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MINUTES of December 11, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Bateman, Jacki Block, Karen Conrad, Kelley Costello, Carole Cottrill, Dorothy Glancy, Peggy Hickman, John Kelly, Angela Liggett

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Suzy Carter, Katherine Shepard, Stephen Todd Shumard, Greg Varner

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT: Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: Jessica Agner, Tammy Brewer, Christina Britton, Alicia Fine, Amy Foley, Grace Ford, Steve Goldsberry, Jean Houston, Sandy Lock, Laura Stith, Heather Turner, Anne Wise

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

1. Chairperson Karen Conrad welcomed everyone and asked each person present to introduce themselves. The meeting then proceeded.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the December 11, 2017 Board meeting. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Kelley Costello).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Peggy Hickman).
4. Review Materials/Correspondence Folders: Executive Director Karen Scherra brought everyone's attention to the folders being passed around and specifically mentioned a few of the items from each. From the Heroin/Opiate folder, Karen said there were many articles about President Trump's declaration of the opiate problem being a "Public Health Emergency" and what that means for health care and potential funding.

From the Youth Mental Health folder, Karen noted there was an article on the correlation between the use of smart phones and the recent decline in teen mental health. She also mentioned the article on the steady rise in depression, anxiety and rates of suicide among young people.

From the Adult Mental Health folder, Karen said there was an article about the recent mass shooting at a Texas church and how the shooter had a long history of mental illness. She commented on how this type of tragedy can be a setback for behavioral health advocacy, due to the stigma it presents for people with mental illness since violent acts tend to be correlated with mental illness in the media and the public.

In the Federal Articles folder, Karen said there were several articles about the Federal budget being continued, the tax cut bill and CHIP reauthorization. She also said there was an article about a study done that found Medicaid expansion is directly tied to a reduction in crime.

From the Local Reports/Articles folders, Karen brought attention to the chart of recent mental health Board levies in Ohio that were on the ballot. All but one of the levies passed. Karen said this shows that people are realizing the great need for behavioral health services. She also pointed out an article in the County Newsletter on the NAMI dinner at which she was awarded the Outstanding Leadership award. Dr. Schmidt from GCB also received an award for Outstanding Psychiatrist. Karen said that while she usually doesn't like to draw attention to herself, the article was good publicity for the Board and the agency.

5. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Karen Scherra went on to share some highlights from her monthly report. Before getting started however, Karen informed the Board that Board member Stephen Todd Shumard had come to her that day to resign his position with the Board. She said he had told her he wanted to work more directly with individuals who were experiencing behavioral health difficulties. Karen said the good news was that she may have already met a person interested in replacing Todd. At a Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week, Karen said she met a businessman who was seeking a position on a local Board. Karen said she and this individual have a meeting later in the week to discuss the Board's role and what it means to be a Board member.

Moving on to her report, Karen said most of the focus at the Federal level is government funding and the tax reform. The Federal Government recently passed the continuing resolution budget bill to extend the federal budget until December 22, 2017. The U.S. Senate modified their tax reform package to include a provision to repeal the individual healthcare mandate. Karen said all of the noise around tax reform and the individual mandate is further complicating efforts to renew federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other health safety net programs. As a reminder, the U.S. House passed their bill on November 3 and now all eyes are on the Senate. Cutting federal funding for local public health (Prevention and Public Health Fund) is included in the House-passed package. Due to the recent lapse of CHIP funding, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) released an informational bulletin regarding implications for states. CMS is redistributing previous years' unused funds to combat funding shortfalls for states' CHIP programs. The opioid crisis is also experiencing a lack of funding and Karen said there are many hearings and bills aimed at increasing resources at the Federal level.

Karen also mentioned the Criminal Justice Mental Health Linkage Grant steering committee met on November 14th. The group discussed the progress of the project and prepared for the meeting with jail administration on November 29th. That meeting with jail administration

went very well and involved GCB staff, CFI Mobile Crisis staff, the jail head nurse, jail administrators, Karen and Lee Ann. The group reviewed the roles of the Jail Liaison, the Re-entry Coordinator, Jail Medical and Jail Administration and made revisions of the roles to improve the process. The group also reviewed outcomes of the project to date. The group will meet with jail administration on a monthly basis. Karen said everyone is pleased with outcomes thus far and are willing to work together to address any issues. Karen reminded the Board members that she presented on the project to the County Commissioners last month, and the Commissioners were very impressed with the initial outcomes of the project.

