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### MINUTES of October 9, 2017

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Suzy Carter, Katherine Shepard, Stephen Todd Shumard

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Chaney

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Tammy Brewer, Steve Goldsberry, Jean Houston, Laura Stith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cindy Knoblauch, Erica Pursley, Lee Ann Watson

1. Chairperson Karen Conrad welcomed everyone and thanked them all for attending. Karen reminded the Board that Executive Director Karen Scherra was in Chicago, so Associate Director Lee Ann Watson and Fiscal Officer Eric Pursley would be providing information at the meeting. Lee Ann welcomed everyone again and the meeting proceeded.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the October 9, 2017 Board meeting with the changes of agenda item C.1. to a discussion item and agenda item C.2. being reworded to reflect a decision made at the earlier Finance Committee meeting, which will be discussed later. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Kelley Costello).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Angela Liggett).
4. Review Materials/Correspondence: Cindy Knoblauch passed around the folders containing the review materials and correspondence. Lee Ann Watson reminded everyone to initial any articles or other information they wanted a copy of.
5. Lee Ann Watson then presented a few highlights from the Executive Director's Report. Karen Scherra had attended a first ever Director's two-day retreat held by OACBHA on September 25-26 at Mohican State Park. The purpose of the retreat was to focus on managed care, which will begin management of Medicaid community behavioral health as of July 1, 2018. Lee Ann advised the Board that Karen will give an update on this at a future meeting.

Lee Ann then mentioned that Karen had attended the first meeting of the OACBHA Opiate Committee meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first action of the Committee was to change the name to "Opioid Committee" to be more reflective of the many drugs now prevalent in this epidemic. The Committee will be meeting monthly and will focus on several very specific tasks: supporting boards in their role as defined in the most recent biennial budget as the "county hub program to combat opiate addiction"; developing resources to help boards fight stigma against those dealing with addiction; standardizing core data sets that are timely, reliable and valid, and can be readily available and collected; designing the report format and timeline for the "Hub" reports to OMHAS and the Legislature by January 2020; and preparing for the transition to a new Administration and thus new state budgets. Lee Ann said that Karen is very excited to be on the committee and to be involved in contributing ideas and input at the state level.

Lee Ann also touched on Karen's attendance at the second meeting of OMHAS' SAMHSA System of Care grant project, ENGAGE, on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The grant is focused on youth and the intended use of funding that will be available to the Boards in the Southwest area is mobile response. The specific uses for the funding and whether funding will be distributed on a regional or county basis are issues still to be resolved. It is still unclear if Clermont will receive funding, since we have a mobile crisis team already in place. Lee Ann said Karen will keep the Board posted.

Lee Ann updated the Board on a call that Gregg Pieples from CRC/GCB and Karen had participated in with Ellen Augspurger, the OMHAS liaison for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act funding, on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Ellen is very interested in the Clermont women's CASC program and interested to see how it develops. Lee Ann advised that Gregg and Karen participated on another call on October 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time, they were informed that Cures funding is still uncertain for year two, but OMHAS expects an answer by the end of January on whether the state will receive the funding or not. Lee Ann said OMHAS was optimistic that the funds will be provided. Lee Ann also advised the Board that if the funding is not received for year two, the County may turn to CCMHRB for some financial support for the CASC program.

Lee Ann also informed the Board on recent developments related to the opiate epidemic. Lee Ann said that the Clermont County Public Health Department is working with the Hamilton County Public Health Department to develop a daily overdose surveillance report that would track daily 911 calls for overdoses and emergency room admissions for overdoses. Lee Ann thinks this will be a vital tool in tracking Clermont County's progress in the battle against opioid abuse. The program is still in its infancy stage, but Lee Ann is optimistic that it will be up and running shortly. Lee Ann also met with the Police Chiefs to talk about Clermont's Quick Response Teams (QRT). Lee Ann informed the Chiefs of the referral process for QRT response in their jurisdictions. Police departments that do not currently have a QRT team can also send referrals to the Clermont Recovery Center (CRC), and a Recovery Coach will follow up with any person who has survived an overdose.

Lee Ann reported that CCMHRB was recently awarded grant funding through OMHAS. The “Community Collective Impact Model for Change” grant will provide \$20,000 in funding to the Board as the hub or “backbone” organization addressing the County opioid epidemic. The funds will be used for developing and implementing a marketing plan for the Opiate Task Force. The grant will also provide key Opiate Task Force members with training from OMHAS staff on the Collective Impact Model.

