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### MINUTES of November 14, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jacqueline Block, Suzy Carter, Richard Chaney, Karen Conrad, Dorothy Glancy, Lynn Jung, Angela Liggett

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Greg Cottrell, Molly Greer, Scott Wheeler

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jim Carter, Anne Combs, Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Sandy Lock, Laura Stith, Lucas Strakowski

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

1. An addition was made to the November 14, 2016 meeting agenda under Discussion Items D: 3: Continuum of Care Discussion. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agenda as revised for the November 14, 2016 meeting. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Dorothy Glancy).
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Lynn Jung).
3. Review Materials/Correspondence: Executive Director, Karen Scherra, brought attention to the Correspondence folder, highlighting numerous letters from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS). The first letter concerned OMHAS' approval of our SFY 2017 Community Plan, explaining that the plan is a required element for Board eligibility for state and federal funding. She also brought attention to email correspondence from James Lapczynski of OHMAS concerning their preliminary review of the SFY 2017 Continuum of Care requirements, which consisted of a review of the Boards' annual budget (FIS-040) and a listing of the services required for the Continuum of Care. Karen further explained that OMHAS' review of the plan is the first step in planning for full implementation in SFY 2018 of the service requirements. Karen brought attention to another letter received earlier this month from OMHAS concerning a recall of a nasal atomizer used to administer naloxone in the event of an opiate overdose. She explained that the recall was issued by Teleflex Medical, the makers of the nasal atomizer. These atomizers were unfortunately included in many of the State's Project DAWN kits. Karen explained that instead of the atomizers releasing a mist, the device is issuing a stream of the medication, which is prohibiting the necessary absorption into the nasal cavity. CRC has been affected by this recall and is currently in the process of handling the situation on their end. Steve Goldsberry of CRC stated that out of 200 kits that CRC currently has in their inventory, they estimated about half are affected by the recall. Steve further stated that CRC has issued letters to community

members concerning this issue and thus far, no kits were returned. The Project Dawn kits given to local police departments were not affected. Karen Scherra moved our attention to another letter issued by OMHAS concerning the end of the MACSIS system, the state-wide claims processing system used to process non-Medicaid claims for provider agencies since 1999. Karen explained that this system will terminate processing claims as of June 30, 2017. The system is being retired, as it cannot accommodate changes needed moving forward. The letter from OHMAS states that effective July 1, 2017, MACSIS will only be available for maintenance of existing non-Medicaid claims with the specified service dates as referenced above and that this maintenance will be available until June 30, 2018. Karen further explained that we selected the GOSH system as an alternative to MACSIS in anticipation of the discontinuation of MACSIS. Clermont County is now among 30+ boards that utilize the GOSH system. There are eight Boards that are currently still using MACSIS, with no alternative system in place. These Boards can still move to the GOSH system if they choose to do so, but the decision would need to be made quickly by each Board, as the GOSH developer has stated that after the first of the year, he will not add any boards to GOSH so that he can concentrate on all the changes to the system will be needed by current GOSH boards to address the BH Redesign. Lastly, Karen brought our attention to three recent events where Mobile Crisis has had a positive impact on the community. Bianca Edwards of the Clermont County YWCA gave praise to Mobile Crisis in a recent email to the Domestic Violence Taskforce concerning a recent situation where the Mobile Crisis Team was called upon for assistance with a woman who stated she was being intimidated and held against her will in an apartment by individuals who wanted money from her to purchase heroin. The Mobile Crisis Team was able work with the Union Township Police Department to help her create a plan and get her to a safe place. A second recent illustration of the positive impact of the Mobile Crisis Team was an email explaining the great work of Mobile Crisis Responder Will Cates. Will had responded to two call-outs concerning a student having a mental health crisis at a local high school. And third, Karen mentioned a Clermont Sun news article concerning a Loveland police officer who was awarded a medal for preventing a suicide attempt on the I-275 overpass in Loveland. The Loveland Officer working with Miami Township Police involved Mobile Crisis, and the team, together with the officers, was successful in preventing a suicide. Karen stated that these examples show that there is a great need for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Mobile Crisis in our community, and that we are fortunate to have these resources in place.