Karen went on to say she participated in a conference call on November 21st with Ruth Simera, from the CCOE on Criminal Justice, regarding a survey we had completed a few months ago to determine progress in addressing issues identified as part of the Sequential Mapping process completed in 2013. The CCOE surveyed all the various counties that had participated in mapping over the past several years. On the call, the evaluator discussed the analysis of Clermont's responses, what had been accomplished, and how we scored as compared to other sites. Overall, Karen said Clermont County looked very good and in several categories achieved the highest score. She said they will be using these results as part of the Lean Sigma Six process scheduled in January and February of 2018, in which representatives of the court, law enforcement, treatment, and others will work to determine the strengths, weaknesses and gaps in their efforts to reduce the number of individuals with a mental illness who end up in jail or who stay in jail for long periods when treatment is the preferred option.

Karen also informed the Board in her report that over 1.5 million individuals have signed up for health insurance during the first few weeks of open enrollment on state and federal insurance exchanges, roughly doubling sign-up numbers at the same point last year.

Karen gave a brief mention to marijuana news. While the first locations in Ohio have been chosen for growing sites, there are now lawsuits questioning the process and attempting to overturn those choices. Apparently, one of the individuals on the panel that selected the growers was a convicted drug dealer, calling the panel's decisions into question.

Karen moved on to tell the Board she had met with Jean Houston, Director of Families Connected, and several staff from CFI on November 17th to discuss Parent Support Partners (PSPs) working with families receiving services at Child Focus. CFI is very supportive of expanding the use of PSPs to their clients, and Karen thinks the families will benefit from their involvement.

Karen said she had recently re-submitted the OMHAS/Department of Youth Services grant application for funding that would expand Mobile Crisis to work in tandem with PSPs and provide assessments of youth and families referred from Juvenile Court. Karen informed the Board members that the notice of grant award should be received by the end of this week.

Karen wrapped up with informing the Board that the Ohio House and Senate approved an amendment to Senate Bill 71 which allows for Board Directors to sign contracts for \$25,000 or less without Board approval. Karen said they would discuss this issue further at the January meeting. Board member Angela Liggett said she would like to get a refresher on current Board policies for contracts. Karen agreed and said there were also some things she

would like to update. She advised the Board she would bring both to the January 2018 Board meeting.

6. Committee Reports: Angela Liggett presented to the Board on behalf of the Finance Committee which met prior to the Board meeting. Angela advised the Board members that the Board's CY 2018 budget had been submitted to the Clermont Board of County Commissioners (BCC) as required. The budget submitted was for the projected amounts of \$7 million in revenue and \$7.8 million in expenses. These figures include operating costs, debt services, and indigent driver expenses. Fiscal Officer for the Board Erica Pursley reminded the board that the BCC must approve the budget. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the CY 2018 County Budget as presented. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Kelley Costello).

Angela then moved to the next item which was the additional FY 2018 state funding. Angela explained additional funding of \$2,075,000 had been given by the state to the Southwest Ohio region; each of six regions received these funds. The money is to be used for crisis stabilization centers and withdrawal management (inpatient detox) centers. The funding was to be utilized by the region in a joint project between Board areas. However, Franklin and Hamilton Counties wanted their share of the money off the top instead of using it as a group. Hamilton County and Clermont County are both in Southwest Ohio region and are among a total of 11 counties in that region. In the end, the state decided to give Franklin and Hamilton counties a percentage of the money. Hamilton County received 1/11th of the Southwest funding. The rest of the region will be working together to spend the money, which must be spent by June 30, 2018. Montgomery and Butler Counties already have plans for crisis stabilization centers, so those will serve as the locations for the region. Each other board, including Clermont, will contract with the Boards in each of the two Counties to allocate funding for access to beds in those centers. Additional money would also be set aside for transportation, perhaps an ambulance service, for transporting clients to the stabilization centers. In terms of the Southwest Ohio plan for withdrawal management centers, also known as inpatient detox, the Mercy hospitals in three Counties in the region will be contacted for possible arrangements to provide detox services. We will be meeting with Clermont Mercy to discuss their opening a center. If they agree, Clermont MHRB would hold the contract for use of the withdrawal management center at Clermont Mercy. Karen advised the Board a more formal plan is being put together for the region to submit to OMHAS.

