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## ENCLOSURE ONE

### MINUTES of February 9, 2015

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzy Carter, Richard Chaney, Karen Conrad, Greg Cottrill, Dorothy Glancy, Molly Greer, Wayne Johnson, Angela Liggett, Gail Padilla, Scott Wheeler
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Andrea Bryant, Ken Spurlock (extended sick leave)
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Anne Combs, Amy Foley, Liz Henrich, Sarah Huron, Sandy Locke, Jeff O'Neil, Gregg Pieples, Laura Stith, Heather Turner, Cheri Walter
- STAFF PRESENT:** Melissa Burke, Joyce Rain, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

1. Presentation by Cheri Walter, OACBHA Chief Executive Officer, and Liz Henrich, Associate CEO, on Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) and State of the State: ROSC is a movement providing hope and encouragement while changing the conversation regarding mental illness and addiction so that communities understand that: 1) mental illness and addiction are chronic illnesses; 2) both mental illness and addiction can be treated; and 3) recovery is to be celebrated, and individuals in recovery can become active, contributing members of their communities. Several items were outlined concerning the current status of the healthcare system and the Governor's proposed budget for SFY 2016. Cheri reminded the Board members that in SFY14, the Legislature added \$50 million to the OMHAS budget. This funding was removed from boards in SFY 15, although \$20 million was disbursed through Collaboratives. These funds will not be available for SFY16.

The OMHAS SFY 16-17 Budget Proposal addressed four (4) targeted investments throughout the communities – Children and Families, Saving Lives, Criminal Justice, and Employment and Housing. Cheri also outlined several language changes per SAMHSA to ensure Medicaid match can count toward Maintenance of Effort (MOE) match, align confidentiality law to HIPAA for records of deceased patients of state hospitals, correct and streamline licensure and certifications, etc. In reference to policy issues, Cheri outlined that the state's psychiatric hospitals' admissions have increased by approximately 1/3 since 2011 and are currently running an average of 95% full for 95% of the time. This situation is creating difficulty with access. Cheri also pointed out that effective September 17, 2014, SB 43 modified and provided clarification to Ohio Law regarding civil commitment (probate law), including court ordered outpatient treatment; however, she anticipates additional correction in the SFY 16-17 biennial budget as Judges want more authority to make change occur.

Regarding the Federal Budget proposal for FFY 2016, the total budget has increased to \$3.7 billion in FY 2016, up from \$3.66 billion in FY 15. The Substance Abuse Prevention and

Treatment Block Grant and the Mental Health Block Grant are flat funded. The increased investments will go to the following: \$20 million for Primary Care - Addiction Services Integration; \$12 million in grants for prevention of prescription drug/opioid related deaths; \$10 million for crisis systems; \$15 million for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) plus \$4 million for MHFA for Veterans; and \$35.7 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. Program cuts include \$17 million in SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) grants and \$26 million for Primary Care/Behavioral Health Integration grants.

A focus continues to be Medicaid Expansion for low-income Ohioans. Local DJFS offices continue to work to enroll individuals based on income; however, they are also facing auto-closure issues due to impending deadlines for enrollment. Cheri outlined that the top priority with regard to Medicaid is for the state legislature to continue to support Medicaid expansion. The Medicaid behavioral health population in Ohio represents 27% of Medicaid members but accounts for almost half of the Medicaid spending. As of January 2016, individuals at or above 100% of the poverty level will be required to pay a monthly premium which is estimated to be \$20/month. Additional key reforms to the Medicaid program will focus on individuals with high-end mental health and addiction needs. The Administration is looking to move behavioral healthcare Medicaid under Managed Care in January 2017.

The next steps for OACBHA include community training, advocacy for the Continuum of Care Assessment, and continued community education on ROSC.

Positive feedback was received from the Board members regarding the ROSC/State of the State presentation.

