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MINUTES of July 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Conrad, Carole Cottrill, Dorothy Glancy, John Kelly, Katherine Shepard, Stephen Todd Shumard

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Andy Bateman, Jacqueline Block, Suzy Carter, Kelley Costello, Lynn Jung, Angela Liggett

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: Tammy Brewer, Amy Foley, Jean Houston, Jeff O'Neil, Heather Turner, Laura Stith, Lucas Strakowski

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Knoblauch, Erica Pursley, Karen Scherra

1. Chairperson Karen Conrad called the meeting to order and announced to the members present that the meeting did not meet quorum, so voting on Action Items would have to go to Executive Committee at a later date. However, the meeting would still go on for sake of discussion. Karen Conrad then went on to announce the new Board members as of July 1, 2017. They are Andy Bateman, Kelley Costello, Carole Cottrill, John Kelly, Katherine Shepard, and Stephen Todd Shumard. The new members proceeded to introduce themselves to the room, as did current Board members and Board staff. Executive Director Karen Scherra asked agency staff to introduce themselves as well. Karen Scherra explained to the new Board members for clarification that although Clermont Recovery Center (CRC) still operates under its name, it is part of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB). The meeting then moved forward.
2. Karen Conrad said the Agenda stood as is.
3. No action could be taken on the Minutes from the previous meeting of June 5, 2017, but no changes were noted.
4. Karen Conrad then brought attention to the Review Materials and Correspondence folders. Karen Scherra then asked the Board their opinion of her idea to present future articles to the Board by topic instead of having the news article folder be a mix of all behavioral health issues. That way, Board members could easily find articles in the folders based on subject matter. Karen also said she was going to go back to sending weekly updates of the really crucial

information in the news about behavioral health issues, especially the repeal/replace of the ACA. The Board members present expressed their agreement with Karen's suggestions.

Karen then moved on to discuss key items in the folders. First she pointed out the Correspondence folder. Karen told the Board there was a note from former Board member Molly Greer thanking the Board for the gift she received for her service as a Board member. Karen also pointed out a letter she sent to Governor Kasich requesting that he veto the Medicaid expansion freeze in the Conference Committee state budget, which was a part of all the advocacy efforts around this issue. Karen said NAMI Ohio, as well as many other advocates for Medicaid expansion, had also sent similar letters to the Governor. Another letter Karen touched on was from the Interact for Health President/CEO. The letter states that Interact for Health is refining their health promotion strategy to address three core areas: Reducing tobacco use in low income areas, creating a regional infrastructure to turn the tide in the opioid epidemic, and continuing their leadership in providing access to healthcare through school-based health centers. This recent change in Interact's focus probably means less opportunities for grant funds in the future, especially in mental health.

Karen then moved on to the Miscellaneous folder and the Newspaper folders. Karen said there were many topics discussed in the folders, such as suicide prevention, proper terms to use regarding addiction, the heroin epidemic, the State budget, and issues at the federal level, including information on the repeal/replace of the Affordable Care Act. Karen also said there were articles regarding the decision of Butler County's Sheriff to not allow his deputies to carry Narcan as a means for revival in drug overdose emergency calls and how other jurisdictions are discussing limiting the use of Narcan. Karen noted that the Hamilton, Warren, and Clermont County Sheriffs all carry Narcan.

5. Karen Scherra then presented a few highlights from the Executive Director's Report. Karen briefed the Board on the "OJJDP Center for Coordinated Assistance to States: Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program" grant. Karen said the team had accomplished some really positive outcomes and she believed that having Judge Shriver on the team will make an impact on his court decisions involving options available for youths and their families that can be an alternative to residential treatment placement.

Karen then touched on the Quick Response Team (QRT). She said the QRT program is really making a positive impact on the community, so much so that the Enquirer is following the QRT team today and may report on their efforts as part of a larger article. Karen said, on a side note, the county also is expecting CNN to report on the CASC program.

6. Committee Reports: Due to only one Committee member present, the Finance Committee did not have an official meeting. However, Karen Scherra and Erica Pursley did present to the Board on the Finance Committee agenda items.