7. Action Items: The first item was the FY 2018 second half POS contracts with Clermont Recovery Center/GCB, GCB/Lifepoint, Child Focus Inc., and Hope Community Center (added at the meeting). Karen Scherra reminded the Board members that half year POS contracts were agreed upon for the agencies due to upcoming changes to the system from Behavioral Health Redesign. Karen advised the Board of the changes to the second half contracts as presented. As first half contracts are coming to an end on December 31, 2017, the Board must now enter into POS contracts using the new Behavioral Health Redesign codes and rates for the period 1/1/18-6/30/18. As decided by the Board at the November meeting, the agency allocations for these POS contracts will be the same as for the first half of FY 2018, with the caveat that the allocations will not be broken down by each service due to the uncertainties around Behavioral Health Redesign. Additionally, GCB/CRC's POS amount is

different due to adding funding as a result of new grant projects that were addressed in an addendum in the first half of the year. The HCC POS contract is not based on services and thus not directly affected by the Behavioral Health Redesign. Because the POS contracts were divided into two (2) separate contracts for FY2018, Karen recommended that any funds remaining at the end of the first six (6) month period be permitted to be carried over to the second half of the fiscal year, with reconciliation with the agencies occurring after the end of the fiscal year utilizing the total amount of funding for the year. The Finance Committee had discussed this proposal and had decided to recommend it to the full Board. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2018 second half POS contracts with Clermont Recovery Center/GCB, GCB/LifePoint, Child Focus, and Hope Community Center and to authorize the Chairperson and Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Dorothy Glancy, second-Peggy Hickman)

The second action item was the CFI Health Officer additions for FY 2018. 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. Karen advised the Board that the staff selected as Health Officers met all necessary credentials for appointment and their resumes were in the Board mailing. Karen recommended Board approval for the action item. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the addition of Health Officers for Child Focus for FY 2018 as presented. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Carole Cottrill).

8. Discussion Items: The first discussion item was Federal Legislation and Activities. Karen said she already covered this during her Executive Director's report. She reiterated that the main concern at the Federal level is the tax reform bill. Legislators who were once voting for some of the changes are now voting against. There is a Bipartisan Stabilization Act of 2017 that was supposed to help with impact on the ACA, but it doesn't exist yet. Karen assured the Board that one thing is still certain, and that is that Boards are definitely going to receive the second year of funding from the 21st Cures grant. Karen said hopefully a budget will pass soon so everyone can move on.

Karen then brought up the second discussion item which was the update on the Behavioral Health Redesign. Karen said it is the most massive change the public behavioral health system has ever seen. For example, there used to be approximately 20 Medicaid billable service codes that CRC could use; now there are over 835 Medicaid billable service codes. Tawnya Dunn of GCB said her office is anticipating over 200,000 possible Medicaid billable service codes. Karen suggested that it is important that everyone be patient during this transition. Karen assured the Board that all of the contract agencies are in line for the Medicaid rates and codes changes. Karen also said that hopefully on July 1st, 2018, when managed care takes over, the transition process doesn't start all over again. Karen further stated that there is a training being offered on January 30, 2018 for Board staff and Board members that will help in understanding the Medicaid changes when managed care takes over and how Boards should prepare for all of the new changes. Karen, Lee Ann, and Erica are all planning to attend.

9. Agency Director's Reports: Steve Goldsberry of CRC said his report stands as is. He added that they currently have 27 people in the Vivitrol MAT program. Steve also said that the rebuild on the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) dispensary, which was approved by the Pharmacy Board and the DEA, can now serve three at a time instead of one. There are currently 400 clients in the MAT program. Steve advised the Board that Gregg Pieples, Director of Addiction Services, will be leaving CRC for another job.

Amy from Hope Community Center also said her report stands, but added that over Christmas break, there will be an art open house at the center. The artist teaching the class was previously a client of HCC. Amy advised the Board members of the weekly schedule of the center's classes. She also mentioned the live Opiate Task Force Facebook event on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 12:00pm to 12:10 pm with Recovery Coach Kristy Mudd and Commissioner Painter.

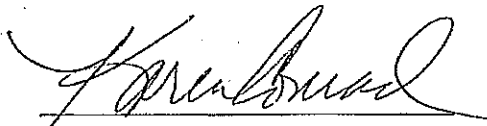
Heather Turner from NAMI said her report stands. She added that they have a new mental health peer who is getting involved with outreach in Clermont County and they are hoping to see an increase in client communications.

Laura Stith with Child Focus Inc said their report also stood. Laura added that their charity "The Giving Tree" served a record number of people this year and said CFI was very pleased with the program. She also told the Board that the Behavioral Health Redesign has completely consumed their month with training on the new rates and code changes.

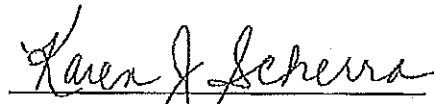
Jean from Families Connected said her report stood as presented and asked if there were any questions about it. There were none.

Alicia Fine from GCB also said their report was as presented. She added that GCB is continuing to have great success in helping people find employment and they appreciate the Board's support. Alicia also said the Merwin Recovery House is still going strong. They currently have five (5) residents, two (2) openings, and five (5) possible applications for residency.

10. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the December 11, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Dorothy Glancy).



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director