2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda of February 9, 2015. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Gail Padilla).
3. Review Materials/Correspondence: Karen Scherra highlighted several items in the folders, including information concerning heroin, the state budget, Medicaid expansion, and the CASC jail program. In the Newspaper folder, Karen mentioned the push toward legalizing marijuana and that the Board will need to take a stand if the proposal is placed on the November ballot. The Miscellaneous and Correspondence folders included a memo concerning President Obama's FY 2016 Budget, which outlines a clear plan to strengthen the middle class and help America's hard-working families get ahead, while achieving fiscal sustainability and promoting sustainable growth. The memo states that illegal drug use has consequences that stand in the way of this progress. In 2013, 120 people died on average every day from drug overdose. In 2007, the health care, crime and lost productivity costs due to illicit drug use were estimated by the Department of Justice to total \$193 billion. The Obama Administration's 2014 *National Drug Control Strategy* is the primary blueprint for drug policy in the United States and notes significant increases in heroin and prescription drug abuse as key challenges and highlights a series of action to reduce the impact of the opioid epidemic in the United States. The FFY2016 Budget reflects a balanced, evidence-based approach working towards building a healthier, safer, and more prosperous country.

The folders also included articles concerning Ohio's One-Year Anniversary of the Youth Preventative Initiative which announced a new component to help ohio businesses promote drug-free employees; a copy of Clermont County's Agenda for the Future plan; an article on Opioids from NASADAD; an article on expanding health coverage for Ohioans; and statistics

from Child Focus, Inc. (CFI) concerning mental health, school based mental health, early learning, and out of home care. The folders also included a draft of the OACBHA SFY16-17 Biennial Budget Platform which outlined the funding and language areas for advocacy; and a letter from the Clermont County Office of Public Information which provided information regarding the CASC program which will reopen once a new operator is selected. The new operator of CASC will be charged initially with focusing intensely on treatment services due to the scope of addiction issues within the County. A second letter from the Office of Public information was also included in the folders that provided information concerning the open houses scheduled for the month of February to obtain input on Clermont's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) plan. The intent of the open houses is to obtain input from residents and local officials of the county for development of the plan. Karen Scherra also mentioned that Lee Ann Watson, Associate Director of the Board, has been included in the 2015 Salute to Leaders Honorees, receiving the Health Care Award.

4. Karen Scherra presented the Executive Director's Report: Karen provided updates on the utilization of the state hospital and relayed that during the month of January, there was a high of 2 and a low of 1 civil client in care, along with 3 forensic clients, which has been the lowest number thus far this year, with January utilization lower than it has been for the fiscal year. Karen also provided an update from the January 27<sup>th</sup> OACBHA Membership meeting which OMHAS Director Plouck attended, but announced that she was not able to discuss the budget at that time. Karen also advised that on Legislative Day, she was able to meet with Rep. Becker's aide, Rep. Green and Senator Uecker who all seemed supportive of our needs within the community and all agreed that even if additional funds are not available for the behavioral system, that we should not receive a reduced allocation for the next biennial budget period. he confirmed that Senator Uecker is planning to sponsor a bill, or have it inserted into the budget bill, which would allow local courts to allocate unused IDAM funds, which finance electronic monitors and other equipment, for treatment services. She indicated that she is still reviewing the plethora of information regarding the budget and its impact on our system and will provide more information at the upcoming Board meeting. The OACBHA Governance Committee will be meeting often in the upcoming months to discuss the state budget and the areas of focus, including both allocation and language issues.
5. The Southwest Collaborative continues their work to determine how best to utilize the FY15 funding for recovery housing, crisis stabilization, and other services. A decision has been made to concentrate on opening three sites for recovery housing and to stop work on the stepdown/crisis unit facility, since the costs of operation for the crisis stabilization unit were not sustainable beyond this fiscal year. The Collaborative also decided to send a letter to Director Plouck regarding the crisis stabilization unit that Clermont started at Summit to see if there is any possibility of re-initiating that service. A full Collaborative meeting was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of Hamilton County, and decisions were made to review unspent Collaborative funds and come up with ideas for spending them before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Karen will be speaking with our agencies to see if there are areas which we could supplement or provide additional services through the end of June with the unspent funds. The full Collaborative will meet again in March. There is still no word on the joint Collaborative contracts with University Hospital for inpatient services and for detox services at the Center for

Chemical Addictions Treatment (CCAT). Pat Tribbe, Executive Director of the Hamilton County Board, has advised that he is still working on the UC contract.