Lee Ann moved on to discuss criminal justice issues. She told the Board Karen had met with Municipal Court Administrative Judge Kevin Miles and Chief Probation Officer Joe Ellison to discuss the Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) funds and other topics of interest to the Court. After the meeting, the judges agreed to provide the Board with \$75,000 in IDAT funds, as requested by the Board.

On September 5, 2017, Karen Scherra and Lee Ann Watson met with GCB staff, Mobile Crisis Staff and Jail staff to discuss the full implementation of the new OMHAS Criminal Justice/Mental Health Linkage grant project. Lee Ann said there are two new positions being added. One is a Jail Liaison who will do mental health screenings, assessments, and referrals to treatment for inmates that are not currently connected to treatment. The second position is a Re-entry Coordinator who works with current GCB clients to assist with release plans and helpfully reduce recidivism. The Re-entry Coordinator position, which will be a GCB employee, will begin working in the jail full-time in October.

Lee Ann also highlighted important correspondence Karen recently received. Karen sent letters to all three of our federal legislators related to the Repeal/Replace of the ACA, and all three sent back a response. Cindy passed those response letters around to the Board members for review.

Erica Pursley presented a CHIP update to the Board. The CHIP program, which provides Medicaid-like coverage to children, was not reauthorized and the program officially ended on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Erica said on a call she had with NACO, the National Association of Counties, earlier in the week, she learned there is an effort being made to reauthorize CHIP for the upcoming fiscal years. On October 4, committees of jurisdiction in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate advanced legislative proposals that would reauthorize CHIP. However, the bills contain significant differences in their funding structures that must be negotiated before a final reauthorization package is approved. The Senate bill would reauthorize CHIP for five years, but does not specify the budgetary offsets to pay for this funding extension. Erica said with Medicaid cuts and an end to CHIP funding, CFI may be significantly impacted. Laura Stith from Child Focus Inc. commented that without CHIP, children in our county would not have the means to pay for needed services. CHIP is vital to the health and well being of Clermont County residents.

Lee Ann once again took the floor and said that Karen wanted her to point out that the most concerning activity in the Ohio Legislature is the rumor that the House will possibly vote in mid-October on overriding the Governor’s veto of the termination of Medicaid Expansion effective July 1, 2018. This vote would prevent any new enrollments and also prevent anyone

who has received Medicaid through the Expansion, but is not currently enrolled, to obtain it again in the future. This would slowly end the program over a number of years. Lee Ann said Karen will be watching this issue closely and ramping up advocacy efforts due to the huge impact this could have on local systems, particularly alcohol/drug treatment services.

6. Committee Reports: Erica Pursley presented her updated financial projection to the Board. Erica reported that the Board under spent by about \$556,000 and so far, FY18 is looking good financially as well. Erica said based on the financial projection for FY18 and the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board may want to discuss bumping up the amount in the Board's required reserves.
  
7. Action Items: Board Finance Committee Chairperson Angela Liggett presented to the Board an explanation of the before mentioned change to the agenda. She prefaced her explanation with a brief description of QRTs. Angela said QRT is a team of a law enforcement officer and recovery coach from CRC who reach out to those who have survived an overdose. QRTs have been successful and are considered a vital piece to the fight against opioid abuse. Angela told the Board, based on discussion that took place during the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting, that Action Item C.1. would be changed to an item for discussion. Angela explained that the recent Attorney General's grant obtained by the Sheriff's Office was not funded at the level requested. As such, the funding for the Recovery Coach attached to the Sheriff's QRT was less than budgeted. Angela further explained that the Finance Committee interpreted from Enclosure Three that the additional funds for the Attorney General grant to the Sheriff's Office for a QRT may not be needed until the end of the two year grant. Angela explained that the reason there is a deficit is because the original amount promised to the Sheriff's Office by the AG was \$100,000. The AG's office then cut the funding to \$87,500 after all parties involved with the QRT program had decided to proceed with the project. Angela told the Board that Enclosure Three is more of a "head's up" that the deficit of \$12,500 may need to be supplemented in the future to complete the QRT project. Erica advised the Board that based on free reserves projection, there will be money to cover the deficit if need be. Lee Ann Watson added that Clermont County currently has two active QRTs, Union Township and CCSO, and the Board and CRC want to expand that number to include Milford/Miami Township, New Richmond, Pierce Township, and Felicity Village. Lee Ann said an application for an Interact for Health grant is in the works for the QRT expansion. Lee Ann also advised the Board of the reason the AG's office cut the funding down to \$87,500. According to Clermont County Commissioner David Painter in a call he made to Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, the State did not give the AG's office the original amount promised so there was a deficit in the funding to the grants. Erica also gave some follow up information. She wanted to make sure the Board was clear on the fact that the \$100,000, now cut to \$87,500, represents the salary and fringes of both the deputy and the recovery coach on the QRT team for two years