Karen Scherra went on to discuss several items in the Miscellaneous folder. She first brought our attention to a recent publication from OACBHA that focused on the new blueprint for the Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) and the Recovery Is Beautiful (RIB) slogan. An article about ROSC and the RIB slogan was recently issued to newly elected State legislators, as well as Ohio representatives and senators at the federal level. Cheri Walter, CEO of OACBHA, included stories of how six County Boards implemented the RIB slogan in their local communities. Karen explained that Clermont was one of the six Boards highlighted in the article, since Clermont used the slogan in our 2015 levy campaign. A picture of herself, Erica Pursley and Joyce Rain, Board staff members, wearing the levy campaign t-shirts was included in the OACBHA article. Karen Scherra noted the summary of results of the twelve

(12) County Board levies that were on the ballot in the November 2016 general election. Nine of the twelve levies passed. Karen explained that out of the twelve levies, most were renewals or replacements, only three of them being new requests, which all failed. Karen reminded the board that our levy was the only levy increase that has passed in the past four to five years, which reflects large community support towards our services and the needs caused by the heroin epidemic. Karen Scherra also brought attention to a newsletter issued by Representative Brad Wenstrep concerning his attendance at the Clermont County Opiate Task Force's (OTF) meeting in October. Karen stated that Representative Wenstrep requested a meeting with OTF members to discuss the opioid epidemic and the OTF's thoughts about the epidemic. Representative Wenstrep also shared what is happening in Washington related to the opioid epidemic. The article was included on his Facebook page as well as his webpage. Another article included in the Miscellaneous folder concerned a poster that a third grader in West Virginia had made for a local contest called "Kids Kick Opioids". Karen explained that the third graders' father died from a heroin overdose and she made the poster to share her story. The child won first place in the contest. Karen also brought attention to the final report for the SAMHSA System of Care (FAST TRAC) grant, which ended in September 2016. Karen informed the group that the final budget report was recently completed by Joyce Rain and submitted to SAMHSA today. And lastly, Karen brought our attention to the Surgeon General's scheduled report on addiction, with a live release which will air on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. EST. Karen offered to send the link to the live-stream version of the broadcast to any board members interested in watching it.

Finally, Karen mentioned several articles in the Newspaper folder concerning heroin. The articles are beginning to focus more on the impact of heroin addiction on children, as well as treatment. Karen stated that more and more attention is being brought to parity and reminded Board members that currently there is not parity with mental health and addiction disorders. Additionally, Karen highlighted an article about "Artsy Fartsy", a mini-grant recipient, who consistently mentions our Board as one of their financial supporters in publications concerning their work within the County. Karen shared that their organization does a lot with youth in the community and has had a positive impact.

4. Karen Scherra presented highlights from the Executive Director's Report. Karen shared with the group that the Board Association is holding a new conference this year in Columbus that will focus on mental health and addiction and moving forward Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care. Karen stated that registration for the event is now open, and the conference is scheduled for January 10-11, 2017. Karen also asked that any interested Board member contact the office if they are interested in attending. Karen shared that both she and Lee Ann Watson will be attending the conference, and that she would send a reminder email about the conference to all Board members after the meeting.

Additionally, Karen mentioned a presentation to the OTF in October on carfentanil by Dr. Kahn, who is an emergency room physician as well as a member of the Opiate Task Force. Dr. Kahn explained that carfentanil is very potent and deadly, and that there are many other combinations that can be manufactured which would be even stronger. Dr. Kahn also stated

that the problem is not going to slow down any time soon without strong prevention and treatment efforts.

