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MINUTES of March 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline Block, Greg Cotrill, Karen Conrad, Dorothy Glancy, Lynn Jung, Angela Liggett, Scott Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Suzy Carter, Molly Greer, Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: John Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Knoblauch, Erica Pursley, Karen Scherra, Lee Ann Watson

1. Karen Scherra welcomed guest and potential new Board member, John Kelly. Karen also introduced the new Office Manager/Fiscal Assistant, Cindy Knoblauch, and the Board welcomed them both as well.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the March 18, 2017 Board meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Angela Liggett).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the February 13, 2017 meeting minutes. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Jacqueline Block).
4. Review Materials/Correspondence: Executive Director, Karen Scherra, brought attention to the Newspaper folder as well as the Miscellaneous folder, stating there were several articles in each pertaining to the repeal/replacement of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Karen also pointed out that she receives 10-15 emails a day from people analyzing the impact of said repeal/replacement. Also brought to the Board's attention were multiple articles discussing the opiate overdose mortality rates across the country. Karen said that Ohio has one of the highest mortality rates in the nation and Clermont County is at the top of the list in the State for drug overdose deaths. Karen reminded the Board members to initial any items for which they would like to receive a copy.
5. Karen Scherra presented highlights from the Executive Director's Report. Karen informed the Board members that her husband is very ill and that her schedule will be complicated for some time. Karen's husband is expected to have surgery on March 29th and the surgery and recovery time could result in her being out of the office for a period of time. Karen stated that she is continuing to work remotely from home. Karen told the Board members that the topic will be discussed in more detail under the Discussion items.

Karen Scherra mentioned that there is currently one civil client at Summit Behavioral Health. This is the first civil client admitted this fiscal year. Karen mentioned that the majority of individuals admitted to Summit are forensic, meaning they have committed a crime and require restoration to competency treatment at Summit.

Karen Scherra also announced that she attended the OACBHA Division meeting on February 17, 2017. The meeting focused on a presentation about naloxone, the state budget, and the Behavioral Health Redesign. Based on several memos Karen has received, the Behavioral Health Redesign is still being fine tuned and is very complicated. Karen stated that she will discuss the Behavioral Health Redesign in more detail in the Discussion Items.

Karen Scherra further mentioned to the Board that she received information from OACBHA CEO, Cheri Walter, regarding a conversation with OMHAS Director Tracy Plouck about the 21st Century Cures Act funding. Director Plouck stated in that conversation that boards in the “tier 1” or “tier 2” categories will most likely receive funding. The Cures grant to Ohio totals \$26 million, and roughly \$15 million will be provided to the Boards, with the remaining funding likely staying at the state level. It appears that Clermont County may not be receiving the amount requested in our proposal to OMHAS, based on what was written in the OMHAS grant submission to SAMHSA.

Karen also advised the Board members that after discussion on a conference call of the OMHAS/OACBHA Community Plan Committee members, it was decided that this year, boards would only need to complete a brief three question update of the comprehensive Community Plan submitted last year. The update will be due June 30, 2017. During the call, it was also relayed that the Board’s planned budget for SFY2018 and the Service Inventory of the agencies providing each of the services under the Continuum of Care, along with whether the Board has a contract for services with these agencies, will be due by May 5th. Unfortunately, the State budget will not be released prior to the due date for the Board’s planned budget.

Additionally, Karen Scherra told the Board members that due to the lack of availability of key individuals, the OMHAS facilitated Lean Sigma Six process that continues the criminal justice mapping completed in 2013 was postponed.

Karen Scherra informed the Board members that on March 2, 2017, OMHAS Director, Tracy Plouck, provided testimony on the Executive Budget proposal for mental health and addiction services to the House Finance Committee. The Committee asked questions about the Behavioral Health Redesign, focusing in on workforce challenges and the impact on clients, and Director Plouck responded that the Behavioral Health Redesign and Managed Care efforts will resolve the current funding issues.

Karen Scherra also advised the Board members that Governor Kasich’s “State of the State” will occur on April 4, 2017 at 7:00pm. The address will be held in Sandusky and will be streamed live. The address will include a discussion on the state and federal budget.

Karen Scherra pointed out information from the recently released Health Policy Institute of Ohio's Health Value Dashboard. The publication ranks states and the District of Columbia on a combination of population health and healthcare spending metrics. As reported in the Dashboard, Ohio ranks 46th in the nation in "health value". The report states that in 2015, Ohio "greatly worsened" in the area of drug overdose deaths. Karen stated that the poor health value is due in part to the lack of adequate funding because of State and local funding cuts.

Karen Scherra highlighted the newly proposed State Bill 40/House Bill 81 which proposes that a person convicted of aggravated murder who shows that he/she had a serious mental illness at the time of the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the crime. This bill will have an impact on how serious mental illness is defined at the State level.

6. Discussion Items: Karen Scherra gave an update on the In-County Recovery House, stating that renovation is occurring, and that GCB hopes to have the house open by mid-April. Karen stated that she will inform the Board members of the date for the Open House once it has been scheduled. Karen also mentioned that the house will be operational before our Continuum of Care report is due to OMHAS. With the opening of the Recovery House, the Board will have fully met all of the Continuum of Care requirements.

