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MINUTES of October 10, 2016

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Suzy Carter, Angela Liggett

GUESTS PRESENT: Tammy Brewer, Jim Carter, Alicia Fine, Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Laura Stith, Heather Turner, Lucas Strakowski

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

1. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agenda for the October 10, 2016 meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy).
3. Review Materials/Correspondence: Associate Director, Lee Ann Watson, pointed out that there was no Correspondence to share this month, and went on to discuss highlights from the Miscellaneous folder, bringing attention to the NAMI 2016 Evening of Hope event held on September 28th. Director Karen Scherra attended the event on the Boards' behalf. Chief Probation Officer Joe Ellison of Municipal Court was awarded the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Excellence Award and Child Focus' Jim Carter, CEO, was awarded the Outstanding Leadership in a Community Setting Award. Lee Ann also pointed out that addiction is getting increased national attention as the President signed two Proclamations in September relating to such. One was the Proclamation for Heroin Awareness Week which occurred September 19-24th and the other was Youth Substance Use and Youth Substance Use Disorder Month in October. Lee Ann also brought attention to information included in the folder regarding Carfentanil, the drug which led to numerous overdoses at the end of September in the Cincinnati area. Lee Ann relayed to the group that the Opiate Task Force will be discussing this topic in detail at their meeting this month at the Sheriff's Office from 2-3:30 p.m.

Lee Ann Watson directed attention to the Newspaper folder pointing out an article titled "Eleven Things Not to Say to the Addict in Your Life" and a report from CASA (Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse) on insurance plans. The CASA report concluded that two-thirds of all insurance plans do not meet the ACA regulations nor do they have comprehensive covered services available. Further, 18% of the plans do not meet the parity requirements.

Lee Ann commented that the insurance plans are not covering addiction treatment services as they do other medical services. She also brought attention to the Candlelight Vigil that was held in September honoring those who have been lost to suicide over the past year, as well as articles concerning opiate/heroin issues and the recent rally in Hamilton County that Karen Scherra attended.

4. Lee Ann Watson presented highlights from the Executive Director's Report. She stated that Karen has rejoined the OACBHA committee regarding children's mental health issues. The focus of the recent meeting was children and families that require assistance with two or more systems such as children's protective services, mental health and addiction services, developmental disabilities, and juvenile court. Lee Ann advised that there may be funding coming for children's mental health. However, there is a Task Force recommendation that this funding should go to Family and Children First, which would impact the role and responsibility of the Board.

Lee Ann also mentioned that the Opiate Task Force (OTF) was invited to submit a full grant proposal to Interact for Health. The grant, which is due on October 18th, will implement a Quick Response Team (QRT) partnering with the Union Township Fire Department and Mercy Clermont Emergency Room. CRC will provide the staffing for the project. Lee Ann is currently working on the proposal and will keep the Board updated as matters progress.

Lee Ann also mentioned that Director Karen Scherra, Steve Goldsberry and Gregg Pieples of GCB/CRC, and Alicia Fine from GCB participated in a call with OMHAS concerning funding for Recovery Housing. OMHAS has approached the seven boards that did not apply for a SFY17-18 capital grant for recovery housing. OMHAS relayed that there could be up to \$150,000 available for operational expenses. GCB/CRC completed a proposal for \$110,000 on September 30th. To date there has not been a response but Karen will update the Board as developments occur.

Lee Ann Watson further shared that in September, two important pieces of federal legislation were passed. Congress passed the Continuing Resolution (CR) which will continue the current budget through the first week of December when a new budget will need to be passed. Lee Ann elaborated that the CR included \$37 million in funds for implementation of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). The bill will provide \$7 million of that allotment beginning October 1st. The second piece of legislation proposed will allow federal prosecutors to seek capital punishment or life in prison for drug dealers of fentanyl laced heroin. The Feds made their first arrest for selling carfentanil in Cincinnati after the increase in overdoses at the end of September. There is an article in relation to this story in the Newspaper folder.

Lee Ann also shared that she held Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training on September 26-29. There were 17 police officers in attendance and 3 probation officers. This makes the 11th CIT class since inception of the program. To date, 90% of the full time police officers in Clermont County have been certified as CIT officers.