Karen also mentioned that CRC's outreach team presented to the OTF in November. The team did an outstanding job on the presentation. The team spoke about the Recovery Coaching services they are offering in the community. Many OTF members commented that they believed that the outreach team will be very beneficial. Steve Goldsberry of CRC added that the presentation was very effective.

Karen Scherra further relayed to the group that on October 26, members of the Governor's Opiate Action Team, including OMHAS Director Tracy Plouck and staff from the Governor's office, Ohio Department of Health, and the Director of the Ohio Pharmacy Board, visited Clermont County to discuss current issues related to opioid abuse. Twenty five stakeholders attended the meeting, including the Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, Commissioner Ubile, Judge McBride, and all had a lot of comments and suggestions for the visitors. It was noted by all that Clermont County was hit hard due to lack of resources. Karen spoke with Director Plouck after the meeting and both felt that the meeting was impactful. Clermont was one of several counties that were visited throughout the state.

Karen then brought our attention to the Interact for Health grant that Lee Ann Watson, Associate Director, had applied for in August on behalf of the OTF. The grant will provide funding to start a "Quick Response Team" (QRT) in Union Township. We are still awaiting the decision on our proposal; however, Kelly Firesheets from Interact for Health conducted a site visit on October 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the grant application. Gregg Pieples and two recovery coaches from CRC/GCB attended the meeting along with Lt. Matt Terrell from Union Township Fire/EMS Department, Lee Ann and Karen. Karen stated she believes that the meeting went well and feels confident that we will be awarded the grant.

In relation to the Interact for Health QRT grant proposal, Karen explained that Board staff was recently informed that Dr. Judith Feinberg, head of the Cincinnati syringe program, submitted a CDC grant application for QRT in Clermont County. Interact for Health has asked us to work with Dr. Feinberg to collaborate with this project. A conference call was held with Gregg Pieples of CRC/GCB, one of CRC's recovery coaches, Lee Ann and Karen and it was decided by the end of the call that if Dr. Feinberg is awarded the grant, she will in turn be in contact and all would meet to see how we could coordinate the two projects.

Karen informed the Board members that the OMHAS Addiction Treatment Program grant is moving forward. The Clermont Board was selected as one of eight boards to receive the grant. The funds, in the amount of \$156,500, have to be used by a certified drug court working with individuals with an opiate addiction. In Clermont County, the Family Dependency Treatment Court was eligible, and clients have to be involved in the court and participating in MAT services as well. Karen said that she has petitioned Director Plouck to utilize the grant funding in another high need area since the Family Dependency Court has few clients. Karen also noted that it appears Northland is not going to be participating in the grant, as they were

looking for funds to pay for their time/activities with the clients. Thus, the funds will be used only by CRC/GCB. Karen said that the MOU with CRC/GCB has been signed.

Karen also provided an update on the OMHAS Drug Free Workplace Grant. An independent company chosen by OMHAS, Working Partners, will assist the 18 boards selected with the project. Karen is working very closely with GCB staff, and Diane Davis from CASC will be the Board Liaison for the project. Karen Scherra has asked the local Workforce One Board to participate in the meetings and that this could lead to real benefits for the system.

5. Karen Scherra discussed the developments at the Finance Committee meeting, which met prior to the Board of Directors meeting. Karen opened the discussion with Recovery Housing Funding for CRC/GCB. Karen reminded the Board members that Recovery Housing is a requirement for the OMHAS Continuum of Care and that it must be located within our County. The deadline for having Recovery Housing is July 1, 2017. CRC/GCB has agreed to own and operate the Recovery Housing in Clermont County. Karen has been in discussion with Doug Bailey at OHMAS regarding the use of the \$100,600 in capital funds Clermont County has in escrow towards the purchase and renovation of a building. The Board and GCB have also applied for operational funds (\$112,053) from OMHAS to operate the housing. Only eight counties were eligible to apply for the OMHAS operational funds. Karen believes that we will be awarded this grant, which will help with the costs. CRC/GCB needs an additional \$175,000 to renovate the property plus the monies from OHMAS. In addition, CRC/GCB would like all the funds upfront from the Board to make the purchase of the facility go smoothly. CRC/GCB is currently looking for sites with realtors, and is also considering foreclosed properties. Karen stated the Finance Committee recommended that the additional funding for the purchase and renovation of the building be taken from reserves, and that the money could be fronted to the agency. Karen also mentioned that an MOU with CRC/GCB will be created, obligating CRC/GCB to reimburse the Board for the \$100,600 in upfront funds once they receive the capital funds from OMHAS. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve additional funding to GCB up to \$175,000, for recovery housing and to provide the entire amount of funding upfront to CRC/GCB, with the \$100,6000 capital funding to be provided to the Board once it's obtained. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Dorothy Glancy).