Update on SFY 2018-2019 State Budget and Behavioral Health Redesign: Karen Scherra gave an overview of the Senate and House budget decisions. The House version contained significant additional funding for the behavioral health system, but in the Senate version most

of the funding was removed. Karen said although the Conference Committee has put \$7 million back in for the Board system, it's not sustainable, as it is funding taken from local government funds, not General Revenue Funds (GRF) that would be considered a new allocation. Karen went on to explain to the new Board members how crucial Medicaid is to the Board's mission and that all of the funding should have been finalized by July 1, except that the Legislature is considering overriding some of the Governor's vetoes. .

Karen said there is constant change with Medicaid Expansion, the newest being the Governor's budget veto of the termination of new enrollees as of July 1, 2018, which was in the Conference Committee's budget. *(NOTE: Karen had stated that the House voted to override the Governor's veto of that item; in fact, they did override other items connected to Medicaid, but not that one.)* The Senate has not yet voted on overriding the Governor's vetoes. The Senate said they may vote on it on July 19, or possibly after the summer hiatus which puts voting off until fall. Karen said this is a big problem, as the uncertainty about the future of Medicaid Expansion in Ohio remains, along with concerns about that at the federal level. In addition, the Ohio House and Senate can vote to override a Governor's veto of an item at any time during the two year state budget time period. She said, "at this point, we do not know how long we will have Medicaid as a major funding source." Karen also announced to the Board additional information she had received that day regarding Medicaid. The General Revenue Fund (GRF) for Medicaid had been cut and the Department of Medicaid has stated that a 7% across the Board cut will be needed to balance their budget. Those cuts will affect behavioral health, hospitals, and the Developmental Disabilities boards' waiver program. The Department also stated that the cuts may not be 7% to each system, but could be higher or lower individually to reach their needed cut. This means our agencies will experience a cut to their current Medicaid rates, and these cuts have to be made by October, or the cuts would be even higher percentages. We do not know if those same percentage cuts would be made to the rates under BH Redesign. Karen discussed how this constant change is going to make agency billing extremely difficult, to accommodate these multiple revisions, as well as plan for their revenue projections. Tammy Brewer from CFI commented on how the agencies are already struggling on rates that have not changed in fifteen years, and how ridiculous it is to think that they will be able to make it with a 7-10% decrease.

The meeting then shifted to Erica's Draft Financial Projection. The Financial Projection showed the Board's estimated free reserves at the end of FY 2017 are \$398,867; carrying this figure over to FY 2018, with anticipated revenue, the Projection shows the Board at a deficit of \$113,500 if we sustain all services funded in the past fiscal year. Erica advised the Board that she predicts the Board will under spend the FY 2017 budget by about an additional \$200,000, once all expenses are reconciled, which would then put the balance after FY18 projected expenses at a positive \$86,000.

Erica then went on to discuss the FY 2018 Agency Allocations for POS Contracts. Erica indicated that the allocations are the same for FY18 as for FY17, but pointed out that since the contracts are only for six months, the amounts in the contracts will be half of the amount. Karen explained to the new Board members that the reason it was decided to do six month contracts was due to the state and federal issues yet to be decided and that in six months, we

will have more information on our available funding and the status of the Behavioral Health Redesign.

7. Action Items: Action item number one was the FY 2018 Purchase of Service Contracts with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Service, Clermont Recovery Center, Child Focus Inc., and Hope Community Center. Karen explained to the Board that all of the POS contracts are similar to the one included in the Board mailing and that they all adhere to a set of contract standards. Karen also advised the Board of a new paragraph being added to the FY18 contracts regarding billing and rates. Cindy Knoblauch passed out a copy of that paragraph to all in attendance. The paragraph states that as of January 1, 2018, the agencies will be required to use the same codes and rates as Medicaid under the Behavioral Health Redesign. Copies of all of the FY18 contracts were on hand for review by the Board. The recommended action was to approve the POS contracts.

The second action item discussed was the FY18 Agreement with Families Connected. Karen explained to the Board that as discussed in previous meetings, the Board will fund Families Connected's Parent Support Partners program at \$68,000, even if it means moving money from our annual contribution to Family and Children First. The recommended action was to approve the Families Connected agreement.

The third action item discussed was the FY18 Agreement with NAMI of Southwest Ohio. Karen explained to the Board that NAMI does not bill for specific services and therefore will not be impacted by the BH Redesign, so this contract will be for the full year and the same amount as last year. The recommended action was for the Board to approve the agreement with NAMI.

