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MINUTES of September 12, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline Block, Suzy Carter, Richard Chaney, Karen Conrad, Greg Cottrell, Dorothy Glancy, Molly Greer, Angela Liggett, Scott Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lynn Jung

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Laura Stith, Heather Turner, Sandy Lock, Jeff O'Neil

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

1. Two items were added to the agenda. The first item was Discussion Items #4, "Designation of Health Officers at Mercy Hospital Clermont". An additional item was added to the agenda under Action Items #2, "Health Officers and Chief Clinical Officers": Approval of FY 17 Health Officer Designations for CFI and GCB and Chief Clinical Officers for CFI and CGB. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agenda as revised. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Molly Greer).
2. It was also noted that an additional item on the agenda needed to be changed, as the recommended action for Action Item #1 was incorrect and for another issue. The recommended action for Action Item #1 was changed to "To approve the FY2017 MOU with Municipal Court for the use of IDAT funds and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board". A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agenda with this revision. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Dorothy Glancy).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Scott Wheeler).
4. Review Materials/Correspondence: Karen Scherra discussed highlights from the Miscellaneous folder, stating that CRC is now documenting the drug of choice for all admissions. Karen pointed out that the Ohio Suicide Prevention Plan was included in the Miscellaneous folder. Karen reminded the Board members that the current week is suicide prevention awareness week. Karen further pointed out that Hillary Clinton recently proposed her mental health plan and that CFI is has recently received training related to a 'zero suicide policy'. Karen also brought attention to CFI's annual dinner program and the agency's Annual Report, which were also included in the folder. In the Correspondence folder, Karen brought attention to responses she received from Congressman Wenstrup and Senator Portman

guest speaker Chief Tom Synan of the Newtown Police Department, who is also the Chair of the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition, discussed the recent overdoses in the region and explained the areas on which the Hamilton County Coalition is focusing. Lee Ann further stated that Julianne Nesbit from Public Health also spoke at the meeting and discussed recent state level statistics. Clermont County is currently third in the state for opiate related overdoses.

Karen Scherra provided the Board with an update on OMHAS related activities. She stated that as of July 1, 2017, MACSIS will no longer accept new claims for services. The boards still using this system will have a year to finish processing through MACSIS (i.e., reversal claims involving Medicaid); it is likely that some of the boards may move to GOSH to process their claims. Karen further stated that the bi-weekly calls with OMHAS occurred in July and August; however several of the meetings were cancelled due to vacations and lack of topics. The July meeting focused on the new GFMS system for grants and allocations, which is not yet fully operational. As for additional funding, the Board will receive about \$36,000 for respite services for children with mental health issues, and Karen will be working with CFI and FCF to determine how best to allocate these funds. Karen further elaborated that additional funding was provided to Board areas with a Re-entry Coalition. However, Clermont County does not have a Re-entry Coalition, and therefore the Board was not eligible for this funding. Karen presented this information to the County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and there will be a representative from ODRC at the next Council meeting to discuss development of a Coalition.

In relation to Behavioral Health Redesign, Karen advised the Board members that the State did receive approval from CMS on the 1915(i) waiver authorizing the SRS program. Board staff will provide more information on this as necessary. CMS rejected the 1115 Waiver that Ohio submitted that would make Medicaid recipients have to pay up to \$99 annually into a special account or lose their coverage. It is anticipated that the State Legislature will be working on another tactic to limit Medicaid expansion and costs. OMHAS is targeting to submit the State Plan Amendment (SPA) for the rest of the work under the BH Redesign by December and to begin developing any needed rules starting in January 2017, so that the new benefit package will be available by July 1, 2017.

Karen also provided the Board members with an update on CARA (S.524), the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, advising that it was passed by the Senate on July 13, 2016 with a vote of 92 to 2. This is the first major piece of addiction legislation to pass Congress in almost 40 years and the first stand-alone legislation to address our nation's opioid and overall addiction crisis. It was signed by the President on July 22nd.

