



MINUTES of April 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Atwell, Andy Bateman, Jenifer Binder, Jacki Block, Jara Bonner, Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, Patricia Lawrence, Tony Rees, Greg Varner, Susan Vilaro

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joy Lytle, Laura Perez

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ray Bailey, Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Marcie Keith, Cindy Knoblauch, Denny Moell, Erica Pursley, Lee Ann Watson

1. Call to Order: The April 20, 2024 Board of Directors’ meeting was conducted in person at 9:00 am at the Board office at 2337 Clermont Center Drive Batavia, Ohio 45103 prior to the Board’s annual retreat. Chairperson Patricia Lawrence welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the April 20, 2024 Board of Directors’ meeting. (Motion-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, second-Jara Bonner).
3. Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 Board of Directors’ meeting. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
4. Executive Director and Staff Reports: Executive Director Lee Ann Watson said her report stands. Lee Ann mentioned that on March 6th, New Housing Ohio (NHO) staff, GCB staff, and Lee Ann attended the Monroe Township Trustee meeting to discuss the request for a zoning change for the property NHO put an offer on for the permanent supportive housing facility. The Trustees discussed several concerns which were also discussed by the County Zoning Committee. These concerns included traffic flow and adding a turn lane on 125, as well as concern about the number of buildings being proposed for the property. NHO had proposed four additional buildings in addition to the permanent supportive housing facility. The County Zoning Committee only approved zoning for one housing facility. The Monroe Township Trustees also approved zoning for just one housing facility. As a result of this, NHO has decided that the cost of the property is prohibitive if they cannot place more than one building on the property. NHO is now in discussions with Felicity Trustees about placement of the facility in Felicity. NHO already has an offer on land. Lee Ann also mentioned that the Southwest Collaborative is moving forward

with discussions with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) Bureau of Capital Planning and Management regarding the purchase of a building in Warren County for the Adam and Amanda short term mental health residential facility.

Associate Director Denny Moell said his report stands.

Community Engagement Manager Marcie Keith said her report stands.

5. Committee Reports:

NONE

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Ohio School Wellness Initiative Grant Request Update: Lee Ann Watson informed the Board members that on March 13th she received an email from OMHAS stating that OMHAS had decided not to move forward with funding the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator project. Lee Ann has informed In5, Clermont Northeastern School District, and Williamsburg School District of OMHAS' decision. Lee Ann asked OMHAS why the grants would not be funded and was told that OMHAS was "going in a different direction".

B. Update on ARPA I Funding for Adam and Amanda Short Term Mental Health Residential Facility: Lee Ann Watson provided additional information on the ARPA I project. The cost of the building in Warren County is \$10 million, which is more than the Collaborative was awarded in ARPA I funding. The Collaborative (Clermont, Preble, Clark/Greene/Madison, Warren/Clinton, and Brown Counties) only has a total of around \$5 million and OMHAS has said there will be no more funding for the project. Lee Ann is concerned that Clermont may need to pull its portion of the match funding based on lack of overall funding to purchase the building.

C. Crisis Receiving Center: Lee Ann Watson stated that the Board staff have received the final draft plan for the Center from the architectural firm, Kleinfelder, but are still waiting to hear if the Board was awarded the Appalachian Community Program Grant funding. It is now anticipated that the Board will not hear about the award until the end of April or the beginning of May. Due to the time frame, the Board will be applying for the operational cost for the Center in the OneOhio grant application, anticipating that the Board will receive the Appalachian Community Program Grant funding. The Board will be contracting with a grant writer to assist with the OneOhio grant application.

7. Agency Directors' Reports: There were no representatives of the Provider Agencies in attendance. The reports of Child Focus, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services/Clermont Recovery Center (GCB/CRC), Hope Community Center, and NAMI SW Ohio stand as presented.

8. New Business:

A. Action Items

1. FY25 Purchase of Service (POS) Contract 10% Budget Line-Item Flexibility: The Provider Agencies have finalized their mid-year revision requests. The Board would like to establish a clear set of parameters regarding any budget line-item flexibility before any

approvals for FY25. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to table the FY25 POS 10% budget line-item flexibility until the May 13, 2024 Board meeting at which time the Board will discuss the request with the providers and determine a clear set of parameters for budget flexibility decisions. (Motion- Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, second-Susan Vilardo).

2. New Operational Policies and Procedures: Partly in response to the Board's application for Culture of Quality Certification through the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and partly to ensure the policies were up to date, Board staff have recently done an overhaul to the Board's Personnel Policies and Procedures, Operational Policies and Procedures, and Board Bylaws. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the new Operational Policies and Procedures as presented. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Tony Rees).
3. Revised or Rescinded Operational Policies and Procedures: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the revised or rescinded Operational Policies and Procedures as presented. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Susan Vilardo).
4. New Personnel Policies and Procedures: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the new Personnel Policies and Procedures as presented. (Motion-Tony Rees, second-Jara Bonner).
5. Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the revised Personnel Policies and Procedures as presented. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
6. Revised Board Bylaws: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the revised Board Bylaws as presented. (Motion-Jen Binder, second-Susan Vilardo).
7. Amendment to the FY24 Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) Purchase of Services (POS) Contract for SOS 3.0 Carryover Funding for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the amount of \$80,923: The Board received SOS 3.0 Carryover Funding from OMHAS for MAT medications. GCB is the contracted provider for MAT services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Amendment to the FY24 GCB POS Contract for SOS 3.0 Carryover Funding for MAT medications as presented and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Amendment on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second- Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
8. FY24-25 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with On Our Way Home for Recovery Housing Program Funding provided to the Board by OMHAS in the amount of \$49,680: The Board received OMHAS Recovery Housing funding once again for rental subsidies. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY24-25 MOU with On Our Way Home for OMHAS recovery housing program funding as presented and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Tony Rees).

B. Discussion Items:

NONE

9. Announcements/Comments from Public Attendees: There were no announcements and no comments from public attendees at the April 20, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting.
10. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved,

to adjourn the April 20, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Jara Bonner, second-Susan Vilardo).



Andrew Bateman, Chairperson



Lee Ann Watson, Executive Director