 2016. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Greg Cotrill).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 and the May 9, 2016 meetings. (Motion-Jacqueline Block, second-Greg Cotrill).
4. Review Materials/Correspondence: Karen Scherra welcomed the group and brought attention to the Correspondence Folder stating that it contained a "Thank You" card from the Milford High School After Prom Committee, as well as a letter and pictures from the Genesis School regarding their "Take Care" program. Both of these programs were funded with the help of the Board's mini-grants. Karen stated that the Board is getting increased recognition for providing mini-grant funding for various local programs. Also in the folder was a copy of an email that Karen received from Senator Portman, which was in response to a letter Karen sent him outlining her concerns regarding federal funding for behavioral health. The Senator's response illustrated his support for federal funding.

Karen brought attention to the Miscellaneous Folder, referencing a press release about OMHAS's public awareness campaign promoting Naloxone, particularly targeting the 11 "high

burden” counties that CDC identified as having high Fentanyl overdose rates. Clermont County is one of the 11 counties. Karen stated that there will be additional funding going to the Clermont County Public Health Department for Naloxone. Associate Director Lee Ann Watson added that Naloxone is currently being carried by the Clermont County Sheriff Deputies and that the Amelia and Goshen Police Departments recently begin carrying Naloxone as well. Karen Scherra also mentioned a copy of President Obama’s speech about the need for more addiction services, as well as the CRC/GCB Spring 2016 Newsletter which includes GCB’s new mission and vision statement.

Lastly, Karen Scherra pointed out that the Newspaper Folder contains quite a few articles about the Marijuana legislation recently passed in Ohio; as well as articles concerning the increase in national suicide rates. Karen further shared an article from the Enquirer on May 27th regarding an individual who had issues accessing services at CRC/GCB. Karen spoke with Steve Goldsberry about the individual’s concerns and Steve illustrated that a lot of the information in the article was in fact true; however, this particular client also wanted detoxification services that are not immediately available at the agency. In response to the article, CRC/GCB drafted an article, which was in turn published on June 8th. CRC/GCB’s article provided an explanation as to why services are not immediately available, in an attempt to help the community better understand the process for accessing treatment. Karen stated that she spoke with Enquirer reporter Terry DeMio regarding the May 27th article, and Terry stated that she tried to stop the article from being printed, telling the editors that access to substance use treatment isn’t just an issue at CRC/GCB, but is a statewide issue. She was obviously unsuccessful, but was instrumental in having Steve’s response article printed. As a side note, Karen shared her frustration with a Letter to the Editor that was printed underneath CRC/GCB’s article. This letter seemed to imply that all individuals with addictions eventually relapse and these individuals should be permitted to pursue their addiction to their demise. Karen thought it was in bad taste for the newspaper to print the letter and asked Board Members to review the articles and if they agree, suggested that they write a letter to the editor also. On a positive note, however, Karen said that Kathleen Williams, County Communications Director, wrote a press release regarding the Opiate Summit held in May in Columbus, which caught the attention of Terry DeMio at the Enquirer. Ms. DeMio wrote an article about the collaboration between the Board, Juvenile Court, CPS and CRC/GCB, which made the front page of the Enquirer on June 4th. The article discussed recent graduates from Juvenile Court’s Family Dependency Treatment Court. The article was also picked up by other newspapers around Ohio and published.

5. Executive Directors Report: Karen Scherra reported that she reviewed the May Executive Director’s Report last month. Karen noted for the group that, as mentioned at May’s meeting, she, Erica Pursley and Lee Ann Watson attended the Medicaid Behavioral Health Redesign training held by the Board Association on May 17, 2016. It is anticipated that the final rates for Medicaid will be released on or about July 1, 2016. OMHAS and staff from the Department of Medicaid explained most of the changes, although many components of the Redesign are still not finalized. The Redesign will require many changes for the providers, primarily in how they bill services. It is anticipated that many more changes will occur before the Redesign is

how these changes will impact subsidizing services for non-Medicaid Board clients. Karen also mentioned recent correspondence with Director Tracy Plouck at OMHAS regarding a Clermont County resident who was recently released from prison with very little communication to the Board prior to his release and who has significant issues and needs. Board staff is working on a transition plan for the individual, including accessing state funds that we just learned might be available for this type of situation.

