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MINUTES of December 14, 2015

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lynn Jung

GUESTS PRESENT: Tammy Brewer, Jim Carter, Amy Foley, April Goldhaus, Steve Goldsberry, Sandy Lock, Andrew Spurlock, Judy Spurlock, Laura Stith, Lucas Strakowski, Heather Turner

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

1. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the December 14, 2015 meeting. (Motion-Molly Greer, second-Greg Cotrill).
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Greg Cotrill).
3. Review Materials/Correspondence: In the Miscellaneous folder, Karen Scherra brought attention to the Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) Annual Report for FY2015, as well as a brochure on Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction that the Board ordered. Karen indicated that the brochure is a very informative pamphlet produced by SAMHSA. Karen also cited a list compiled by the state of the amount of funds “saved” in FY 2014 due to Medicaid Expansion for all boards; the total was about \$70 million. The state’s assumption is that boards had that money to spend on non-Medicaid services. For Clermont, our amount listed was \$622,000, which is close to the amount our Board cut from Clermont Recovery Center and LifePoint Solutions for FY 2015. So, Medicaid Expansion did not provide available funding in our county for additional services. Most other boards also did not experience freed up revenue to use for services, or if they did, not at the level projected by the state.

Karen Scherra made reference to several items in the Correspondence folder, including the Commissioners’ approved budget for CY2016. Also cited was a listing of grants given for recovery housing; Clermont County was not a recipient of one – we put in a joint request with the Brown and Warren/Clinton boards. A question was raised as to how this would affect the Continuum of Care. Karen replied that the state is proposing to change the requirement from “within the board’s service district” to national standards of accessibility, which would allow

contracting with providers outside the board's district for these services. Karen also brought attention to a Thanksgiving email received from the Governor.

The Newspaper folder contained a lot of articles surrounding the heroin epidemic and the failed marijuana issue and plans to push for legalization in the future. Karen mentioned that we are seeing more and more articles about how to cope with the heroin issue, though, and not just negative articles about the situation. Karen also brought attention to an article on Governor Chris Christy and his focus on the issue of addiction as part of his presidential campaign, and an article with a picture of, and quotes from, Amy Foley, Director of HCC, as she worked at the polls for our levy.

4. Karen Scherra presented highlights from her Executive Director's Report. Karen cited that for the entire month of November, we have not had any civil clients in the state hospital, which reflects how well people are being supported in the community. Having only 3 forensic clients illustrates how well we are working with the courts and that they are working with us around these cases.

Karen updated the group on the Culture of Quality Certification that we are working on through OACHBA and said that we will hear more about this later in the year. However, connected to this, Karen attending a training session about contracts/contracting and what is required of the Boards. Karen indicated that there are a few areas in which we are not in compliance, some of which have been approved by our Prosecuting Attorney. Karen also indicated that the Board Staff will be attending a training session on January 11, 2016, focused on the Handbook developed by the Auditor's Office which will delineate how we are to do business to comply with all existing laws and rules. Staff will be presenting to the Board about any areas in which we need to change current procedures at the Board Retreat.

At Summit, our local state hospital, the number of forensic cases this fiscal year has increased to 86% of the total number of patients. The Southwest area boards remain concerned about access for civil clients, and Karen indicated that she continues to push this issue with OMHAS, as this will eventually prevent civil clients from getting much needed inpatient services.

Karen provided an update on additional training opportunities. Karen and Lee Ann Watson attended a training session at the Communications Center (next door to the Board office) and indicated that they were able to tour the underground center to see how it functions in an emergency situation. Karen indicated that there will be mock disaster training in January 2016 and that it appears that the county has recognized that mental health is an important part of the response to a disaster situation.

5. Committee Reports: Scott Wheeler updated the group on the Finance Committee Meeting and the Committee's discussions including the request from Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) regarding funding, the Profit/Loss statement, fund depletion, campaign spending/reporting, mini-grants and FY2017 spending. Scott indicated that CFI has requested additional funding and asked Karen to relay to the group the details surrounding it. Karen explained that CFI requested to

use unearned dollars from this fiscal year to address additional service needs related to the school-based program and to allow Mobile Crisis staff to provide additional follow-up services (an estimated 1-12 sessions) while clients are finding a permanent source for services. CFI also is requesting additional funding from the Board (\$1,502) for materials needed for the implementation of Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT) at CFI.

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the use of unearned FY2016 dollars by CFI to be allocated towards additional service needs related to the school-based program as presented. (Motion-Molly Greer, second-Greg Cotrill).

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the use of Mobile Crisis staff to provide interim care from between 1-12 sessions to adult clients connected with Mobile Crisis as presented. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Wayne Johnson).