Referring back to the before mentioned Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign update, Karen Scherra stated that even though the State is still tweaking the details, the Redesign will be rolled out July 1st. The Board is concerned with how the changes will affect access to services for our clients. Erica Pursley and Lee Ann Watson will be attending a training session on the Redesign on March 22, 2017. The Redesign changes will affect how the Board contracts with agencies in the future. Erica stated that testing for the new billing structure will begin May 1st.

Another discussion item Karen Scherra touched on was the SFY 2018-2019 State Budget Update. Karen mentioned that several Board Directors and OACBHA Director, Cheri Walters, have testified on behalf of funding for behavioral health. The House Finance Committee seems to be leaning more toward supporting funding for the opiate problem than the mental health issues our communities face. Karen said that the House is not sure it will get the budget to the Senate in time for the Senate to meet their deadline to get it approved and sent to the Governor. As such, the State budget may not be approved by the July 1st roll out date. Karen pointed out that the Board may want to extend the agencies' FY 2017 POS contract for a quarter to allow for the funding to be determined before final allocations are set for FY 2018. Karen also mentioned that at this point, the OMHAS budget is flat funded, since State revenue is below projections and the Governor has indicated that increases are not manageable.

Reflecting back to the earlier discussion regarding the 21st Century Cures Act Grant, CCMHRB requested funds for several proposals from the 21st Cures Act Grant that OMHAS recently submitted to the Federal government. Luckily, Karen Scherra said, we are considered to be in the "tier 1" category, which puts the Board in a good position to receive funding. The tiers were categorized based on community need and rate of overdoses, and only tiers 1 and 2 will receive funding. Board Directors will be called by the OMHAS Director shortly to discuss what level of funding will be given to each Board area. The grant application submitted by

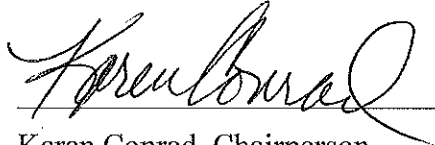
OMHAS was very generic and did not mention the CASC program for women or the prevention summer camp that Clermont proposed. The grant application did contain funding for recovery coaches and evidence-based prevention programming. A copy of the OMHAS grant application is in the Miscellaneous folder. Karen further mentioned that the federal government has allocated an additional \$500 million for grants related to opiate treatment. This funding is in addition to the funding available through the Cures and CARA Acts.

Also discussed at the meeting were the issues CCMHRB is having with Clermont Mercy Hospital. Lee Ann Watson stated that the Mobile Crisis Team and GCB have both informed her that Clermont Mercy has not consistently been admitting people who have been brought in on an "Application for Emergency Admission" and are believed to meet the standards for involuntary hospitalization. Lee Ann and Denny Moell, Assistant Director of Crisis Services at CFI, recently met with management of Clermont Mercy to discuss the concerns. Clermont Mercy agreed to have Lee Ann and Denny provide some training to all the behavioral health staff regarding fully assessing the level of suicidality of individuals. This topic will be included in the Health Officer Training Lee Ann will be doing in April.

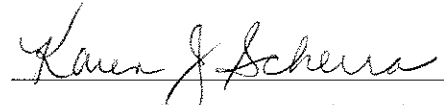
Another item discussed at the meeting was Board Staffing Issues. Karen Scherra advised the Board members that there is a need for a part time staff member to assist with requesting opiate grant monies, as well as implementing and evaluating AOD programming. Karen shared with the Board members that she and Lee Ann Watson recently met with a prospective candidate to discuss the new position. Karen stated that the new position will be discussed at the Board retreat. To follow up that discussion, Karen assured the Board members that despite her family medical situation, she will not let any of her responsibilities as Director go adrift. Karen also reminded the Board they have the authority to appoint Lee Ann Watson Acting Director if Karen is unable to fulfill her duties.

7. Agency Directors' Reports: The reports stand as is.
8. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to enter Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss a Personnel issue. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Lynn Jung). Jacqueline Block-yea, Greg Cotrill-yea, Karen Conrad-yea, Dorothy Glancy-yea, Lynn Jung-yea, Angela Liggett-yea, Scott Wheeler-yea. The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.
9. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to move back into Regular Session. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Dorothy Glancy). Jacqueline Block-yea, Greg Cotrill-yea, Karen Conrad-yea, Dorothy Glancy-yea, Lynn Jung-yea, Angela Liggett-yea, Scott Wheeler-yea. The Board moved back into Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to provide a 2.65% raise to the Executive Director, retroactive to December 19, 2016, as approved by the County Commissioners for County staff on February 15, 2017. (Motion-Angela Liggett, second-Dorothy Glancy). It was noted that the raise will also be provided to Lee Ann Watson and Erica Pursley, as per the Executive Director, and that the Board's 2017 Calendar Year Budget included the funds for the proposed raises.

10. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting. (Motion-Scott Wheeler, second-Dorothy Glancy).



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director