6. The FAST TRAC Sustainability Workgroup met January 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the costs of sustaining the services provided through the FAST TRAC grant. The funding needed to sustain the critical services and staff have been determined; however, it is still uncertain as to which agencies will be able to provide those funds. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Karen and Gretchen Behimer, FAST TRAC Project Director, participated in a conference call with all of the Ohio System of Care (SOC) grant participants and the SAMHSA TA staff. The discussions focused on how the SOC principles and services (Wraparound, Transition to Independence (TIP), and peer support) are being implemented across Ohio and how Medicaid services can make sustainability easier. These conference call meetings will continue on a monthly basis.
7. The Opiate Task Force (OTF) and the OTF Advisory Group continue their hard work. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Karen attended a UC Clermont class with a member of the Opiate Task Force who volunteered to assist with the video we are making regarding help for opiate addiction and recovery. We are soliciting students at UC to participate in the video and the reaction to the video we plan to replicate was very positive from both the UC students and the OTF members who were sent the link. At this year's Salute the Leaders event, Lee Ann Watson will receive the Health Care Award for her work with the Opiate Task Force and the Sheriff's Department will receive the Safety and Justice Award for their Narcan project.
8. All stakeholders of ASPIRE (vocational services for individuals with an addiction) met on January 15<sup>th</sup> to review the program. Karen reported that the program is having positive results. This program has placed nine (9) clients in jobs from October to December of 2014; with only one in a minimum wage position.  
Karen also stated that the presentation to the Clermont County Tea Party members was very positively received. The presentation was arranged by the Municipal Court Judges and was to be a 30 minute Power Point presentation, followed by a 30 minute discussion; however, they never got to the regular agenda because of the interest in the subject and the number of questions and comments. Karen passed out our Opiate Overdose Prevention Cards and OTF Opiate Abuse information handouts to the group. The meeting was over at 9:00 p.m.; however, Karen stayed until 10:45 p.m. in discussion with several members. Some key members that were there at the meeting included: Ted Steveno, Ed Humphrey and Bill Rapp, who in turn asked Karen if she could do the same presentation for the Clermont County Bar Association.
9. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee discussed the status of POS spending by the agencies for the first half of the fiscal year and an update on the state budget. In addition, they discussed whether or not to continue with having Clark, Schaefer and Hackett perform the annual Agreed Upon Procedures for FY 2015. The Finance Committee agreed that there was no reason to continue with this process and that funds would be better spent for services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to have Board staff formally notify Clark Schaefer and Hackett that the Board will be discontinuing the Agreed Upon Procedures review of Board operations. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Wayne Johnson)

10. Action Items: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to set the Annual Board Retreat for Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and to reschedule the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (Motion-Wayne Johnson, second-Scott Wheeler)
11. Discussion Items: There was only brief discussion about the proposed SFY 16-17 budget, since Cheri Walter had presented on it earlier. Board staff noted that as currently presented, the budget is very confusing in regard to behavioral health funding and a lot is still to be determined, as few details have been determined. Karen noted that her discussion with Rep. Green, who now serves on the House Finance Committee, indicated that he didn't think any new funds would be made available for behavioral health, as the Governor wants to maintain the rainy day fund, but that he supported no cuts to current allocations.

