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MINUTES of July 9, 2018

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andy Bateman, Jacki Block, Karen Conrad, Dorothy Glancy, John Kelly
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Suzy Carter, Kelley Costello, Carole Cottrill, Peggy Hickman, Katie Shepard, Greg Varner
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER EXCUSED:** Richard Chaney
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Tammy Brewer, Heather Cokl, Alicia Fine, Amy Foley, Jean Houston, Jeff O'Neil, Laura Stith, Lucas Strakowski
- STAFF PRESENT:** Cindy Knoblauch, Erica Pursley, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

1. Chairperson Karen Conrad welcomed everyone. As quorum was not met, the meeting was for discussion purposes only. No motions were made or voted on. Before getting started, Karen Scherra advised the Board that a new potential member, Joe Dills, may come to the meeting. Karen also reported that Board member Angela Liggett had resigned due to her new job demands.
2. Agenda: Executive Director Karen Scherra announced a few changes to the agenda. Karen said section "IV.B." labeled "Committee Reports" would be changed to "Action Items" and item IV.B.1. "Finance Committee" would be removed, as there was no Finance Committee meeting this month. Also, four (4) new "Action Items" were to be added: 12. Match Funds for the Women's Recovery House, 13. Changes to ATP Funding Agreement, 14. Contracts for the ENGAGE Grant Project, and 15. Appointment of a New Finance Committee Chair. The final change to the agenda was to change item "D. Discussion Items" to "C. Discussion Items" and add item 5. "Probable Housing Project in Clermont County".
3. Minutes: Due to not meeting quorum, the minutes for the June 18, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were not approved. No one present had any additions or corrections.
4. Review Materials/Correspondence Folders: Karen Scherra brought everyone's attention to the folders being passed around and specifically mentioned a few of the items from each. From the Local Info/Reports folder, Karen pointed out the announcements of two new outpatient addiction treatment centers in Clermont County, Brightview in Batavia and Adams Recovery Center, which will include detox services, in Williamsburg. Brightview's open house will be July 31, 2018.

In the Youth Mental Health folder, Karen Scherra said there was an article about Ohio having yet to use the \$5 million allocated this year to help youth at risk of entering the foster care or justice systems. Karen said the requirements to receive the funding are too onerous to get the dollars flowing. There is an additional \$5 million allocated for FY 2019. Also, in the folder was an article about Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's campaign, if elected Governor, to assist children in poverty.

In the Adult Mental Health folder, Karen mentioned the article discussing the decriminalization of behavioral health disorders. She also pointed out a graph of suicide rates by state, mentioning that Ohio is in the 2nd highest group for suicides.

From the State/Federal folder, Karen advised the Board members there was a recent announcement from OMHAS Director Tracy Plouck that she was resigning, and by appointment of the Governor, Dr. Mark Hurst would be the OMHAS Director as of July 17, 2018. In an email to all board directors, Tracy encouraged them to continue to advocate for more funding. Karen also mentioned an article about the scrutinization of CareSource, a Managed Care company regarding payment issues. And finally, there was an article about the Federal rejection of Kentucky's proposed Medicaid requirements.

In the Heroin/Opiate folder, Karen Scherra briefly mentioned several articles about people in need of treatment who are not getting connected to services. She also said there were articles describing the rise in the use of meth.

5. Executive Director's Report: Karen Scherra presented a few highlights from her report. She stated that as of July 1st, she will again be the Chair of the OACBHA Hospital Services Committee. All Committee Chairs are non-voting members of the Executive Council, so she will begin attending bi-monthly meetings in Columbus, with meetings held by conference call the other months. Karen participated in an Executive Committee conference call on June 25th which was its June meeting. She will also be attending the Executive Council retreat on July 26-27. She also mentioned the OACBHA publication attached to her report: an educational piece entitled "Opioid Withdrawal Management". Karen explained that the publication explains the service that the Board is contracting with Mercy Clermont to provide.

