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MINUTES of May 9, 2016

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jacqueline Block, Karen Conrad, Dorothy Glancy, Greg Cotrill
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Suzy Carter, Richard Chaney, Molly Greer, Lynn Jung, Angela Liggett, Scott Wheeler
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Jim Carter, Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Sandy Lock, Jeff O'Neil, Laura Stith, Heather Turner
- STAFF PRESENT:** Melissa Burke, Erica Pursley, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

1. Prior to starting the Board Meeting, Chairperson Karen Conrad announced to the group that due to the excused absences of most of the board members, there was not a quorum and therefore the Board would not be able to vote on any pending action items. The action items were tabled to next month.
2. Review Materials/Correspondence: Karen Scherra stated that the Newspaper folder contained several articles about an increase in suicides, which are being connected to the economy and to increased substance use disorders, including both prescription and illegal drugs. Karen mentioned that there is currently a lot of attention being directed towards funding and expanding access to mental health services, including many mental health bills presently being debated in Congress.
3. Committee Reports: Greg Cotrill presented on behalf of the Finance Committee, which met prior to the Board meeting. There were two action items based on the Finance Committee meeting discussions. First was to approve the recommendation of the Finance that the agency allocations be approved as presented as there is enough funding in the FY17 Board budget. Karen Scherra stated that since the Finance Committee approved it, the POS contracts will be drafted and presented to the Board at the June meeting for approval. Karen further elaborated that the second action item discussed at the Finance Committee was in reference to a definition of what constitutes high deductible insurance, since there is a Board policy about subsidizing service costs for clients with high deductibles. After discussion, the Finance Committee decided not to develop a definition and to maintain the current language, even though there was a request from GCB to provide a definition, since there are so many factors that would influence whether an individual/family would not be able to pay the full cost of services until their deductible is met. Karen stated that issues concerning clients and high

deductable insurance plans should be addressed on a case by case basis with Board staff with regard to subsidy.

4. Executive Directors Report: Karen Scherra noted that she had met with Wade Grabowski from County Facilities and the County Commissioners have not yet approved the move of Juvenile Probation staff to our building. Wade wanted to speak with Karen directly to get the details of the “rental terms” from the Board’s perspective. Karen shared that rather than paying the percentage of fixed costs we had proposed, the county may absorb some of the monthly costs of our building maintenance and reimburse the Board for services that the county is not able to cover. Wade also indicated that in addition to covering the fixed costs of operating the building, there should be some clause about Juvenile Court covering their portion of the costs of any major capital expense, e.g., if an air conditioner unit breaks and needs to be replaced. Karen mentioned that she also spoke with Wade about the potential of the county purchasing our building in the future once the new Juvenile Court building is completed and the old Detention Center building next to ours is razed.

Karen Scherra explained that Scott Boone, Director of NHO, has requested that the Board provide him with the \$100,000+ now in escrow that NHO returned to OMHAS from the sale of an apartment building at Piccadilly. Mr. Boone requested the funding so he can purchase land to build apartments, 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. The plan is to utilize the funding for development of a residential treatment facility within our county or for recovery housing if the Continuum of Care requirement is not changed from having it in the Board’s service area to in the region.

Karen Scherra shared with Board members that several members from the Clermont County Opiate Task Force and SOLACE attended the Ohio Opiate Conference along with herself, Lee Ann Watson, and other local agency staff. Karen stated that the presentations on the OTF went very well. Many conference attendees provided compliments about the work and accomplishments of our OTF. In addition, Karen shared she was also a presenter with Tim Dick, from Clermont DJFS/CPS, and Juvenile Court Judge Shriver regarding Juvenile Court’s Family Dependency Treatment Court program. The presentation included the couple who were the first graduates of the court program.

In relation to the Discussion Items, Karen Scherra provided the Board members with an update on the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign. It is anticipated that the final rates for Medicaid will be released on or about July 1, 2016. Another draft of the Medicaid rates was released, and the rates for substance abuse treatment that were very problematic did increase somewhat. It is anticipated that many more changes will occur before the Redesign is finalized. Karen also shared that she, Lee Ann Watson, and Erica Pursley will be attending a training event on May 17th concerning the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign. Information on the impact of the changes to Medicaid Spenddown is becoming clearer as letters are being sent to clients who will be impacted by the changes. Karen said there are not any dramatic changes to Medicaid billing or Medicaid funded services at this point, but that in the