Angela then moved on to the next action item, the Addendum to CRC FY 2018 POS Contract for Recovery Coaches. Angela read to the Board the first paragraph of Enclosure Four: "At the September meeting, the Board discussed and approved an Addendum to Clermont

Recovery Center's (CRC) FY 2018 POS contract due to additional funding from a grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office for a Quick Response Team (QRT) that includes a recovery coach provided by CRC. Subsequently, we realized that other funding for recovery coaches would be provided to CRC that was not included in the POS contract, namely the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act funding from OMHAS for the women's CASC program. Also, in order to combine the funds from several sources and hire full time, rather than part-time recovery coaches, the Board agreed to supplement the budget for recovery coaches by \$5,000 to cover the additional salary and fringe benefit costs. In addition, the total amount of the POS contract as reflected on that Addendum was incorrect."

Angela then read the section of the actual POS amendment that discussed the additional funding: "Provider shall receive up to an additional \$23,722.65 (specifically, \$10,222.65 for the CCSO project, \$11,000 for the women's CASC project, and \$2,500 for additional costs) as part of its allocation for the first half of FY 2018 for the services of recovery coaches."

Angela told the Board based on discussion at the Finance Committee meeting and the wording of the amendment, it was decided Action Item C.2. would be reworded to say the recommended action was to approve the amendment to the POS contract with CRC for an additional amount up to \$23,722.65 as part of allocation for the first half of FY18 for the services of recovery coaches. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the amendment to the POS contract with CRC for an additional amount up to \$23,722.65 as part of the allocation for the first half of FY18 for the services of recovery coaches. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Peggy Hickman).

Board Member Peggy Hickman asked about the requirements to become a recovery coach. Steve Goldsberry of CRC addressed her question, stating that recovery coaches have to be in recovery and be a state certified peer support specialist. He also said that all the vacancies for recovery coaches have been filled and that Amy Foley from Hope Community Center trained most of them as peer supports.

8. Discussion Items: The first discussion item was the update on the ACA repeal/replace efforts. Lee Ann Watson advised the Board the repeal/replace of ACA is currently dead, since the vote was short of the fifty needed to pass the change. Lee Ann told the Board that the Trump Administration had taken action to negatively impact the ACA enrollment. Most of the money funding the ACA enrollment navigators had been pulled and the website is now closed on Sundays. No decisions on plans for subsidy have been made.

The second discussion item was the Ohio Legislature and state budget. Lee Ann Watson reminded the Board that the Ohio state budget is on a two year cycle. If Medicaid Expansion was terminated, funding to assist with that deficit would not be available in the state budget for another fiscal year. Lee Ann told the Board that much advocacy is needed to keep Medicaid expansion in place. Advocates are needed to discuss the crucial role of Medicaid Expansion to the behavioral health system and making sure clients do not lose access to treatment. Lee Ann urged Board members to contact their local congressman to get their voices heard. Lee Ann said that Board staff can provide them with a letter to send to

congressmen and legislative members. Lee Ann also told the Board about the new “Listening Tour” several legislators have undertaken. These tours involve legislators holding meetings in various communities in the state to solicit citizen feedback on the opioid epidemic and other issues. Lee Ann said it is important for Board members and behavioral health advocates to show up at these types of events and express their opinions. Lee Ann said the “listening tour” locations are not widely advertised and that Board staff would keep the Board posted on dates and locations. The next listening tour is in Bowling Green.

The third discussion item was OACBHA’s position on Issue 2. Issue 2 is the proposed statute on state drug purchasing in Ohio. Lee Ann told the Board that the Board Association (OACBHA) and most organizations in behavioral healthcare are against it. She said the bottom line is that it will save some people money, but cost others more. Cindy passed around the printed OACBHA statement on Issue 2. It reads:

“OACBHA Statement on Proposed Statute on State Drug Purchasing in Ohio

While the members of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) support ideas to decrease prices of prescription medications for the citizens of Ohio, the proposed initiated statute on state drug purchasing in Ohio is not a viable solution. The proposed statute, if passed, would be fraught with challenges, both fiscally and legally. The statute does not include clear definitions or guidelines and as a result, implementation would be challenging at best and detrimental to clients trying to access critical, life-saving medications at worst. The members of OACBHA continue to advocate for solutions to increase access to affordable medications for clients in need.”