On the opiate issue, Karen said the Opiate Task Force (OTF) met on June 14th to discuss the needs of faith-based organizations in Clermont County in relation to the opioid epidemic and addiction issues in general. As a follow-up to this meeting, the Board was contacted on June 27th by staff of the Governor's local office, who attended the June OTF meeting, to make sure Clermont could participate in a summit that the Governor's Office will be holding in several areas of the state in September, focused on getting faith-based organizations more involved with mental health and addiction needs in communities. Karen said the Governor wanted to get the project established before he leaves office. In speaking about the OTF, Karen also advised the Board that the University of Cincinnati, through funding from Interact for Health, is planning a research study on the QRT teams in Clermont.

Under Criminal Justice Activities, Karen said as a follow-up to the May visit of former Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton and others from the Ohio Stepping Up Initiative, the Justice contacted her to get quotes from local officials about the Stepping Up Initiative. Those quotes will be used in materials aimed at getting other counties to participate. In addition, Justice Stratton requested that a team from Clermont County attend the Task Force on Criminal Justice

and Mental Illness meeting on Monday, September 17th in Columbus to present on the CASC program. Judge Stratton co-chairs this committee with Attorney General Mike DeWine.

Karen also recapped some of the Ohio legislative activities. She also mentioned the recent State Auditor's Report on Medicaid expansion. In the report, Ohio Auditor Dave Yost confirms the necessity of Ohio's 2014 Medicaid expansion in providing access to services that support recovery from addiction. The Auditor's report not only confirms that Ohio Medicaid effectively links individuals to the recovery services they need, it also verifies that Ohio's Medicaid providers are engaged in responsible prescribing practices. Karen also mentioned State Bill 314 which would allow Educational Service Centers (ESC) to place a levy on the ballot for funding to support their hiring of individuals to provide mental health services in the schools. Karen expressed concerns about how this would impact our school-based services if the Clermont County ESC choose to do this, as well as the potential impact on our levy.

Lastly, Karen mentioned a conference call she participated in on June 28, along with Judge Shriver, Pam Lindeman from Child Focus, and Angie Livesay, Coordinator of the Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC), with two OMHAS staff regarding the ATP funds the Board has been allocated to support the recovery needs of participants in the FDTC. Due to the small number of participants in the FDTC, the Board has not been able to fully use the allocation. ATP funds left after FY17 were carried over to FY 18, but the FY 18 allocation was significantly cut. The Board can again carry over unspent funds from FY 18, but its allocation was eliminated for FY 19. During this fiscal year, the Board requested to use the funds for a visitation or "parental support" program run by CFI to give the parents additional time with their children who are in CPS custody, plus support from experienced clinicians in evidence-based parenting skills. The Board was initially denied approval for this program, but after a series of emails, a short conversation with Director Plouck, and the call Karen had that day, the Board will now be allowed to use the ATP funds for the program. Karen said everyone connected to the Court and this program is very excited about the potential of the program.

6. Action Items: As quorum was not met at the Board meeting, no actions or decisions could be made on any of the items except the appointing of a new Finance Committee Chair. Karen Scherra said the items would have to be approved by the Executive Committee later. Karen Scherra gave a brief description of each action item.

The first action item was the FY 2019 Agreement with Children's Hospital. Karen said the contract was the same one the Board has had with Children's for many years. The Board has not received a bill for these hospitalizations for many years since most children have some type of insurance. However, it is critical to have this contract in place should a child lack insurance to pay for inpatient services. Board members in attendance were supportive of the agreement, and she hopes for the Board's full support.

The next action item was the FY19 Agreement with Brown County Care Center. Again, Karen said it was the same as the contract as in years past with the same daily rate for adult residential clients. Lee Ann Watson said the Board is funding approximately eight (8) clients each year. Board members in attendance were in support of the agreement

Next, was the FY19 Agreement with Continuing Healthcare. Once again, the contract remains

the same as in years past and there have been no changes in rates. There are about 13 adult clients who reside in either Mellon Meadows or Peebles. Board members present were in support of the agreement.

