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MINUTES of May 11, 2015

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andrea Bryant, Suzy Carter, Karen Conrad, Greg Cottrill, Dorothy Glancy, Molly Greer, Wayne Johnson, Scott Wheeler
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Angie Liggett, Rich Chaney
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Amy Foley, Steve Goldsberry, Sandy Lock, Jeff O'Neil, Heather Turner
- STAFF PRESENT:** Joyce Rain, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

Prior to the start of the Board meeting, Karen Scherra informed the Board members that Chairperson Angie Liggett was ill and that Vice-Chair Suzy Carter would be chairing the meeting.

1. One action item, CFI Health Officer Designations, was added to the agenda. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agenda as revised. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the revised Minutes from the meeting on April 13, 2015. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Molly Greer).
3. Review Materials/Correspondence: In the Miscellaneous folder, Karen referenced several items, including: the recent press release from the Clermont County Coroner, Dr Brian Treon, regarding overdose deaths in 2014; information on admissions to Clermont Recovery Center broken down by diagnosis; and national and state data on heroin abuse. Recent state data has placed Clermont County as the 8th highest county in the state for opiate overdoses during the years 2008-2013. Clermont County moved up to 8th from 11th.

Karen Scherra also brought attention to several items in the Correspondence folder. She referenced the letter received from OMHAS approving the Board's FY2015-2016 Community Plan. Karen Scherra also mentioned a letter written by NAMI Ohio's Executive Director to the Ohio legislature which outlined support for maintaining current behavioral health funding in FY2016.

The Newspaper folder contained quite a few articles concerning the heroin epidemic, as well as the increased number of heroin overdose deaths. Karen Scherra also mentioned that several

articles continue to be published related to the legalization of marijuana and the ballot initiative in Ohio. This folder also included an article about vocational programming in different counties throughout the state, which included a focus on Lifepoint Solutions' vocational program. Joyce Weddle, director of the vocational program, was quoted in the article. Karen Scherra also mentioned that Walgreens will begin stocking Narcan.

4. Karen Scherra presented highlights from her Executive Director's Report. She noted that Board member, Gail Padilla, had resigned due to moving to Hamilton County because of her husband's illness. Karen Scherra also informed the Board that Board member, Ken Spurlock, recently passed away. Karen Scherra passed around a condolence card for his family for Board members to sign. Karen Scherra informed the Board members that we are now four Board members short.

In terms of state hospital utilization, the Southwest Collaborative recently met with Summit Behavioral Healthcare to discuss current issues. Due to OMHAS diverting admissions throughout the state to Summit, the hospital will be holding Board areas to their threshold rate for civil bed days. Clermont County's rate is only one (1) civil bed. If Summit is full, our clients will be diverted to Twin Valley State Hospital in Columbus. Karen Scherra also shared with the Board members that the Hamilton County Board will terminate its \$1.2 million contract with University Hospital for FY2016. The impact of this change on admissions to the state hospital is of concern. Karen Scherra also discussed the current progress of the Southwest Ohio Collaborative. The group involving the Warren/Clinton, Brown and Clermont boards will be meeting on May 20, 2015 to discuss which projects the collaborative will continue for FY2016.

The Opiate Task Force will hold a community event on May 26, 2015 to formally rollout its Action Plan. The event will take place at UC Clermont's Student Activity Center. It looks like the event will have media coverage from the Enquirer, Channel 12 news and the Clermont Sun. Karen Scherra was contacted today by a Channel 9 reporter for a story related to heroin abuse in Clermont County. Karen Scherra mentioned that the Clermont County Democratic Party recently raised \$3,211 for the Opiate Task Force through a cake auction at their annual "Golden Donkey" dinner on May 2, 2015. Karen Scherra also pointed out that she and several Board members – Richard Chaney, Greg Cottrill, Angie Ligget, and Scott Wheeler – met with the Interim Director of the Butler Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board and several of her Board members to discuss how a combined mental health and AOD Board is able to be fair in its planning and decision-making toward both mental health and AOD issues, and also to discuss the structure of our meetings.

5. Committee Reports :

Suzy Carter presented for the Program Committee. The Program Committee met with our contract agencies on April 29, 2015. The agencies were asked to present their requests for funding for FY16, as well as any ideas for additional funding. NAMI Southwest Ohio requested that their funding remain the same for FY16 and explained the activities they are

doing in Clermont County. Hope Community Center (HCC) requested that unused funding from FY15 be carried over to FY16 and that HCC be funded an additional \$16,000 for FY16. The additional funding will allow peer support specialists to be trained in order to prepare HCC for when peer support services become Medicaid billable. Child Focus Inc. (CFI) requested that their funding remain the same for FY16. CFI stated that if additional funding is available for FY16, the agency would most likely increase crisis services. Clermont Recovery Center (CRC) requested that FY15 funding be carried over to FY16 and that funding be provided for a half-time Benefit Specialist. The Benefit Specialist who currently works .25 time at LPS would be funded to increase her to full time, with half allocated to GCB/LPS and the other half to CRC, should she be interested. The position would serve all of GCB's clients. CRC is requesting a Benefit Specialist since many clients who received Medicaid through Expansion have not re-enrolled and thus lost Medicaid coverage. Karen Scherra pointed out that funding a Benefit Specialist is an investment for the Board, since it will increase Medicaid enrollments and decrease the Board's funding responsibility. If additional funding is available, CRC requested funds to increase the availability of Medication Assisted Treatment services. Lifepoint Solutions/GCB requested the same funding as received for FY15. If additional funding is available, GCB would like to expand CPST services by hiring five (5) to six (6) CPST workers. GCB believes that Medicaid would pay for the majority of the cost and estimates that the Board would need to fund approximately \$120,000. The Program Committee recommended the funding requests for FY2016.

