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MINUTES of September 11, 2023

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andy Bateman, Jen Binder, Jara Bonner, Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, Patty Lawrence, Nova Levante, Joy Lytle, Laura Perez, Tony Rees, Greg Varner, Susan Vilaro
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Liz Atwell, Jacki Block
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Raymond Bailey, Richard Chaney
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Heather Cokl, Alicia Fine, Susan Graham, Barbara Isemann, Pamela Lindeman, Becky Mosteller, Laura Stith,
- STAFF PRESENT:** Marcie Keith, Cindy Knoblauch, Erica Pursley, Lee Ann Watson
- STAFF EXCUSED:** Denny Moell

1. Call to Order: The September 11, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting was conducted in person at 7:00 pm at the Board office at 2337 Clermont Center Drive Batavia, Ohio 45103. 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 September 11, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
3. Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Jara Bonner, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
4. Training-Hope Community Center (HCC): Becky Mosteller, Director of HCC, gave a presentation accompanied by a handout on the operations of HCC. Becky said HCC is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and is located at 4 Cecilia Drive Amelia, Ohio 45102. HCC has approximately thirty-one clients who range in age from eighteen to seventy years old. HCC provides educational groups and social activities that focus on skill building, improved health, and creative expression. HCC has recently created a new Board of Directors and will be contracting with the Recovery Center in Hamilton County for consultation and the hiring and training of a new Director.
5. Executive Director and Staff Reports: Executive Director Lee Ann Watson said her report stands.

Associate Director Denny Moell's report stands.

Community Engagement Manager Marcie Keith stated her report stands and added that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Marcie accepted a Proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners that officially proclaimed the week of September 10-16, 2023 as Suicide Prevention Week in Clermont County. Marcie also informed the Board members that August 31st was National Overdose Awareness Day and that the Board participated in an Overdose Awareness Event that day at Batavia Township Park. The event had moderate attendance. The Board's booth had various overdose awareness items as well as information cards regarding the Harm Reduction Machine. Marcie said that the Board received a \$20,000 Overdose Awareness grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) to promote the Awareness Day. The funding is being utilized to purchase approved harm reduction items, overdose prevention ads, and overdose prevention awareness items for distribution throughout the County.

6. Committee Reports: NONE

7. Unfinished Business:

A. Changes to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 340: Lee Ann Watson said she recently met with Commissioner Batchler regarding the change to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board composition in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 340. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) now has several options for choosing the size of the ADMHAS Board of Directors. The number of members on the ADAMHS Board of Directors can be either eighteen, fifteen, fourteen, twelve, or nine. Commissioner Batchler stated that she would like Lee Ann to present at a BCC session on the changes to ORC 340. While the BCC has the final decision on the composition, Lee Ann would like guidance from our Board of Directors. The CCMHRB Board of Directors decided they would be ready to give a recommendation on the composition of the Board at the October meeting. After Lee Ann receives a recommendation from our Board of Directors, she will schedule a time to attend a BCC session to discuss the ORC 340 changes.

B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Crisis Funding Update: Lee Ann Watson said the OMHAS ARPA I funding in the amount \$3,977,400 was awarded to the partner Boards in the Southwest region and will be used to purchase and renovate property for a short-term mental health residential facility in Clinton County. The Southwest Ohio Collaborative partner Boards (Brown, Clark, Green, Madison, Clermont, Preble, and Warren and Clinton) are in the process of writing a letter of intent to purchase the land. The CCMHRB will need to approve that letter once drafted. The Board has already approved the required ten (10) percent match. ARPA II was intended to cover additional renovation of the facility, as well as furnishings and transportation costs. However, OMHAS did not approve the Southwest Collaborative's ARPA II funding request. The Southwest Collaborative has a meeting scheduled with OMHAS at the end of the month to discuss why the ARPA II funding was denied, especially since the total Southwest Collaborative only received \$7.5 million and other areas received as much as twenty-two-million dollars (\$22 million). Hamilton County was also denied its ARPA II funding. Lee Ann added that the Southwest Collaborative partners are contemplating adding the short-term residential facility as a priority area in the OMHAS Capital plan requests for SFY25-26 for at least two Board areas. Lee Ann will keep the Board updated on any changes.

C. FY 2024-FY 2026 Strategic Plan: Board staff reviewed the draft FY23-FY26 Strategic Plan and Strategic Map, and the Board members made comments and the following suggestions:

- Update the time frame from FY23-26 to FY24-26
- Add “behavioral health” to the Mission Statement
- Add “continuous improvement” to the Vision Statement sub header
- Separate what doing well verses what need to work on in the Vision Statement
- Change wording around County culture in the Assumptions section
- Under Critical Success Factors, change the column name “Goals” to “Objectives”
- Use color coding to illustrate the status of each objective
- Break down the “Status” column into each fiscal year
- Commit to a set reporting schedule on the status of objectives such as every six months
- Add percentage data to the funding sources on the bottom line on the Strategic Map

Ultimately, the Board decided to further review the Strategic Plan and Strategic Map outside of the meeting and to be prepared to vote on the Strategic Plan at the October 9, 2023 meeting. Board members also said they would forward any feedback on the Plan to Board staff ahead of the October meeting.

8. New Business:

A. Action Items

1. Revised Board Mission Statement: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Revised Board Mission Statement as presented to read *“The Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board, under local leadership, shall plan and make provision for comprehensive behavioral health treatment, prevention, and recovery support services that are accessible to all residents of Clermont County and shall evaluate the delivery and effectiveness of these services.”*. (Motion-Tony Rees, second-Susan Vilardo).
2. Updated Strategic Plan for FY 2024-FY 2026: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to table the FY 2024-FY 2026 Strategic Plan as presented and to add it to the October 9, 2023 Agenda as an Action Item. (Motion-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, second-Susan Vilardo).

B. Discussion Items: NONE

9. Agency Directors’ Reports:

Heather Cokl of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB)/Clermont Recovery Center (CRC) said her report stands. Heather added that GCB/CRC was present at the Overdose Awareness Day and Suicide Prevention Candlelight Vigil events. Heather also said Joanie Moore from OMHAS is coming for a site visit on September 12 to review CRC’s Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) Program.

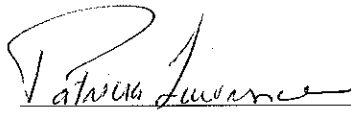
Laura Stith of Child Focus said her report stands. Laura added that Child Focus will be hosting its annual Encourage the Hear Dinner on October 12, 2023 at the Little Miami Brewing Event

Center. Laura also suggested that Board staff add to their Strategic Plan that the CCMHRB funds services across the lifespan of clients served as not all Boards do that.

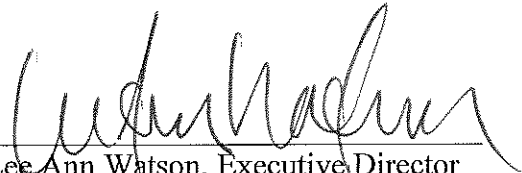
Hope Community Center's report stands.

NAMI of Southwest Ohio's report stands.

10. Announcements/Comments from Public Attendees: There were no announcements or comments from public attendees at the September 11, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting.
11. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the September 11, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, second-Jen Binder).



Patricia Lawrence, Chairperson



Lee Ann Watson, Executive Director