Karen Scherra went on to discuss the Funding Request from Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) regarding Overtime for Crisis Staff. Karen reminded the Board members that the Department of Labor has updated their regulations regarding minimum wage and overtime pay. This change will heavily impact staff of the Mobile Crisis team, since many of the staff who work full-time at CFI also work weekend and/or evening shifts for Mobile Crisis. Laura Stith of CFI pointed out the importance of having the same staff working these "after hour" shifts due to relationships with the police. Laura added CFI has learned that the mobile crisis staff cannot flex their time to avoid the overtime issue. Hiring staff to fill the after hour shifts would be difficult since they would be part-time positions, more difficult to supervise, and still would require additional funding. Karen added that CFI is requesting an increase of \$34,500 annually to staff the crisis program. Since the Department of Labor rule does not take effect until December 1, 2016, the pro-rated cost for this fiscal year would be \$20,000. Karen added that

the additional funding was recommended by the Finance Committee and asked the Board to approve it as well. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the additional \$20,000 in FY 2017 to Child Focus for Mobile Crisis staff working overtime. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Richard Chaney) The costs of this overtime rule will be factored in during the planning for agency allocations for FY 2018.

Erica Pursley, Fiscal Officer, discussed the GCB SFY 2016 Overpayment, advising the group that GCB converted to a new billing system in October 2015 which resulted in various system issues. Through the annual year-end reconciliation process, it was discovered that duplicate claims were paid in the amount of \$15,912.18 to GCB. The GOSH billing system did not catch the duplicate billing. Additionally, the reconciliation found that GCB exceeded the FY16 POS contract by \$1,683.27, and was therefore overpaid for a combined total of \$17,575.45. In addition to these two issues, it was also discovered that GCBH did not bill for roughly \$60,000 in services which were provided. Erica assured the group that the issue with the new billing system has since been resolved, so this issue should not occur again. However, a decision is needed regarding receipt of funds that exceeded the contracted amount. Erica stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the situation and did not want to penalize GCB for the overage, since the services GCB provided during FY2016 far exceeded the amount that was requested by GCB. The Finance Committee recommended that GCB be permitted to keep the additional funds exceeding their contracted amount. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve that GCB could retain the overpayment of \$17,575.45 in excess of their FY16 contract. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Jacqueline Block)

Finally, Erica Pursley discussed the Board's CY 2017 Budget. Erica explained that the calendar year budget is our official budget and must be submitted annually to the County and approved as part of the overall County budget by the Commissioners. The County budget is based on calendar year, while our operational budget is based on the state fiscal year. As such, the County budget includes actual revenues for half the year, and requires an estimation of the second half of the year. Erica stated that the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed budget for CY 2017 as presented. She explained that the CY 2017 Budget must also be approved by the Board of Directors. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Board's CY 2017 Budget as presented. (Motion-Angie Liggett, Second-Jacqueline Block)