Scott Wheeler presented for the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee recommended the requested funding for FY 2016: NAMI at the same amount as FY 15; HCC at the same amount as FY15, plus any carryover and an additional \$16,000, which Karen hopes to provide through unused FY15 Collaborative funds; CFI at the same amount as FY15; LPS/GCB the same amount as FY15, with the funding reallocated among several services; and CRC at the same amount as FY15, with the additional funds for the Benefit Specialist. The requests for additional funding (CRC-MAT and GCB-CPST staff) will be tabled until the Board knows what funding will be available for FY2016 and we see what happens with our levy. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the contract agencies' requests for funding for SFY 2016 as recommended by the Finance Committee. (Motion-Wayne Johnson, second-Greg Cottrill). Scott Wheeler also discussed the proposal from Felicity Township regarding the Board utilizing the vacant EMS building. The proposal was for about \$12,000 annually, which includes items such as maintenance, utilities, and insurance. The Board members agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation to table any decision to whether to utilize the building.

6. Action Items: Karen Scherra presented the DJFS Fox Run Contract. The Board recently approved a three month Extension of the Purchase of Service Agreement involving DJFS and Fox Run Center in March 2015, since the provider's new IV-E ceiling rates were not available upon the expiration of the annual contract on March 31, 2015. Fox Run agreed to a contract extension, at the same rate, in order to maintain an ongoing contract. Karen Scherra explained that the new contract for FY2016 is for a specific client and does not obligate the Board to any

specific funding for the child at Fox Run. The contract simply allows for such funding support if it is agreed upon based on specific circumstances, such as if the child becomes ineligible for Medicaid or needs a service not covered by Medicaid. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the SFY2016 contract between DJFS, the Board, and Fox Run and to authorize the Executive Director to sign on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Karen Conrad).

A new staff member has been hired for the Mobile Crisis Team at CFI and needs to be approved as a Health Officer. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve CFI's revised Health Officers List with the additional staff person included. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Wayne Johnson).

7. Discussion Items: Karen Scherra provided an update on the status of the state budget. Currently, the Senate is reviewing the state budget and is hearing testimony. The Senate did not use the Governor's budget or the budget developed by the House as its starting point, which is typical. Instead, the Senate is working off the budget for SFY2015. This will benefit the behavioral health system since it maintains funding for SFY2016 at the same level as SFY2015. The Board Association and other advocacy groups have been targeting key members of the Senate and these Senate members seem supportive of our system and the need to maintain current funding and even possibly to increase it. Karen Scherra hopes that we will have more information on the budget for the June Board meeting. Karen also mentioned that she has yet to hear from the Commissioners regarding their decision on our levy request.

Karen Scherra shared with the Board members the Board Association's position statement on the legalization of marijuana, both for medicinal and recreational use. It is anticipated that the issue will be on the ballot this November, and the Board will be asked to take a position on the issue. Karen also expressed concern that the legalization of marijuana being on the ballot at the same time as our Levy may have negative consequences on our campaign and the vote.

8. Agency Directors' Reports: Amy Foley with HOPE Community Center (HCC) reported that HCC has been distributing flyers to groups in the community to further market the programming at HCC.

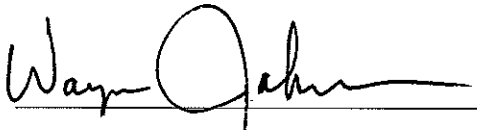
Steve Goldsberry reported for Clermont Recovery Center (CRC), stating that CRC recently finished their CARF accreditation process, and expects a three year accreditation. Steve also mentioned that CRC recently was recognized by Mental Health Corporation of America for good customer service and satisfaction. CRC also received recognition from the Ohio Senate.

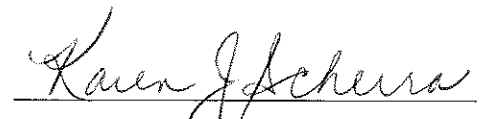
Sandy Lock presented for Child Focus, Inc. (CFI), and mentioned that CFI's Encourage the Heart Fundraising Dinner will be held on July 10, 2015 and CFI's Golf Outing will be held on August 10, 2015. Sandy Locke answered Suzy Carter's question about the waiting list for services by explaining that CFI has had difficulty hiring new staff. Sandy went on to explain that CFI recently restructured their pay scale in hopes of attracting new employees.

Jeff O'Neil presented for Greater Cincinnati Behavioral (GCB/LPS) and discussed that the agency is close to finalizing a full service pharmacy at the Amelia location. The pharmacy will provide better access to medications for clients. The lobby at the Amelia location will also be renovated to make it bigger and more accessible.

Heather Turner presented for Southwest Ohio NAMI, and discussed that NAMI held its annual walk last Saturday. The walk received coverage from Channel 12. Heather also mentioned that the upcoming Clermont County Family to Family class has 16 participants registered.

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


Wayne Johnson, Secretary


Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director