5. Scott Wheeler opened the floor to discuss the developments at the Finance Meeting, which met prior to the Board of Directors meeting. Scott relayed that the Financial Projection was reviewed in detail and all is copasetic. Scott reminded the Board members that Hope Community Center (HCC) had approached the Board several months ago requesting funding for air conditioner repairs. At that time the Board suggested spending money from the existing contract for the repairs and coming back to the Board after the repairs were completed. Amy Foley stated that the air conditioning repair was completed for \$6,288 and asked the Board for funding to cover the expense. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve additional funding for Hope Community Center in the amount of \$6,288 for the cost of air conditioner repairs. (Motion-Molly Greer, second-Jacqueline Block).

Scott also discussed a request from HCC to increase the work schedule for the existing Recovery Coaches from 10 hours to 20 hours a week. Amy Foley of HCC shared that the Recovery Coaches were hired at the beginning of the fiscal year and each of the Coaches are currently working 10 hours per week. The Recovery Coaches have been very successful in engaging clients and there is a need to increase their hours from 10 hours to 20 hours a week. Amy elaborated stating that the Coaches' performance is excellent. The relationships that the Coaches have developed with each client are a huge benefit to CRC and the community. Lee Ann Watson mentioned that the Board has heard many positive comments about the Recovery Coach positions. Lee Ann also pointed out that the Recovery Coaches are part of the OMHAS Continuum of Care requirements. Lee Ann further stated that the Coaches will be part of the Quick Response Team (QRT) grant project. Steve Goldsberry of GCB/CRC explained that currently the Recovery Coaches are not able to complete the required work in the 10 hours per week. Scott Wheeler further stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the additional \$14,601/year for the salaries of both Coaches. Erica Pursley, Fiscal Officer for the Board, stated that there are remaining funds from the Mobile Crisis allocation that the Board had previously approved to cover the cost of the program after the DOJ grant ended. The Board had already added in the cost of the Mobile Crisis program to the FY17 budget. As such, \$130,000 will remain in free reserves. Erica explained that this funding could be allocated to HCC for the Recovery Coaches. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the additional \$14,601 to Hope Community Center for the Recovery Coaches' salaries for the increased hours from 10 hours/week to 20 hours/week. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Greg Cottrell).

6. Action Items: Lee Ann Watson presented the Addendum to Greater Cincinnati Behavioral's (GCB) POS Contract for FY 2017, which includes the additional funds for sustaining the Transition to Independence Program (TIP). Lee Ann shared that the SAMHSA grant, which funded TIP, ended in September. Lee Ann stated that the program is funded in large part through Medicaid, but the program requires additional funding for those young adults who are not eligible for Medicaid and for services not billable to Medicaid. Lee Ann explained the TIP program, advising that the program currently involves youth with mental health issues who are aging out of the foster care system or are involved with Juvenile Court. Lee Ann also provided information on the fidelity requirements of the program, including that the case loads shall be maintained with no more than 15 clients due to the intensive needs of the youth. The funds

will also be used to hire an additional team member which will allow TIP to eventually expand to other youth beyond those involved in foster care or the court system. GCB is asking for the same funding as allotted by the SAMHSA Grant, which is \$112,500 for FY 2017. The monies will come out of our free reserves of \$240,000. Lee Ann added as a side note that the funding for Mobile Crisis has already been added into the budget for FY 2017. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Addendum to Greater Cincinnati Behavioral's (GCB) POS Contract for FY 2017, to include additional funds for sustaining the TIP program, in the amount of \$112,500, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the POS Addendum on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).

Lee Ann also presented the Board with the FY 2017 MOU with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS), the FY 2017 MOU with Clermont Recovery Center/Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (CRC/GCB), and the FY 2017 MOU with Northland for grant funds for treatment and support services for clients involved in the Dependency Treatment Court for review and approval. Lee Ann reminded the group that as mentioned last month, OMHAS is providing funding to eight additional counties with certified drug courts dealing with opiates. This funding must be spent in FY 2017. The OVI Court deals only with alcohol related offenses, while the Family Dependency Treatment Court works with parents who have lost custody of their children due to opiate use. As such, clients involved with the Dependency Treatment court will benefit from the OMHAS funding. The OMHAS funding for addiction treatment and recovery supports will help fund treatment and medicated assisted treatment (MAT), and other support services such as housing, transportation, child care, and employment services for individuals involved in the Court program. She further explained that each client can utilize up to \$2,000 per month to cover treatment and recovery support expenses and that funding can be moved to other clients if one particular client doesn't utilize the entire \$2,000. Since the funding will flow through the Board, an MOU is needed between the Board and OMHAS, which they developed. Juvenile Court will choose the agency to which they refer the clients, either Northland or CRC/GCB, and thus an MOU is needed for both agencies. An MOU will be utilized for CRC/GCB instead of an addendum to the POS contract, since the exact amount of funding the agency will access for clients is not known. The contracts have already been sent to the Prosecutor's Office for review and signature. Lee Ann also pointed out Karen Scherra's concern that all of the funding may not be used before the end of the fiscal year. Karen has spoken with the Director of OMHAS and OMHAS is looking into whether or not we can utilize the under-spent funding in another area. Erica Pursley shared that this grant is tiered differently than prior grants and thus it may be possible that the funding could be used elsewhere for similar services. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2017 MOU with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) for the grant for treatment and support services for clients involved in the Dependency Treatment Court and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).