6. Action Items: Karen Scherra presented the CY 2017 MOU involving the Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS), the Board of Developmental Disabilities (BDD) and CCMHRB for shared funding of services for children in custody, explaining that this MOU is set on a calendar year, as DJFS operates on a calendar year. In addition, Karen explained that this MOU is generated by CPS/DJFS and is designed to cover the costs for services associated with children under the custody of CPS/DJFS who do not have Medicaid or for services that Medicaid does not currently cover. The Board would provide funding for behavioral health services in these cases. Karen stated that DJFS cannot participate in these funding arrangements without an MOU in place. This MOU specifically outlines the fiscal responsibilities of each agency. She also advised the group that this MOU has been in place

for many years and is slightly different than in the past, as the Prosecuting Attorney made two additions for clarity. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the CY 2017 MOU involving DJFS, BDD, and CCMHRB for shared funding of services for children in custody, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Jacqueline Block).

7. Discussion Items: In relation to the building/lease for Juvenile Court, Karen Scherra reminded the group that the lease agreement has been executed by all parties and is currently in place. Juvenile Court Probation is scheduled to move into our building after the Thanksgiving holiday. Karen also shared that her office has been renovated, and that cameras are to be installed in the front part of our building and will be monitored 24/7.

Moving onto the next topic, Karen provided an update on Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, advising that she, Lee Ann Watson and Erica Pursley attended a recent training, as did a number of agency staff. Mike Geisler from Geisler IT also attended the training which should be an asset for GOSH since he is trying to understand the changes from an IT perspective. Karen added that there are quite a number of changes with the redesign which will require a lot of work on various fronts. Karen pointed out to Board members that a future issue to be addressed is deciding if the contract agencies can utilize the same Medicaid codes and billing rates with Non-Medicaid/Board clients. The major issue may be requests to increase some or all of our rates above the Medicaid rates. Karen also relayed that it might be difficult to incorporate the Redesign changes into the GOSH billing system if each board approaches it differently. She will be in discussions with other Board Directors using GOSH to gather information regarding how to work as a group on the Redesign changes to GOSH. Karen also added that OHMAS is currently determining whether they are able to contribute funds to the cost of the conversion from MACSIS to an alternate system, which would be additional funding to all boards, including ours that have already transitioned from MACSIS. Karen added that it appears the Redesign is near final completion, with the major tweaks already made. Anne Combs of GCB/LPS added that the recently proposed staff qualification requirements for case managers are not as stringent as initially discussed. Karen stated that there are still questions as to how the Redesign will be fully operationalized. The Redesign may heavily impact the contract agencies' budgets. Karen further discussed that the timing is set, as the state wants the redesign elements in place before managed care takes over behavioral health Medicaid services in January 2018. Based on current information, wraparound will not be added as a service until after managed care takes over, and that AOD peer support services will be Medicaid eligible, but MH peer support is still not determined. Jim Carter of CFI added that services seem to be last on the priority list for the Redesign. Karen Scherra added that Tracy Plouck of OHMAS recently stated that OMHAS will be focusing on crisis and children's services as a priority for FY 2018, with more funding possibly being designated to these areas.

Karen Scherra also provided an update on the Continuum of Care, sharing that our Board received information last week from OMHAS regarding their review of our Continuum of Care requirements. Missing requirements were noted. Interestingly, Recovery Housing was not marked as missing from Clermont's Continuum, but Recovery Coaching was. During an

OACBHA phone conference about the Continuum of Care findings, many Board Directors were upset because the review included all behavioral health services, not solely opioid related services. Many Boards did not have all services, such as Partial Hospitalization, in place. All missing services were noted. Karen explained that each Board had to have at least .1% of funding in every category of the required Continuum of Care, including non-opioid related services. Karen also shared that she received a call later that day from OMHAS staff who stated that the lack of Recovery Housing inside of Clermont County was overlooked on their review, and that funding for Recovery Coaching was included in sections of the 040 form that they did not see. Board staff will correct the budget to include funding for Recovery Coaching in different categories. Karen pointed out that Clermont did very well on the review. The only item on the list that Clermont did not meet was Recovery Housing. Some Boards had as many as 13 missing elements on their Continuum of Care. Karen further stated that OACBHA spoke with Representative Sprague again regarding the Continuum of Care requirements. The Board of Directors will have to review the FY18 budget projections to assure that we have funding in place to continue the required services in the Continuum of Care.