Karen Scherra then moved on to the FY19 Purchase of Service (POS) Contracts with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services, Clermont Recovery Center, Child Focus Inc., and Hope Community Center. Karen advised the Board that one of the contracts was included in the Board meeting packet for their review, as all the contracts are basically the same. The contracts are the same as in years past other than the funding amounts, which were approved at the June 2018 Board meeting. Changes to the standards referenced in the POS contracts will be addressed separately. Support for the POS contracts was expressed by the board members in attendance.

Next was the FY19 Agreement with Families Connected. The attachment for this item was not originally included in the Board mailing, so it was passed out along with other attachments as a walk-in item. Karen Scherra said the contract was similar to the one the Board had with Families Connected last year. The difference in the FY19 agreement is that Child Focus will now be referring clients to Families Connected for peer support services, paid for by the Board. Family and Children First's (FCF) Wraparound program will continue to refer families for support, but they will pay the Board for those services based on a rate. Families Connected staff will submit the time they spend providing services to Wraparound families to the Board, and the Board will invoice FCF. After discussion, board members indicated they were in support of moving ahead with this agreement.

Next was the FY 2019 Agreement with NAMI. Karen said the agreement was the same as the one in years past, including the funding amount. Board members were in support of the agreement.

The next item was the FY19 Agreement with Family and Children First (FCF)/DJFS for Parent Support Partners' services from Families Connected. Karen Scherra did not receive a contract from FCF in time for the Board meeting. Karen said the Executive Committee will have to convene at a later date to discuss rates and other details of the agreement for approval.

Next was the FY19 Agreement with Mercy Hospital Clermont for withdrawal management services for the Southwest Collaborative. The agreement was part of the walk-in packet. Karen Scherra reminded the Board of the agreement she received from Mercy Clermont weeks ago that needed changes. The agreement she presented to the Board was the one she had rewritten and was still awaiting Mercy's response. Karen said once the agreement is signed by all parties, the Board will provide funding for withdrawal management services to indigent persons at a rate of \$725 per day. Karen said an MOU and a Business Associate's agreement will have to be signed by each Board in the Collaborative to have access to Mercy Clermont's withdrawal management services. Those agreements were also distributed to board members. After discussion, board members in attendance were in support of all the contracts connected to the withdrawal management services at Mercy.

Next were the FY19 contracts involving the Southwest Collaborative for crisis stabilization and withdrawal management services. Karen Scherra said the Butler County Board provided the

Clermont Board with contracts to be signed – one to access services and a Business Associate Agreement to allow the exchange of personal Health information (PHI) that will give Clermont access to said services provided by Beckett Springs in Butler County. Butler County’s Board of Directors has already approved the contract. After discussion, board members stated their support for moving forward with the two contracts.

Karen Scherra explained the FY19 MOUs with Municipal Court and Juvenile Court for OMHAS specialized docket subsidy funds. In SFYs 17 and 18, OMHAS provided Specialized Docket Subsidy funds to the courts operating these dockets in one lump payment per court. However, beginning in FY 2019, these funds will now be provided to boards as part of their allocation, and boards will provide those funds to the courts in the amount determined by OMHAS. There are two Specialized Dockets in Clermont County eligible for these Subsidy funds: the OVI Court under Municipal Court and the Family Dependency Treatment Court under Juvenile Court. Karen said once these MOUs are signed by the Board and the Prosecutor’s Office, and the Board receives the funds from OMHAS, the Courts will be given the funding up front in a lump sum. After discussion, the board members indicated support for the MOUs with the two courts.

Next were the revisions to the Board’s Contract Standards. Lee Ann Watson explained that some of the contract standards have been updated due to state requirements. Some of these changes include changes in O.R.C. and/or O.A.C. codes, the SMD definition, agency emergency planning, Board/agency mediation procedures, program specifications, and continuum of care. Lee Ann advised the Board members that she has completed these changes in the contract standards and they will be sent to the Prosecutor’s Office for approval. Lee Ann also stated the Board members could have a copy of the 76-page document if they so desired. Lee Ann also mentioned that Board staff will be meeting with the contract agencies to review the revised standards. Board members indicated that they supported the changes made to the Contract Standards to reflect current laws, bills, and requirements.