A subsequent motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2017 MOU with Clermont Recovery Center/Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (CRC/GCB) for funding regarding the Dependency Treatment Court, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy).

An additional motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2017 MOU with Northland for grant funds for treatment and support services for clients involved in the Dependency Treatment Court, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Jacqueline Block).

Lee Ann Watson further presented the Board with the changes to the Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) Health Officers for FY 2017 for approval. She explained that the Board designates Health Officers at the mental health agencies. Health Officers are responsible for conducting pre-screening assessments for involuntary hospital admissions. Health Officers must be approved by the Board for every new employee added. CFI has hired two (2) new staff for the mobile crisis team: Samantha Logan and Emily Fairchild. CFI also asked to remove three individuals from the approved Health Officer's list as they are no longer with the agency. The two new CFI employees meet the requirements to be approved as Health Officer. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) Health Officers for FY 2017 as presented. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).

And lastly, Lee Ann presented funding for Families Connected for the term of January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Lee Ann elaborated that as discussed at the May meeting, one of the required principles of the SAMHSA System of Care Grant was that children's mental health services be youth guided and family driven. To meet this goal, peer support for parents of children with significant mental health issues, called Peer Support Partners (PSPs), was funded by SAMHSA. Families Connected, a grass roots organization, became a 5013c to provide these peer services. With the end of the SAMHSA grant, all services have been sustained through Medicaid and funds from an agency (our Board primarily and the Clermont Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) for one service, except for the PSP program. The Family and Children First Council (FCF) is using its reserves to sustain Wraparound; DD is supporting Respite services, and the Board is sustaining TIP, Mobile Crisis, and School-based services. Families Connected has been looking for grant funding; however, it has been unsuccessful in obtaining grants. Lee Ann explained that at the May meeting, the Board approved providing Families Connected with \$3,500 of unused Mini-grant funding to support the program after the grant ended in late September. Lee Ann explained that Karen Scherra believes that the PCP program is of value and should be maintained. Lee Ann illustrated that Karen Scherra does not believe that the Board should entirely sustain the program. However, Karen does believe that the program is of merit and would like to assist with keeping the program running until Families Connected can find other funding. Lee Ann reminded the Board members that there is state support for peer programming, and further stated that Karen recently learned that there might be future funding for peer to peer parent programming. Due to the state support and the philosophy of the Board to fund services and not administration, Karen Scherra is recommending that we assist with the funding for Families Connected. Erica Pursley explained the need for the service and how there could be additional funds from the

state in the future. Erica also explained that the Board provides a yearly contribution of \$64,264 to FCF which primarily supports the staff and administration expenses. Erica stated that the second half of that funding, \$32,132 could be redirected to Families Connected to fund/support them through this transition as they search for additional funding. The funds would be used to sustain services and make the program stable for the short-term. Erica also added that at FCF's November Board Meeting, FCF Council will vote whether to continue the funding for Families Connected; however, waiting until after that meeting occurs will delay the process and result in Families Connected having to decrease staffing if FCF Council does not approve the continued funding. If FCF does approve continued funding of Families Connected, our Board can revisit the funding at that time. Steve Goldsberry stated that he supports this program in its entirety. Lee Ann clarified that if this motion is approved, the contract will be written and brought to the Board for approval in November. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve moving half of the Board's FY 2017 annual contribution to Family and Children First to Families Connected to sustain the Parent Support Partners (PSP's) program through June 2017. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).