As to the Board Retreat, Karen indicated that the State's requirements for a Continuum of Care will be discussed at the retreat; but at this point, we still do not have detailed information as to what the requirements include. The retreat will also focus on whether funding cuts will be needed for FY16. We will review services that are currently being funded and discuss how Medicaid Expansion has lowered Board responsibility for funding in some service areas. At the retreat we will also discuss the financial projection and the fund depletion report (how funds are being spent by agencies). Focus will also be given to the funding increase in the State's Drug and Alcohol block grant funds for FY16 & FY17, which will provide funding for services we continued with levy funds.

Recently, Tom Eigel spoke with Karen Scherra about the levy. A brief meeting to discuss levy plans was held February 9<sup>th</sup> with Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities (BDD), Clermont County DJFS/Children's Protective Services, and CCMHRB. Clermont Senior Services was not able to attend the meeting. BDD stated they did not need to be on the ballot in November 2015, and CPS will have a renewal levy on the ballot in November. Karen hopes that the Commissioner will support our request for a levy increase. Karen indicated she will be checking with the Auditor's Office to get figures for the cost to taxpayers for various levy options.

12. Agency Directors' Reports: Gregg Pieples with CRC reported that 70% of patients were completing the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP); however it has now increased to 90% of patients on average are completing IOP. Greg also indicated that GCB's 4 year SAMHSA grant for mental health and physical healthcare is ending, and GCB will be applying for \$1.6 million in grant funds with the goal of bringing a primary care integration project to Clermont County so that we will have primary care in a mental health environment. The grant would serve 500 clients in the 4 year grant period. GCB is looking for a primary care partner in Clermont County. If a Clermont County partner is not located, GCB's Hamilton County primary care partner has agreed to expand to Clermont County.

Amy Foley with HOPE Community Center (HCC) reported that the attendance at HCC for the month of January was 173 participants. The next session at HCC starts March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Peer Support Specialists have been certified and been assigned job duties at HCC. Currently, they are planning office space and meeting with Mercy Hospital to co-lead a class. Training continues for the PSS, which includes yoga therapy breathing techniques which can be used for

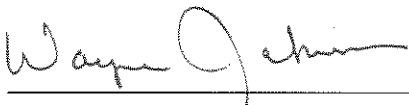
issues such as anger management and anxiety. Amy also reported that HCC is offering a monthly Informational Coffee Cake session on the last Thursday of every month, which starts February 26th, as well as an Art Therapy Class and Creative Writing Class. Meera Rastogi is handling the Art Therapy Class and HCC is currently looking for a professor from UC Clermont to teach the Creative Writing Class.

Laura Stith with CFI reported that CFI was featured in *The Enquirer* for the upcoming Chamber event featuring retired P&G CEO, John Pepper, who will make the business case for early childhood investment. CFI was also featured in the *Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Newsletter* for securing a child sexual abuse prevention grant. The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Pfau Foundation has approved CFI to submit a full grant for the Day Treatment of 3-5 year olds, which is due by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sara Huron with NAMI Southwest Ohio was present as well as Executive Director Heather Turner. Heather and Sara reported that the Peer-to-Peer classes have been scheduled and will be held at the HOPE Center beginning April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for 10 weeks.

Anne Combs with LPS reported that the GCB Employment and Recovery Division had a “meet and greet” in January as a continued focus to integrate services and that a positive response was received from staff members. LPS continues to focus on streamlining forms for the new combined agency. In the month of January, the Social Security Administration (SSA) reviewed Ticket to Work case files and Anne reports that the review went very well. Anne also indicated that Joyce Weddle, Director of WIN, attended the Transforming Lives through Supported Employment OMHAS meeting and provided input as to developing a sustainability plan for the Ohio Supported Employment federal grant. Anne also reported that as a result of the merger, counseling services offered by LPS are being consolidated across all sites throughout SW Ohio and NKY. There continues to be significant emphasis on providing behavioral health counseling in Clermont County. Anne indicates that counseling services for the SPMI population are available immediately and that LPS’ Open Access model has provided same day access and decreased wait times for all clients.

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



Wayne Johnson, Secretary



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director