The next action item was GCB’s request for a 25% match to the state’s capital grant match of 75% for a women’s recovery house. GCB is requesting \$75,500 from the Board, 25% of the proposed \$302,000 budget for the recovery house. Alicia Fine with GCB expanded on the subject. Alicia said GCB has found a house through a realtor in the village of Batavia. The selection of the house was based on the neighborhood, number of bedrooms, square footage, proximity to treatment resources, and zoning codes. GCB has put an offer on the selected 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom house. The purchase is pending upon inspections and state approvals. Aesthetically, Alicia said the house is ready to move in with fresh paint, flooring, and almost a total remodel of the 100-year-old home. With a \$302,000 all-in budget, including all repairs and modifications, the 25% required local match would be \$75,500, which GCB is asking the Board to fund. GCB will have access to state funding allocated to the Board in the amount of \$48,000 for operational costs of this recovery house and the one already operating for men.

Karen Scherra reminded the Board members that at the Board retreat, the amount the Board was considering funding was \$25,000. Karen told the Board a decision needs to be made on how much, if any, the Board is willing to provide to GCB for the women’s recovery house. Board member Jacki Block asked who would fund the rest of the \$75,500 if the Board decided to only fund part of the requested amount. Alicia said it could delay the purchase of the house as GCB

would have to find ways, such as fundraisers, to come up with the rest of the money. Jacki suggested the Board paying 25% of the actual purchase price of the house. According to the internet, accessed via a Board member's phone during the meeting, the asking price of the house is \$169,400. Board members present agreed the house is needed and will help meet continuum of care requirements. Alicia stated that the capital budget must include renovation, furnishings, and operational expenses, and reminded the Board members that inspections could reveal structural problems which would be added expense. Karen Conrad asked if the drug activity in Batavia is a concern for the location of the house. Alicia said drug activity, unfortunately, is everywhere and that residents are expected to support each other to avoid the activity. Board member Andy Bateman asked about residential turnover at the recovery house. Alicia said the house is permanent housing, and a resident can remain there as long as he/she participates in the social structure of the house, pays rent, and follows house rules. However, the goal is to get the residents recovered and comfortable enough to move out on their own. Board member Andy Bateman said he supports the idea, but that the Board members need to decide how much they are comfortable funding. Karen Scherra advised the Board there would be a conference call between Board Staff, GCB, and the Executive Committee of the Board at a later date to determine how much of the match the Board would fund for the house.

The next action item was the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) funding agreement with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS). The agreement provides a mutual understanding of county and community participation in the Medication-Assisted Treatment Drug Court Program. The program funding is also intended to provide families involved in the Drug Court more visitation time and parental support for recovery. The agreement states that OMHAS will provide funding for medications, treatment, and recovery supports for participants. Karen said the agreement is the same as last year but the amount being funded is different as includes carryover from last year's two-year agreement. Erica Pursley said she believes it will be about \$100,000. Karen stated she would inform the Board members of the amount once OMHAS notifies us. Further, a new agreement for FY19 is needed since three (3) new entities are entering into the agreement: Child Focus Inc., Adams Recovery Center, and Brightview. Karen said the amount will be available to the Executive Committee when it convenes to make a decision on this item.

The next action item was the ENGAGE grant funding MOUs between CCMHRB and the Butler County Educational Service Center (BCESC), the host coordinator of the grant. The ENGAGE program is a concept being developed with the intent of empowering and educating youth to support a successful transition to independence. The first MOU was the agreement with BCESC for school-based suicide prevention. The second was the agreement with BCESC for mobile response and stabilization services. Karen Scherra said the money must be encumbered before the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30, 2018. The suicide prevention funding can be used for training, equipment, marketing materials, and other tools relating to the program. Karen said the \$83,000 for mobile crisis and parent support partners will be allocated to Child Focus and Families Connected and the \$30,000 for suicide prevention will probably go to Child Focus, Inc. After discussion, Board members expressed support for these agreements.