Karen shared with Board members the results of the Regional Opiate Hotline/Public Awareness Committee meeting she and Denny Moell, CFI's Assistant Director of Crisis Services, attended on June 7th. The meeting was held to further discuss possibility of a regional hotline for information and help for heroin addiction. There was a very upfront discussion about the difficulties in moving to a regional number and a focus on determining exactly what would be accomplished through a central number. The group eventually determined that the meetings should be redirected to sharing best practices from current hotlines and working collaboratively to develop knowledge and relationships among the various hotlines in the region.

Karen also shared that the medical marijuana legislation had not yet been signed by the Governor when she wrote her Executive Director's report, but that he had signed it last week. The legislation still has many items to be determined, such as distribution centers, and it is likely that access to medical marijuana will not be available for at least a year. Much focus will need to be placed on educating the public and developing prevention messaging. Karen stated that recreational marijuana will most likely be on the ballot in the fall of 2017.

Further, Karen discussed that the Continuum of Care deadline has been moved from September 15, 2016 to July 1, 2017. The Legislature gave Boards additional time to meet the requirements, and it is anticipated that the requirements for in-county facilities will not change. Our system meets most of the requirements with the exception of Recovery Housing. Clermont residents have access to Recovery Housing in other Counties that are subsidized by the Board. Karen is hoping that boards will be granted a waiver on services being located outside the "service district"; since the requirements were put in place after our Board had purchased and renovated Recovery Housing in Clinton County in partnership with Brown and Warren/Clinton Boards utilizing "Hot Spot" funding, we would need a waiver to count this housing. Karen stated her concern that a waiver may not be approved by the legislature. Karen mentioned that she has been in discussions with the provider agencies and several preliminary ideas have surfaced as to how we can develop Recovery Housing in Clermont County.

6. Committee Reports: Scott Wheeler presented on behalf of the Finance Committee, which met prior to the Board meeting. Scott stated that the Finance Committee discussed the issue of New Housing Ohio's (NHO) return of capital funding to OMHAS after the sale of a Piccadilly apartment building. Karen Scherra explained that Scott Boone, Director of NHO, has requested that the Board provide him with the \$100,000+ now in escrow at OMHAS from the sale of the building. Mr. Boone requested the funding so he can purchase land to build apartments in Amelia, with some units to house individuals with a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Karen declined the request, stating that OMHAS directed that the funding be utilized for a Board approved need in Clermont County. Karen discussed the

Karen Scherra presented the Board members with the FY17 list of Health Officers and CCOs. Karen stated that it is necessary for the Board to officially approve the designation of Health Officers and Chief Clinical Officers (CCO) each fiscal year. Health Officers are responsible for approving admission of Clermont County residents to the state hospital and admission of clients to local hospitals for psychiatric inpatient services. Lee Ann Watson explained that the Board requires that the Health Officers receive annual training. The Board has historically not had a CCO on staff or under contract to the Board, but has designated an appropriate staff member at our mental health contract agencies. Dr. Laura Stith, CFI Clinical Director, remains as the designated CCO for children/adolescent services. Dr. Katherine Schmidt, GCB's Associate Medical Director, is the designated CCO for adult services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2017 Adult and Children's CCOs and to approve the FY2017 Health Officers for GCB and CFI as presented (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Lynn Jung).

Karen Scherra discussed the FY2017 Agreement with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and explained that the Board maintains an agreement for inpatient psychiatric services for children without Medicaid or third party coverage. The Board requested that the Hospital's per diem remain the same as for previous years. Since the majority of children have insurance coverage, the Board has not had to pay for inpatient psychiatric services in the past several years. However, it is essential to have inpatient services available at Children's Hospital in order to meet the needs of our child and adolescent clients. If Children's requests a per diem increase, Karen will bring the agreement back to the Board for approval. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agreement with Children's Hospital for psychiatric inpatient services to children/adolescents for FY 2017 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board (Motion-Molly Greer, second-Greg Cottrell).