In relation to Agency Activities, Karen attended the quarterly ASPIRE meeting on August 12th. ASPIRE continues to be highly successful in working with individuals with an addiction, getting them prepared for employment, and obtaining and maintaining employment. The numbers of those who remain employed after going through this program in the past 3 months has increased along with the hourly wage, which indicates that these individuals are not just finding jobs, but are also finding employment that uses their skills and training. Outcomes of the ASPIRE program will be added to GCB's performance indicators.

Karen shared that she and Lee Ann Watson participated in a conference call with the directors and staff from the Brown and Warren/Clinton County boards on August 26th concerning our shared involvement in the recovery housing facility for women located in Blanchester. NHO, which owns and operates the facility, wanted to move the women to another house that NHO purchased in Wilmington, which is located in a very remote area, and move the men currently there to the Blanchester facility. There was a unanimous objection from the Boards, as all have provided significant funding for the facility and want the women to remain in that location. The facility in Wilmington was not purchased with any board funding.

6. Committee Reports: Scott Wheeler provided an update to the Board members on the Financial Projection, advising that the FY16 budget was on target; however, the yearend report is not entirely complete. The Board did not receive all of the revenue that was expected in FY16, but the expenses were also not as much as anticipated.

In relation to Peebles Adult Residential Care Facility's Rate Increase, Scott Wheeler shared that Peebles is requesting an additional \$7 a day per person; raising the daily per diem from \$58 to \$65/day per person. The increase would lead to an annual rate of \$2,555 per person. The Board currently has 7 placements at this facility and if all of them were to remain there for the year, with no additional placements, the annual cost to the board would be \$17,885. Lee Ann has been working with GCB staff to move some of the Peebles clients out into the community, if warranted, or to Brown County Care, which is another adult care facility, which is closer to Clermont County. The plan is to not send any more clients to Peebles at this time unless absolutely necessary. Karen said that it appears that we will not receive a signed contract from Peebles without agreeing to the requested increase; thus, she recommends that the Board approve the increase in rate of \$7 a day per client for Peebles for FY 2017 as it affects such a small group of clients. After discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the increased rate of \$65/day per client at Peebles Adult Residential Care for FY 2017. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).

Karen Scherra further advised the group that the Board needs to consider funding for two grant programs that are will terminate at the end of September. These grants have funded

Mobile Crisis Services (MCT) and the TIP Program. Based on the revised Financial Projection, which now accounts for revenues and expenses which did not occur as budgeted, there is now about \$560,000 in free reserves for FY 2017. As a result of unknowns about the upcoming expenses related to the state Continuum of Care requirements and the limited amount of free reserves, Karen asked for the Board's direction in determining available funding for continuing these two programs. Karen stated that the Program Committee determined that MCT and TIP were top priorities for funding, but did not recommend a funding amount since at the time they met, the amount of free reserves was unknown. Once we have determined the amount of funds needed to sustain these programs, within the limits determined by the Board, Board staff will present an addendum to each agency's contract for FY 2017 at the October Board meeting. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with GCB to continue the TIP programming and with CFI to continue the MCT program for FY17, with total funding for the two programs not to exceed \$240,000. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy).

7. Action Items: Karen Scherra presented the group with the FY2017 MOU with Municipal Court for use of Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund (IDAT) funds. The dollars allocated through IDAT funds support treatment services provided by CRC to clients with an alcohol-related issue who meet the definition of being indigent. Karen shared that in FY2016, the judges contracted with the Board for \$185,000 for services at CRC, a much higher amount than in previous years - \$150,000 for services to those with an alcohol issue and an additional \$35,000 for those with an alcohol issue to offset the cost of residential services at Sojourner. However, Karen shared that a trend starting in FY 2015 significantly increased in FY 2016; namely, many more clients at CRC are now eligible for Medicaid under the Expansion and the number of "indigent" clients for whom the funds were allocated has decreased significantly. As such, the full amount of IDAT funding in the contract could not be drawn down, as only about \$83,000 in services to those with an alcohol issue who were indigent was provided by CRC. The judges did declare a surplus in the IDAT funds so that they could use those funds for any drug or alcohol treatment services, and reimburse the Board for the payments to Sojourner.