Action item number four was the FY 2018 IDAT Agreement with Municipal Court. Karen explained that for over a decade, the Board has had an arrangement in place with Municipal Court for the use of the Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) Fund dollars to support treatment services provided by Clermont Recovery Center. As established years ago, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed annually to enable the Board to access the IDAT funds. Pending confirmation by the judges of \$75,000 in funding, the recommended action is for the Board to approve the FY18 MOU with Municipal Court.

Action item number five was the FY 2018 Agreement with CPS for Recovery Coaches. Karen said Board staff is not yet sure if the grant funding from Children's Protective Services (CPS) will be enough to cover the full cost of the Recovery Coaches, so she is recommending to the Board that they cover any additional costs. The Recovery coaches will be critical to helping parents with an addiction start and stay in treatment in order to retain or regain custody of their children. The recommended action was to proceed with contracting with CPS.

The final action item discussed was the MOU with the County Commissioners for CASC Funding/21st Century Cures Act. As discussed in previous Board meetings, Clermont Mental Health and Recovery Board was chosen by OMHAS to receive funding from the 21st Century Cures Act grant for a women's CASC program as an alternative to serving jail time. The

Board will pass this funding on to the County to cover their contract with GCB to run the CASC program. The MOU is an outline of the Board's role in the program. The recommended action is to approve the MOU with the County Commissioners for provision of the women's CASC program to be operated by GCB with the 21st Century Cures Act funding.

8. Discussion Items: Karen Scherra gave an update on the Federal Budget and the AHCA. Karen said the Mental Health and Recovery Board's system is doing a lot of advocacy for Medicaid expansion and funding for behavioral health. The whole healthcare issue is still up in the air, but the Federal government is running out of time to make changes. Karen advised the Board she would keep them updated on any changes or finalizations with the ACA Repeal/Replace process and how it might affect our system.

Karen then spoke to the new Board members about Board Member Orientation. She advised them it was a two to three hour orientation on the Board's history, vision, and mission. Karen said she would find out a good time when a current Board member could help with the orientation and would let the new Board members know a date and time soon.

Jeff O'Neil then presented on the Recovery House Update. He advised the Board there were now three people residing in the house, including the lead resident. Jeff said the "dust is settling" in regards to friction between GCB and the community about the recovery house being open. Jeff said interaction and progress with the neighbors is going slowly but smoothly. He thinks it will all pan out over time and they hope to have six or seven residents in the house.

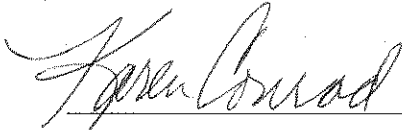
Discussion then turned to the Clermont County Fair Booth Volunteers. Cindy Knoblauch advised the Board she was looking for volunteers to cover the CCMHRB booth at the county fair. She sent around a sign-up sheet and also said she would email it to the Board members.

The final discussion item was the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Karen Scherra explained to the Board that CCMHRB is turning fifty and she would like to have a dinner/fund raiser to celebrate the milestone. Karen made sure to remind the Board members they would have to pay for their own ticket to the event, as well as staff. The Board members present expressed their support for the idea and Karen said she and the Board staff would go ahead with planning of the event. She said the event would probably take place sometime in October or early November and would notify the Board of the date and time selected.

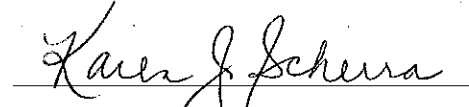
9. Agency Directors' Reports: The reports all stood as is. HCC and NAMI distributed their reports at the meeting. A few of the agency representatives added to their reports. Jeff O'Neil discussed how difficult the BH Redesign will be for GCB and that behavioral health in Ohio is a total mess. Laura Stith discussed CFI's "Respite" program as presented in her report. Lucas Strakowski reported that NAMI's most recent "Hot Topic" discussion/presentation on "Available Treatments for Alcohol Use Disorders" was a success. Amy Foley from Hope Community Center explained she has been trying to qualify as a state recovery community so she would be able to apply for grants available for those qualifying organizations. Finally, Jean Houston from Families Connected thanked the Board for their support of her peer support

program. She also advised everyone that Families Connected had moved from the Wildey location to a building on Grissom Dr.

That concluded the Board meeting. As quorum had not been met, a formal adjournment was not announced



Karen Conrad, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director