7. Discussion Items: In relation to the building/lease for Juvenile Court, Lee Ann Watson explained that Karen Scherra has completed the lease agreement for the space in our building. The lease is drafted to start 11/1/2016 and runs for two years, with a month to month after the two years expire. Lee Ann explained that the lease was drafted for \$21,053, \$1 less than what was approved by the Board, so as to create even monthly payments. Allen Edwards, from the Prosecutor's Office, has approved the lease and Karen has executed the document. However, the lease agreement has not yet been approved by the County Commissioners, and the motion for approval has yet to be placed on the Commissioners' meeting agenda. Painting and rehabbing of Karen's office is underway so as to make additional space in the rear of the building for the new tenants. Scott Wheeler asked as to why we were making these improvements if the lease had not yet been signed by Juvenile Court. Lee Ann explained that the County approved the renovations with the expectation that they will sign the lease agreement.

Lee Ann Watson also touched on the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, giving an update as to the status, and elaborating that there are continued changes in the Redesign requirements at the state level. The Board and agency staff will attend training on October 27th. Lee Ann shared that the state will not budge on the start date of July 1 since they want the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign to be in place at least 6 months prior to implementation of managed care.

Lee Ann also spoke about the State Budget for FY 2018-19, stating that the cabinet level departments must have their budgets for this period submitted by October 14th. The Governor's budget is to be released by 1/31/17. Lee Ann shared that Karen Scherra thinks that the topics of focus will be housing and work force development. Jim Carter of CFI shared that there may be issues concerning overtime pay and requirements for such. Lee Ann also shared that at the Board Association last week, the OMHAS Director stated the following priorities: retaining Family Stability and Criminal Justice Innovation Grant funding, Crisis Services (although not clear how this will be defined), children with high intensity needs,

housing, and workforce development. Workforce development is a priority due to the Medicaid Redesign and the requirements of specific licensing for mental health staff.

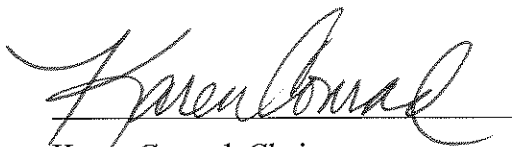
8. Agency Reports: Laura Stith presented on behalf of Child Focus, Inc. (CFI). Laura shared that on October 14th there will be a golf outing if anyone is interested in attending. She also stated that CFI has been approached by Children's Hospital concerning participation in a research project. The project is looking at the use of second generation anti-psychotics for children to determine if a lifestyle intervention would result in improved outcomes. Jim Cater from CFI shared a recent book that he had read, *Hillbillelegy*, written by J.D. Vance, and recommends it to anyone interested. He shared that it focuses on the culture of the Appalachia population and specifically how two particular programs impacted a certain individual's life.

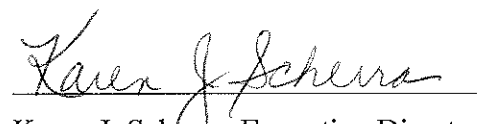
Heather Turner presented for NAMI Southwest Ohio, stating that her report stands as is. Heather also recommends the book that Jim Carter spoke of above.

Amy Foley presented on behalf of Hope Community Center (HCC), stating that they now are hosting a new AA meeting at the center, which is to start on October 25th. Amy also reminded the Board members that the SMART Recovery group meets on Mondays, SOLACE meets on Wednesdays and there is a cooking class on Saturdays at the center. HCC is also hosting a chronic disease management group which is designed to help people with chronic pain deal with the situation.

Steve Goldsberry presented on behalf of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB), stating that CRC has doubled the amount of clients enrolled in MAT and are admitting 25 clients a month. He also mentioned that CRC is now testing for fentanyl in their opioid dependant clients and found that only 6% are reflecting this drug in the systems of those who were admitted from February 1 to August 30, 2016. Steve introduced Alicia Fine, GCB's VP of Employment and Recovery Services, who will be presenting the ASPIRE report. Alicia provided the Board members with an overview of the ASPIRE program, which developed after we ended the agreement with OOD and used Board funding to support the employment services for those with an addiction. Alicia also noted the CASC program has a full time vocational staff person who is assisting with job seeking skills prior to being referred to the ASPIRE program, stating that it first started with a part-time person and due to the need, the Board provided additional funding to increase the position to full time. The program has placed nine (9) clients in community employment, and currently has eight (8) new intakes into the program.

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


Karen Conrad, Chairperson


Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director