Karen met with the Municipal Court judges and staff on September 7th to discuss FY17 IDAT funding, and it was recommended that the FY17 contract for services be for \$75,000. This amount should be attainable considering CRC's recent history of payer sources. The Judges stated that they may be able to allocate more funding if it is needed this fiscal year (i.e., more clients are indigent than expected). The \$75,000 is already in the FY 2017 Financial Projection. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2017 MOU with Municipal Court for the use of IDAT funds and to authorize the Executive Director to

sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Molly Greer, second-Angela Liggett). Karen also advised the Board that the judges are thinking of declaring a surplus and making additional funds available to offset some of the Board's costs for treatment of individuals referred from Court. Karen will be meeting with CRC staff and Court staff to determine the most appropriate use of these additional funds.

Lee Ann Watson presented the Board members with the additions to CFI's FY17 list of Health Officers. Lee Ann reminded the Board members that they must officially approve the designation of Health Officers each time there are new staff who need to be Health Officers, and the mobile crisis team recently hired two new staff members. Lee Ann Watson also reminded the Board members that 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. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the undated list of FY2017 Health Officers for CFI as presented (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Molly Greer).

Karen Scherra provided the Board members with information regarding the FY2017 Lease Agreement with the County for Juvenile Court Rental of space in our building. At a previous Board meeting, Board members agreed to rent the Board office space to Juvenile Court Probation at an annual rate of \$21,055; this amount was based on a percentage of the Board's fixed costs. On August 1, 2016, Karen met with County administration staff about the rental, and they did not agree to the amount proposed. The County believed that some of the Board's fixed costs should not be included in the cost of rent for Juvenile Court, and also offered the possibility of the County taking over some of those activities. After the meeting, Karen was presented with a counter offer of \$16,500, with potential to increase to \$17,500 if necessary. Karen explained that she analyzed the Board's most recent lease agreements with the contract agencies, and they ranged from \$14.54 a square foot to a low of \$7.49 a square foot. If the Board were to charge rent for Juvenile Court based on square footage, the total would be \$50,000 or \$26,000 respectfully. The Board members decided to table the discussion until after the Executive Session.

8. Discussion Items: In relation to the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, Karen Scherra shared that another draft of the provider instruction manual has been distributed and training will be held in October. Some areas have changed and she will be educating the Board after she gains knowledge of these changes.

Karen Scherra also touched on the Board Member Training Requirement, stating that a 1.5 to 3 hour annual training is required by OMHAS, including prior approval of the training topic.

Karen asked the Board members about topics on which they would like to have further training. It was decided that the Board Association could do training on the Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign in the future.

Karen further discussed Board Membership, advising that we are currently down by four members. She is reconnecting with those who applied for Board member positions last year. Two applications were received today. Karen will ask that interested members attend the Board meetings while they are waiting appointment.

Lee Ann Watson discussed Mercy Hospital's request for Designation of Health Officers. The Hospital recently contacted Lee Ann with the request due to difficulties they are having with individuals who are transferred from another hospital on a "Request for Emergency Admission" or "Pink Slip". When individuals are transferred to another facility, the request form needs to be completed again. Mercy does not have staff who are able to complete the request form, and has to have an on-call Psychiatrist, who is the only hospital staff permitted by law to complete the request form, come to the hospital to complete the form. This can result in a delay in hospitalization for individuals. Lee Ann explained that the staff would need to be trained prior to being designated. Board members expressed that they would consider assigning hospital staff as Health Officers. Lee Ann will find out more information regarding staff that will be designated as Health Officers, and will provide more information to the Board members at the next meeting.

9. Agency Reports: Steve Goldsberry presented on behalf of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB). Steve stated that his report stands as is and noted that the Behavioral Health Redesign will allow CRC/GCB to charge administration fees for administering Suboxone and disbursing Narcan. Steve also shared that two people started on the Outreach Team this week and are targeting new clients who typically do not follow up with treatment after they register. Steve mentioned that in the last two months, 50 clients started in the MAT program. All clients who began taking the medication Vivitrol have returned for their second dose of this medication. Steve reminded the group that Narcan Kits are available at CRC. Board Member Angie Liggett raised the question as to who is eligible to receive a Narcan Kit, and Steve responded that all Clermont residents are eligible. Steve also advised that 75% of registrations are Court ordered.