The final action item was the appointment of a new Finance Committee Chair. As the appointment does not require Board approval, Board Chair Karen Conrad appointed Jacki Block

as the new Finance Committee Chairperson. Jacki accepted the new appointment.

7. Discussion Items: The first discussion item was the Behavioral Health Redesign/Managed Care Update. Karen Scherra said the transition to managed care is still in its early stages and it is too soon to tell if it is going smoothly. The agencies seemed to agree, and it was noted that GCB is almost caught up with their billing.

The second discussion item was the ENGAGE grant funding update. Karen Scherra said she had covered that earlier in the meeting but that the program is ready to go, and she feels it will be great for the county. She said the program will provide a great deal of financial support for Clermont's youth behavioral health programs. She said Juvenile Court is especially excited about the funding and very positive about the program.

The third discussion item was the ROSC Assessment. Karen Scherra explained the Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) survey is an assessment OACBHA is launching statewide to measure the progress communities have made in creating local support systems for those in recovery. Karen explained the survey is a critical piece to understanding behavioral health needs and the data will be collected and analyzed. Karen said she would have Board staff distribute the survey soon as it is due no later than August 31.

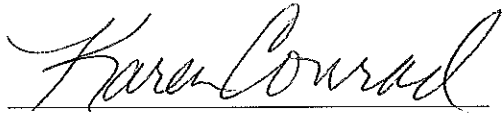
Karen Scherra stated that there is also a brief stakeholder survey that she will have Board staff send to Board members. This survey, due July 13, is an OMHAS survey intended to collect input into the priorities the Department should base its funding priorities on for the next fiscal year.

The fourth discussion item was the Clermont County Fair. Board staff member Cindy Knoblauch announced that the Clermont County Fair runs this year from July 22 through July 28. She told Board members if they were interested in staffing the Board's fair booth, there was a sign-up sheet she could pass around, and that she will also send an email.

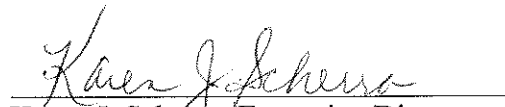
The final discussion item was the probable housing project coming to Clermont County. Karen Scherra said the project is being headed up by UP Development, a group that focuses on housing for homeless individuals who have mental health issues and/or an alcohol and drug use disorder. The group has chosen Clermont as the location to build a 40-50 unit, low income apartment building using federally funded resources and grants. The group has asked the Clermont Board to make this project a priority in their capital funding plan requests to OMHAS. OMHAS has requested the Board submit its top priority in capital project funding by July 20. Karen supports this housing project as a priority but wanted to hear the opinion of the agencies and Board members. Karen believes the apartment complex would be a good boon for Clermont County. Alicia Fine of GCB said the group in charge of the project would manage the building and become a partner in the supportive services system in Clermont. She said the group is collaborative in supporting the needs of their residents in accessing behavioral health services, to such an extent that there is often space at the building for behavioral health staff to utilize. Karen Scherra passed around a paper copy of the group's presentation on the housing project. Two potential sites are in Amelia and Milford. Alicia Fine said the group already has similar housing projects in Ohio. The first one is in Franklin County and houses entire families with service needs, and the second is in Montgomery County and houses those with developmental disabilities. Karen Scherra said

she would follow up with the agencies to see if they agreed on this project being the priority in the Board's capital plan. Karen said the Board would not be required to provide funding to the project itself, just to indicate to OMHAS that it is our number one priority for capital funds.

8. Agency Director's Reports: All agencies stated that their reports stand as is.
9. Adjournment: As quorum was not met, there was no formal adjournment. The meeting ended.



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director