Karen Scherra presented the FY2017 Agreement with Brown County Care Center (BCCC). The BCCC provides adult residential care to GCB clients. The Board has been funding placement of adults with a serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) at BCCC as an alternative to the Mellon Meadows and Peebles facilities for a number of years. The per diem for FY17 will remain the same. The only difference in the FY2017 contract with BCCC was an explanation that the Board is the payor of last resort and all other funding sources must first be utilized, and the expectation that BCCC will work with the provider agency (GCB) in determining whether a client has personal resources to help pay some of the cost of his/her care. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agreement with Brown County Care Center, adult residential care provider, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy)

Karen Scherra also presented the FY 2017 agreement with Continuing Healthcare Solutions Adult Care Facilities. Mellon Ridge in Goshen and Peebles in Adams County have long been an integral part of our residential services and are essential in maintaining low hospital utilization and a continuum of care for SPMI clients. The FY2017 agreement is the same as last year, with the addition to language related to client's resources and stressing that the Board is the payor of last resort and all other funding sources must first be utilized, and the expectation that BCCC will work with the provider agency (GCB) in determining whether a

items. Karen explained that the additional changes will be brought to the Board for approval in September. Karen also explained that the Standards for FY 2017 include the GOSH standards that were approved last September that become effective July 1, 2016. A motion was made and unanimously approved, to approve the revisions to the Board Contract Standards for FY 2017. (Motion- Molly Greer, second-Dorothy Glancy)

Karen Scherra stated that the Board is required to meet 10 times a year, and typically cancels the August Board meeting due to quorum issues and lack of any significant issues to discuss or approve. Karen asked for approval to cancel the August 8th Board meeting. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the cancellation of the August 8th Board meeting. (Motion- Jacqueline Block, second-Lynn Jung)

Karen Scherra provided the Board members information about the Family and Children First (FCF)/FAST TRAC program moving to DJFS. The Board has been the Administrative Agent for FCF since 2003; with the recent staff decreases and fiscal constraints, the Board indicated months ago that it could no longer fulfill this role. DJFS is the new FCF administrative Agent effective July 1, 2016. The Board retains all responsibility for the SAMHSA grant until it ends on September 28, 2016. As a result of the move, the FCF Director talked with Karen regarding items that the staff needs to take to their new office space at DJFS. Any office equipment or furniture purchased with FCF funds are the property of FCF and will be taken to DJFS. Anything purchased with SAMHSA grant funds belong to the Board, as the Board is the grantee. There are 51 items such as chairs, desks, laptops, lamps, file cabinets, and bookcases that FCF is requesting to take with them. In order for the items to go with FCF, the Board must pass a resolution for donation of SAMHSA grant-funded equipment. There are also several items that FCF will not have room for at the present time, but is requesting that those items be donated when FCF moves to another location. Karen stated that this will have to be decided at a later time. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the resolution as presented. (Motion-Greg Cottrell, second-Molly Greer)

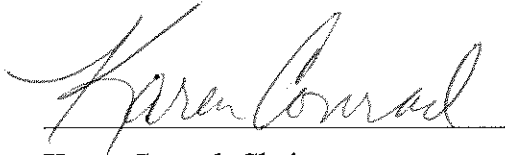
Karen Scherra explained that the FY 2017 Community Plan is due June 30, 2016. Lee Ann Watson described the contents of the plan and the requirements that OMHAS added to the plan related to the Continuum of Care. Lee Ann reviewed the OMHAS inventory of services document with the Board members. Karen stated that OMHAS has been very clear that the contents of the Community Plan will determine if a Board area currently meets the requirements of the Continuum of Care or will need assistance adding services before the deadline of July 2017. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Board's FY 2017 Community Plan as presented and to authorize the Executive Director and Chairperson to sign the Plan on behalf of the Board. (Motion- Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy)

8. In relation to the Discussion Items, Karen Scherra provided the Board members with an update on the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign. Karen also shared that the final rates might be available this week. Karen described a recent newsletter that discussed lawyers concerns regarding the funding portion of the Redesign. The response to those concerns by Dr. Hurst, Medical Director from OMHAS, was that everything will be fine and that the

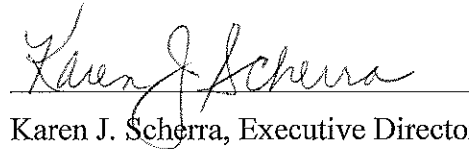
Lucas reported for NAMI that the Family to Family class held at Mercy Clermont had ten (10) graduates. This is a 65% retention rate and NAMI is very happy. Lucas mentioned that “Hot Topics” will be held at CFI on June 14, 2016 and will feature a local doctor discussing treatment of anxiety in youth. Another Family to Family class recently started at Child Focus, Inc. and 18 people registered for the class. NAMI will start another Family to Family class in the fall at Mercy Clermont. NAMI’s open house went well.

Steve Goldsberry reported on behalf of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB) and stated that his report stands as presented.

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



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director