upcoming year, massive changes will occur in many areas of Medicaid. Sandy Lock from Child Focus stated that CFI is researching how to get prevention certification for their school based mental health workers since OMHAS is now requiring certain credentials for prevention providers. Also, Respite services may be added into the Behavioral Health Medicaid plan as a Medicaid billable service, and the addition of Wraparound services is now being linked to the move to Medicaid Managed Care. Jeff O'Neil from GCB added that GCB is still concerned about the proposal that case management phone calls, which are about 12% of business, will not be Medicaid billable. This topic is still being debated at the state level. Jeff further stated that the new qualification requirements for case management staff to bill Medicaid, two years experience for a Bachelor level worker and one year for a Master's level worker, are also a financial concern for GCB.

Karen Scherra stated that there is still a small parcel of property that is owned by the Board near the CRC building on Wasserman Way. Karen shared that the Board will eventually need to make a decision regarding what to do with this property, but in the meantime, there are dead trees on the property that have become a potential hazard to the Social Security building next door if they were to fall down. Board staff is working with the county to have the trees cut down for a cost of \$400. The cut down trees will be left on the property, as there was an additional cost to have them removed. Karen further stated that donating this parcel to GCB/CRC may be a future option for the Board. She will bring this topic up for discussion at a later date.

6. Agency Reports:

Heather Turner reported for NAMI, reminding the group that the NAMI walk was held last Saturday. A total of 1,500 people attended the event. Heather further stated that NAMI has not yet sent out "thank you" notices as the fundraising associated with the walk will continue through July 6, 2016. Heather added that NAMI is on target to hit their fundraising goal at this point. Also, Heather invited Board Members to an open house on May 19th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at NAMI's new location on Executive Park Drive. There will be light refreshments and finger foods for all to enjoy while taking a look at their new suite. An RSVP is requested by May 17th.

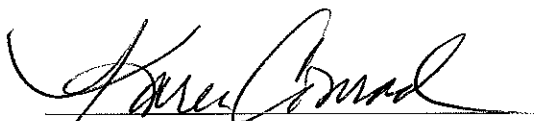
Amy Foley presented for HOPE Community Center (HCC), stating that the art show that HCC hosted earlier this month was a very positive experience. HCC sold consumer created paintings and made a total of \$234 on the sale of the art work, as well as \$135 at the bake sale. Various people from the county attended the event, including hospital staff, court staff, a Board member and some Board staff. Amy further elaborated that she and Steve Goldsberry from CRC have met a couple of times this month for planning regarding peer services. Several peers from HCC recently completed a tour of CRC and learned about the intake process. Those participating in the tour found it to very beneficial.

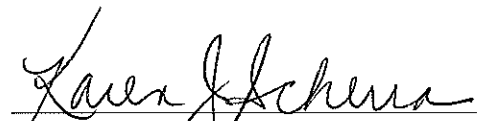
Steve Goldsberry reported on behalf of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB) and stated that his report stands as presented.

Jeff O'Neil from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral (GCB) stated that the primary care clinic in Amelia's GCB office has opened. To date, there are about 85 clients enrolled in the project. Jeff further elaborated that many of these clients being seen in the new clinic haven't had primary health care in 15-20 years.

Laura Stith presented for Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) and stated that the hotline continues to receive a record number of calls – the calls have doubled over the last year. Laura added that CFI was accepted into the Ohio Suicide Academy to help incorporate best practices into the current crisis services offered. Laura stated that in terms of Trauma Informed Care, CFI has joined a learning academy and will become an official trauma informed agency in the near future. She added that CFI is opening the 20,000 square foot building in Mt. Orab, Ohio on the May 19, 2016 with an all day open house event. Karen Scherra added that she and Denny Moell from CFI attended a meeting at Interact for Health concerning establishing one crisis line number for the region (Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana). United Way, which manages the 211 phone number, has now hired consultants who are looking at expanding the 211 phone number in the region and making it a crisis line for all counties. Karen stated that she and Denny made a point to the group that Clermont County doesn't currently have a need for this, as our County Crisis Hotline has been in place for some time and is working. However, some believe that a central phone number is needed for the region. Thus, all parties agreed to have an additional meeting to continue to discuss the topic. Karen will continue to keep the Board apprised as developments occur.

7. The meeting was adjourned without a vote from the Board, as there was not a quorum due to the absence of a majority of the Board Members.


Karen Conrad, Chairperson


Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director