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### MINUTES of July 12, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andy Bateman, Jacki Block, Laura Esslinger, John Kelly, Patricia Lawrence, Greg Varner

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Kelley Costello, Erica Koe-Krompecher

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond Bailey

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Richard Chaney

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Alicia Fine, Emily Neal, Laura Stith

**GUESTS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Heather Cokl

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

1. The meeting was conducted in person with the opportunity for guests to join by Zoom. Chairperson Patricia Lawrence welcomed the attendees and the meeting proceeded.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the July 12, 2021 Board meeting with the addition of Discussion item 4. "County Fair" and Discussion item 5. "Board Logo". (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Andy Bateman).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Andy Bateman).
4. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Karen Scherra shared a few highlights from her report. Regarding Hospital Update/Utilization, Karen stated that Clermont's "assigned" annual state hospital bed day number is 730 for civil and 2,190 for forensic, for a total of 2,920 bed days. Clermont is "over" the assigned beds by 1,655 bed days for the year, all due to forensic admissions. This is in line with the usage by the other Southwest boards, with Hamilton County having an even greater percentage of forensic admissions. Karen said she hopes that the upcoming Judicial training on court-mandated hospitalizations with help decrease the high number of forensic admissions to the state hospital.

Regarding the Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), Karen Scherra mentioned that OACBHA has a mentoring program for new Executive Director, and that in the past she has mentored seven (7) or eight (8) new directors but has not mentored anyone for several years. Recently, OACBHA asked Karen to mentor Marcy Fields, the new Executive

Director of the Fairfield County Mental Health and Recovery Board. The official mentoring relationship lasts a year, so Karen plans to complete that assignment before she retires in 2022.

Regarding the Opiate Task Force (OTF), Karen Scherra said the OTF met on June 10 and reviewed the overdose data for 2020. Unfortunately, the overdose deaths increased in 2020 by 17%. Karen stated that the OTF membership discussed how the Quick Response Teams (QRTs) could use the county overdose data to target their outreach.

Regarding the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Karen Scherra said she continues to participate in Zoom meetings and calls for the WIB Executive Committee and Board and the Emerging Workforce Committee. As mentioned at last month's Board meeting, the Executive Director of the WIB is no longer there, and the only staff person is the Executive Assistant, Becky, who has been on staff for only four months. The WIB Past Chair, the new Chair, and Karen, the Vice-Chair, have been tasked with helping Becky make decisions and manage day to day operations and planning for the next steps of the organization, including the hiring of a new Executive Director.

Karen also said her final term on the WIB ended June 30th, but the WIB agreed with the Chair that Karen needed to remain on the Board through the transition to a new Executive Director and new Board members. Karen said she drafted a policy that once approved, would allow her to remain on the Board for another year or for a length determined by the Board. Karen's continued involvement will also need to be approved by the County Commissioners, as they are the appointing authority for the WIB.

Regarding Ohio Activities/Legislation, Karen Scherra stated that on June 29th, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 168, a measure that will invest \$2.2 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into Ohio's future. Among other things, the bill invests \$84 million in a pediatric behavioral health initiative administered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS). These funds will increase Ohio's capacity for youth behavioral health services and increase access and quality of care across all regions of the state.

Karen Scherra closed by mentioning the articles attached to her report. Karen specifically mentioned the article titled "Ohio Budget Would Let Doctors Deny Care", which discussed the language inserted into Ohio's budget bill that would allow healthcare workers (e.g., physicians, hospitals, and possibly insurance companies) to refuse to provide medical services to individuals based on their personal moral/religious beliefs. This could also apply to mental health and addiction services. Karen also mentioned the article titled "Crisis Intervention Team Program Shares Success Stories to Celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary". And lastly, Karen mentioned the article titled "Medicaid Enrollment Swells During the Pandemic, Reaching a New High".

5. Finance Committee: Finance Committee Chairperson Jacki Block presented her report to the full Board. The first item Jacki discussed was the FY2022 Mini Grant Program. Jacki reminded the Board members that they had previously approved a budget of \$30,000 for the mini grants to fund local programs that promote mental health awareness and addiction prevention. Jacki stated that Board staff were making efforts to provide the funding to as many programs as possible. Karen Scherra added that the ENGAGE grant and the SOR grant were also being

utilized to fund some of the mini grants. As such, thirteen of the fifteen mini grant proposals received will be funded.

Jacki Block also discussed the Indigent Inpatient Funds. Jacki said that the Board recently received an additional amount of Indigent Inpatient funds from OMHAS for FY2021. The additional funding received was \$87,000 which will allow for 117 beds for indigent hospital patients. The funding can be carried over to FY2022. For FY2022, Clermont will be receiving \$80,000 to fund 106 hospital beds for indigent patients in the first six months of the fiscal year. Associate Director Lee Ann Watson added that the funding is used for people who do not have insurance and/or people who are in “limbo” waiting to get into the state hospital, among other situations.

Jacki Block also mentioned the New State/Federal/County Holiday. Juneteenth has recently been declared a state and federal holiday. The Clermont Board of County Commissioners (BCC) followed suit and declared Juneteenth as an observed holiday for county employees. This year, as allowed by the BCC, Board staff took Juneteenth as a floating holiday. However, the Board should officially vote on observing Juneteenth as a holiday for Board staff, which the Committee recommended. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve Juneteenth as an observed holiday for Board staff. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Greg Varner).