Jeff O'Neil presented on behalf of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (GCB/LPS). Jeff referenced the GCB/LPS report and noted that CRC has revamped their client experience by addressing space modification and customer flow. In relation to Behavioral Health Redesign, Jeff stated that the CPST rate increased. However; other rates decreased as the state had raised the rate above the 100% rate for Medicaid. Jeff further advised that managed care will more likely have a lower rate in FY 2018. CASC had their one year anniversary in September

and the program is doing very well. Jeff thanked the Board for their support of CASC. Jeff stated that evaluation results will be forthcoming for the CASC program and he will provide an update to the Board in the near future.

Laura Stith presented on behalf of Child Focus, Inc. (CFI). CFI's report stands as is. Laura informed the group that in her opinion, Behavioral Health Redesign is taking a lot of time and resources and seems to be a moving target. Laura shared with the group that the CFI annual golf outing is scheduled for October 14th. Laura also shared that Jim Carter will be presented with the NAMI Award for outstanding leadership at their annual dinner later in September. In relation to suicide initiatives, there is a nationwide initiative, Zero Suicides, about which CFI recently received training. CFI is now looking to update their policies and procedures to include the Zero Suicides principles, and is providing suicide prevention training to all agency staff including their corporate office staff, along with school-based and peer to peer. Karen Scherra added that the Annual Clermont County Suicide Prevention Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for September 14, 2016 and that the County suicide rates have decreased, referencing a local news article, and noted that she believes the work of the hotline and mobile crisis, along with CIT training for police, have impacted the rates.

Heather Turner presented for NAMI Southwest Ohio, relaying that their report stands as is. Heather mentioned that NAMI is hosting the annual Evening of Hope Event at the Cintas Center this month, and everyone is welcome to attend. Heather also mentioned "In Our Own Voice", which is an interactive educational video with two clients speaking about their own recovery experience. The Clermont CIT will be incorporating the training in the next class at the end of September. NAMI has dedicated two people to be trainers for "In Our Own Voice" and they will be able to present this free training to any community or group. Karen indicated she attended this presentation several months ago in Hamilton County, and that is very good and very moving to hear people's own stories of recovery.

Amy Foley presented on behalf of HOPE Community Center (HCC), stating that her report stands as is and reviewed the report in detail with the group. Amy provided the group with a current schedule of events happening at the center in the near future. Amy also stated that HCC has opened its doors on Fridays from 10 to 12 for individuals with a substance use disorder who want connection to resources.

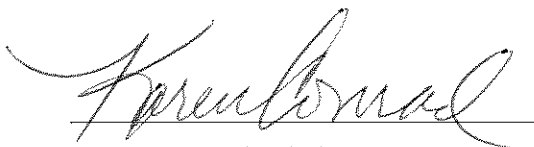
10. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to move into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) (1) to discuss the sale of the Board building located at 2337 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, OH 45103.. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy). Jacqueline Block-yea, Suzy Carter- yea, Richard Chaney- yea, Karen Conrad- yea, Greg Cottrell- yea,

Dorothy Glancy- yea, Molly Greer- yea, Lynn Jung-absent, Angela Liggett- yea, Scott Wheeler- yea. The Board moved into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

11. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to move back into regular session. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer) Jacqueline Block-yea, Suzy Carter- yea, Richard Chaney-yea, Karen Conrad- yea, Greg Cottrell- yea, Dorothy Glancy- yea, Molly Greer- yea, Lynn Jung-absent, Angela Liggett- yea, Scott Wheeler- yea. The Board moved into regular session from executive session at 9:15 p.m.
12. The Board members continued the discussion on the lease of a portion of the Board building to Juvenile Court Probation. Board members expressed their belief that the amount requested by the Board was reasonable and that less should not be accepted, as this rent would provide additional funding for services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to have the Executive Director convey to the County that the Board would not accept any amount for rent other than the \$21,055 initially proposed. (Motion-Angie Liggett, second-Molly Greer)

After additional discussion, the Board members expressed their consensus that the executive Director should draft a letter to the County indicating that the Board at this time was not interested in selling, or discussing the sale, of the Board's building. The letter will be sent to the Executive Committee members for review once it is drafted and will be signed by the Board Chairperson.

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



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director