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve additional funds in the amount of \$1,502 to CFI for the purchase of supplies needed to implement DBT as presented. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second- Molly Greer).

Also discussed in relation to the Finance Committee Report was levy campaign spending. Karen Scherra indicated that up to \$30,000 was allocated/approved for our levy campaign and we spent \$18,000 of those Board dollars, with a total of \$26,498 being spent on the campaign, the rest coming from fundraising efforts and contributions.

Karen also made mention that the mini-grant program is being offered again this year and thus far, we have had a great response. Letters about the grant opportunities were sent to over 100 organizations the week of November 23rd. Karen cited that this year, she made some changes that she thinks the Board will support. The grant period will cover the next year and a half, which will place the mini-grant period back on a fiscal year schedule versus a calendar year schedule, and this grant period will expire June 30, 2017. Mini-grants are being offered in increments of \$5,000 to various organizations throughout the community, for a total of \$60,000. Since \$40,000 was projected in each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017, this new time period will actually save the Board \$20,000 from projected budget amounts.

In relation to the state budget, Karen Scherra mentioned that we must submit our 040 financial form that provides all the detail on our FY 2017 revenues and expenses and the community plan by the deadline of March 1, 2016. We will need to discuss certain items that pertain to our agency allocations for FY 2017 a bit earlier this year than we have in the past, in order to make decisions that impact spending levels. Karen indicated that the Board Retreat may need to be scheduled a bit earlier this year, as decisions will need to be made fairly quickly. We are targeting to have all Purchase of Service contracts drafted, reviewed, completed and signed prior to July 1, 2016.

6. Action Items: Karen Scherra presented the FFY 2016 FAST TRAC Contracts, including the contract with Families Connected, the contract with the University of Cincinnati Department

of Social Work, and the purchase of service contract with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) for the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) program to the Board members for approval. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FFY 2016 FAST TRAC Contracts, including the contract with Families Connected, the contract with the University of Cincinnati Department of Social Work, and the purchase of service contract with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB). (Motion-Molly Greer, second-Dorothy Glancy).

Karen also told the group that voting for the Board Officers needed to occur at this meeting. It was decided that Scott Wheeler will remain Treasurer, Wayne Johnson will remain as Secretary (through March 2016 when his term is up), Suzy Carter will remain as Vice Chairperson, and Karen Conrad will take the position of Chairperson for the Board. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the slate of Officers for CY2016 as presented. (Motion-Dorothy Glancy, second-Molly Greer).

Karen told the Board that there is an all day training session on the same day as the scheduled January board meeting that all board staff will be attending. The meeting is to be located near Columbus, but the exact location has yet to be determined. Since Karen is not sure about the ability of staff to be back at the office in sufficient time for the Board meeting, and the January meeting is early in the month, with probably little no information available so soon after the holidays, she asked the Board members to cancel the January meeting. In addition, she suggested that the retreat be held in February. After discussion, Saturday, February 13th was selected as the retreat date. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to cancel the January 2016 Board meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy) A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to schedule the Board Retreat on February 13, 2016 and to move the February Board meeting to 2/13. (Motion- Dorothy Glancy, second-Scott Wheeler)

Also related to the MOUs discussed above, Karen Scherra presented the FY2016 Addendum to the Clermont Recovery Center (CRC/GCB) Purchase of Service Contract for approval. Karen explained to the Board that this addendum allows CRC to receive up to an additional \$25,000 as part of its FY 2016 allocation for outpatient services for individuals referred by Common Pleas Court, making the total POS allocation for CRC \$1,826,644 for FY 2016. An MOU is not needed with CRC/GCB since the Board already contracts with the agency to provide services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Addendum to the CRC/GCB FY 2016 Purchase of Service Contract, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Addendum on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Suzy Carter, second-Molly Greer).

7. Discussion Items: Karen Scherra relayed to the Board members that the state is proposing a new way to bill Medicaid – agencies will not only bill by the service being provided but also by the person who is providing the service. Different providers with different credentials/licensure will be reimbursed at different rates. Several Boards are raising issues that agencies currently aren't able to manage with the amount that they are paid now, so how are they expected to deal with an even more reduced rate, as Medicaid rates haven't been raised in 16 years. Boards are concerned that the agencies are going to look to the Boards to

pay the difference. Karen expressed concern about the rates being decreased in most cases from current rates. Mental health services will be significantly impacted according to CFI's Jim Carter. Jim relayed that we need to rebut with the existing rate. Karen added that more services are being added, such as peer support and intensive home-based, but the Medicaid Department wants them to be cost neutral, which causes more issues. Agencies are going to have an even harder time providing the same services with fewer funds. The state has indicated that these new rates will have to be maintained with the switch to managed care, but only for one year, and then they can change them after that. Karen also added that we do not want the agencies to stop providing services due to lack of Medicaid funding, but we do not know how this will eventually impact the system at this point. We should know more by the Board Retreat meeting in February.