*~ Approved by the OACBHA Members on May 19, 2017*

Board member Dorothy Glancy said she too opposes Issue 2. She said that the bill is short, too vague, and involves one drug company based in California. Dorothy also said that the bill reads that if the bill passes and if by chance there is a law suit filed by the state of Ohio, the state would have to absorb all legal costs, including those of the drug company. Dorothy urged the rest of the Board to research Issue 2 before voting.

The final discussion item of the evening was crisis stabilization and withdrawal management centers. Erica Pursley explained that the Board Association had advocated that the most recent bi-ennial state budget include funding for both regional withdrawal management centers and crisis stabilization centers. The Legislature agreed the centers were necessary and even made them a mandate, but only provided about 25% of the funding requested. The state wants the boards to use the funds on a regional basis based on the state hospital region, called collaboratives. In both Southwest and Central Ohio, the Hamilton County and Franklin County Boards are refusing to work on a regional basis for the centers. Instead, both counties are requesting funding for their respective county to be provided prior to funding being divided by region. CCMHRB and the remaining Southwest Ohio boards are waiting for a decision by the OMHAS Director regarding division of these funds. CCMHRB would like to work with Clermont Mercy Hospital on the withdrawal management piece, but cannot move

forward until it is known what funds will be available. In addition to the regional funds, each Board is receiving \$75,000 from the same pot of funds. However, since OMHAS is only being allocated these funds on a quarterly basis, boards had to decide whether to move forward with the regional project and draw down those funds, or take the per board allocation and delay the regional programs until near the end of the fiscal year. The Southwest Ohio Collaborative, which includes CCMHRB, is the only one that opted to take the \$75,000 per Board.

Erica went on to say that CCMHRB is still trying to determine what they will do regarding a crisis stabilization center. Montgomery County is getting a new facility and the other counties could purchase beds there. Being that it is very expensive to purchase beds, one idea Lee Ann mentioned was that the other boards could pay for transportation to the new facility instead of handing over all of the money set aside for the project.

9. Agency Directors' Reports: Steve Goldsberry with CRC/GCB said their report stands, but also added to the update. Steve said that so far this year, they have given out 78 Narcan kits. He also said that despite offering Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to as many clients as possible up to this point, CRC is going to have to cut back due to the high numbers of people in the program. Steve said that they already have 384 clients in MAT as opposed to 170 at this time last year. He said Medicaid cuts are going to be a major issue for CRC clients and their access to proper treatment.

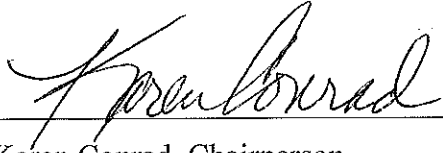
Steve said GCB's report stood.

Lee Ann Watson said on behalf of Amy Foley, Director of Hope Community Center, who was not present, that her report stood.

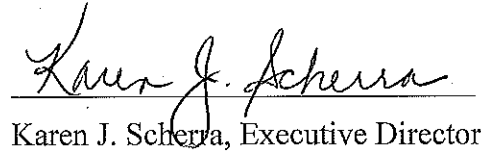
Laura Stith with Child Focus Inc. said their report stood and added that CFI is having a major staffing issue. Laura said that when she spoke to a staffing consultant, she was told that there were 1000s of available healthcare jobs, but applicants are only in the 200s. Laura is hoping they get their open positions filled soon.

Jean Houston with Families Connected said her report stood and asked if there were any questions regarding her report. There were none.

10. Adjournment: Before the Adjournment, Board member Jacki Block let everyone know that on November 18, there would be a Republican candidate forum where four of the Republican candidates for Governor will be discussing their stance on specific issues. Jacki said the event will be held at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland from 8:00am to noon and that breakfast will be served. The cost of the event is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Also, before the adjournment, Cindy Knoblauch reminded everyone that the November meeting will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> instead of the second Monday of the month. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the October 9, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Kelley Costello).

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Karen Conrad, Chairperson

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Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director