Karen Scherra discussed the Family and Children First (FCF) Contribution/Funding of Families Connected and reminded the group that at the October meeting, the Board of Directors approved utilizing the second half of the Board's allocation to FCF to fund Families Connected for the Peer Support Partners program. Karen shared that during the November FCF Council meeting, the topic of funding Families Connected was discussed, but FCF Council did not vote, as by the time of the vote a quorum was no longer present. Further, FCF Council did not support the Board's taking its second half contribution for FCF to fund the program. If FCF does not approve continued funding for Families Connected through FY 2017, the Board's funding will assist the program with remaining operational at least until the end of FY 2017. Karen also shared that she has spoken with Jean Houston, Director of Families Connected, and she is fully aware that the Board cannot guarantee the program will be funded after the end of FY 2017.

Karen Scherra raised the topic of the Nominations for Board Officer Positions for CY 2017, reminding the group that it is time again in December to vote on the officer positions. Karen shared that the current officers, who are eligible to do so, may chose to retain their positions going into the next calendar year. For open officer positions, nominations will be accepted. She relayed that Melissa Burke, Administrative Assistant, will send an email after the Board meeting asking for each current officer's response.

8. Agency Reports: Lucas Strakowski of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) presented, advising that his report stands as is. He pointed out that the Hot Topic Presentation for October was held at CFI and was focused on Binge Eating Disorder. The presentation was well attended and received.

Amy Foley from Hope Community Center (HCC) provided an update regarding mental health Peer Services, advising that she has completed her second day of a conference call regarding Consumer Operated Services and by the next Board Meeting, she will know if Medicaid can be billed for mental health peer services. Amy also mentioned the unexpected passing and



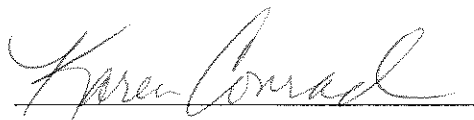
great loss of a Peer Specialist working at GCB, Dan Scott. He was employed under GCB's SAMHSA grant for Integration of Physical and Mental health, and was an active member of NAMI Clermont County. Dan's suicide has been very difficult for staff and other clients.

Steve Goldsberry presented on behalf of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB), stating that his report stands as is. There are currently 400 clients on Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT). In addition, approximately 150 CRC clients are getting MAT from another provider in the community. Also, Steve reported that some of their Vivitrol clients are on their 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> round of the injection. Clients on this medication will receive injections for a total of up to 18 months. Most of the Vivitrol clients are in the CASC program. Steve also mentioned that CRC is working in partnership with Mercy Health to transition people to treatment at CRC.

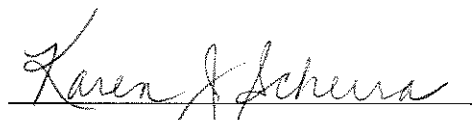
Jim Carter presented on behalf of Child Focus, Inc. (CFI), stating that his report stands as is. Jim mentioned that CFI received an award from the Department of Youth Services for its MDFT program for Juvenile Court and is very grateful to have been recognized. Also, Jim relayed that the SOS (Signs of Suicide) program at Glen Este started as of today (11/14) and will also be held again this coming Friday. Jim also gave a shout out to Lucas Strakowski of NAMI for carrying the group through the recent CFI golf outing in which several members of different local agencies participated. Jim further reminded Board members of their Giving Tree - CFI is accepting donations to help children and families have a good holiday.

Anne Combs reported on behalf of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (GCB/LPS), stating that CPST/Care Manager case load sizes have stabilized with the addition of new Care Managers. GCB/LPS is now fully staffed and currently, there is no waiting list for clients to see a Psychiatrist!

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



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director