In relation to the Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Survey, this is a survey of individuals in the system to see which areas need to improve, etc. The deadline will be forthcoming after the first of 2016, but the purpose is to gain a sense of where we are with services.

The Board had a discussion about the Administrative Agent for Family and Children First (FCF). Karen advised the Board members that Board staff is being cut to four staff members from five (with Joyce's retirement) in order to put more funds into services. The Board has been the FCF administrative agent since 2004. With fewer staff, it will be difficult to manage all the Board operations activities as well as the FCF ones. Also, Wraparound is slated to become a Medicaid eligible service; since the Board is prohibited from being a provider of services, the FCF staff would have to move from the Board anyway when that is implemented. The major agencies involved in FCF (DJFS, Juvenile Court, DD Board, myself, and Gretchen Behimer the FCF Director) have been meeting for months to try to determine which agency would take over as administrative agent. The hope is that the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Board would become the Administrative Agent, as they are already certified to bill Medicaid, including for some mental health services, and the Help Me Grow Program, which is under the oversight of FCF, is a DD Board program. The DD Board has not yet reached a decision; however, we all met a few weeks ago and everyone was very supportive of the Board moving on and asked that the DD Board make a decision. The DD Board is meeting this Thursday, December 17th, and Karen and Gretchen have been invited to that meeting to discuss the administrative agent role and to answer any questions. Karen indicated that we should know their response by December 18th. As an alternative, Karen proposed that if DD can't take on this additional responsibility at this time, perhaps they can sometime in the near future. The State has requested that each FCF Council provide the name of the Administrative Agent for FY 2017 by January 16th. After much discussion, Karen asked the Board to vote on whether they are in support of the decision to decline the role of Administrative Agent for FY 2017. A motion was made, and approved, to support the decision for the Board to decline the role of Administrative Agent for Family and Children First for FY 2017. (Motion-Dorothy Glancy, second-Scott Wheeler, "No" vote-Wayne Johnson).

8. Agency Directors' Reports:

Laura Stith presented for Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) and relayed that their staff sees a lot of negative things throughout the year and then comes December, which ends up being an uplifting month with the Giving Tree where families ask for basic needs, etc. Laura advised that every child that goes through CFI is provided with scarves, hats, etc. for the winter months. CFI hosted three major events this year which generated over \$3,000 in donations. The third event was this past Saturday, a pancake breakfast, which turned out to be a wonderful event. A WLW representative came to the event along with children from the community. Laura said it was very heartwarming and relayed that CFI thanks everyone for their efforts and donations. Laura also noted that there is a psychiatry recruitment meeting later this week that is intended to be a brainstorming event to discuss the psychiatry profession shortage. There has been a panel put together by the Mental Health Advocacy Committee to work to solve the psychiatry shortage.

Heather Turner presented her report for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southwest Ohio. She also introduced Lucas Stragnowski, Program Coordinator at NAMI. Heather noted that two classes are being offered for the Family to Family Group, one class at CFI and the other at Clermont Mercy Hospital.

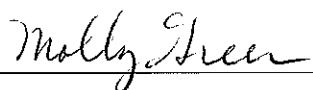
Amy Foley with HOPE Community Center (HCC) reported that the clients will be out caroling through the county this month. She also reported that both furnaces were not working at their building and they spent a total of \$1,500 to repair both; however, there is still a blower out on one. HCC is going to fit the cost of the necessary repairs within their budget. Amy also stated that HCC is hiring a peer support person as a mental health wellness coach.

Steve Goldsberry reported for Clermont Recovery Center (CRC) and said that his report stands as presented. Steve also cited that CASC is at full capacity.

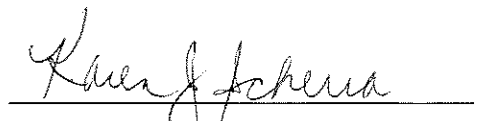
9. Judy Spurlock, the wife of deceased former Board Member Ken Spurlock, attended the Board meeting this month along with one of their sons. She shared with the Board that Ken truly enjoyed being a part of the Board of Directors and was really regretful when he was not able to attend the meetings. One of their sons is going into the mental health field of study.

Another guest, April Goldhaus, also attended the meeting this month for her own personal interest. She has two adoptive children and one has a heroin addiction with which they are presently dealing. The other has mental health issues. Thus she decided to attend our meeting to gain additional information about the mental health and substance abuse areas.

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



Molly Greer, Interim Secretary



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director