Regarding the Adjustment to CRC FY2022 Allocation, Jacki Block shared that Clermont Recovery Center (CRC) will be receiving a reduction of approximately \$117,000 on its Purchase of Service (POS) contract with the Board due to a portion of the SOR grant funding certain services provided by CRC under its contract. This is not a reduction in funds, just how it is recorded.

Jacki Block also discussed the Contribution to OACBHA Recovery Conference. Jacki said that OACBHA has asked the Boards to each contribute \$500 so that OACBHA can offer the Recovery Conference for free to attendees. Jacki said the conference is a good opportunity for Peer Coaches to network, earn CEU’s, and become more educated in their fields. This year the conference will be held in regionally so that participants can attend locally instead of traveling to Columbus for an overnight stay. The conference will also be held during business hours instead of on the weekend as it has in the past. Jacki suggested the Board approve the \$500 contribution and then ask for feedback from local attendees in order to decide whether to contribute in future years. Alicia Fine of GCB commented that many GCB employees and peer specialists have attended the conference in the past and that it was very worthwhile. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the contribution of \$500 to the OACBHA Recovery Conference. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Andy Bateman).

Regarding Other Issues, Jacki reported that Board staff suggested redesigning the Finance Committee monthly handout. Jacki said the new layout will now include more expenditure details, bi-annual charts, contract information, a grants chart, and a detailed funding report once all fiscal year dollars are received.

6. Action Items: The first action item was the FY2022 Purchase of Service (POS) Contracts with Child Focus, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB)/Clermont Recovery Center

(CRC - a division of GCB), and Hope Community Center (HCC). At the June Board meeting, after recommendations from the Program and Finance Committees, the Board agreed to the allocations for the FY2022 POS Contracts with GCB/CRC, Child Focus, and HCC. The Board now must approve the FY2022 POS contracts for the period of 7/1/20-6/30/22 for GCB/CRC and Child Focus and for the period of 7/1/21-12/31/21 for HCC. It was decided that the contract with HCC would be for only six (6) months due to the uncertainty associated with OhioRISE and the impact on the parent peer partners. The Board has every intention of continuing to contract with HCC going forward, but the contract may be reduced or altered due to OhioRISE changes to Medicaid billing. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 POS Contracts with GCB/CRC, Child Focus, and HCC and to authorize the Board Chairperson and Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Greg Varner).

The second action item was the FY2022 Revised Contract Standards. Board staff presented the revised Contract Standards on the Smart Board screen. A number of years ago, Board staff divided the POS contracts into two parts – the contract itself, which contains only the necessary language that pertains directly to the contract relationship, and the Contract Standards, which contain all the information on provider responsibilities and regulations based on federal and state guidelines/rules, as well as requirements of the Board.

Board staff have been working to update the current Contract Standards to include new items and changes. Lee Ann Watson explained the highlighted changes as presented. Lee Ann said the changes include: disaster response procedures; Assistant Outpatient Treatment procedures; the specification that cannabis treatment is not covered by the Board; the allowance of telemedicine as a means of billable units; an in-depth definition of “crisis”; and indigent patient funds. Lee Ann said Board staff hope to have the revised Contract Standards down to the prosecutor this week for approval. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the revised FY2022 Contract Standards as presented. (Motion-Andy Bateman, second-Greg Varner).

The third action item was the FY2022 Agreement with NAMI of Southwest Ohio. Each year, the Board enters into an agreement with NAMI of Southwest Ohio to support the activities the agency undertakes on behalf of Clermont County families impacted by the mental illness of a family member. The agreement, as presented, briefly describes the relationship between the Board and NAMI and the activities it will provide. The Board plans to again enter into an agreement with NAMI for FY2022. The amount of the funds to be provided to NAMI for this period is \$30,000, the same as in the previous few years. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 Agreement with NAMI of Southwest Ohio and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Laura Esslinger, second-Andy Bateman).

The fourth action item was the FY2022 Agreement for Adult Residential Care with Alternate Living Solutions, Inc. for Mellon Meadows Care Center, Inc. and Peebles Place Care Center, Inc. Mellon Ridge, located in Goshen, and the other facility operated by Alternative Living Solutions, Inc. (ALS), Peebles, located in Adams County, have been an integral part of Clermont’s residential services for many years and are essential in maintaining low hospital

utilization for adults and a continuum of care for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness. ALS houses 10 Clermont residents. The per diem rates have not yet been confirmed, but the Board is requesting no rate change for FY2022 as the rates were just increased in FY2021. Once confirmed, the per diem will be \$85/day for Mellon Meadows and \$70/day for Peebles. Board staff added contract language several years ago related to the client's resources, stressing that the Board is the payer of last resort for these services. Similar language was also added to the Contract Standards. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 agreement with Alternative Living Solutions, Inc., adult residential care provider, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Laura Esslinger).

The fifth action item was the FY2022 Agreement for Adult Residential Care with Brown County Care Center. The agreement with Brown County Care Center for FY2022 is the same as last year's agreement. Brown County Care Center had requested and received an increase in the per diem last year. The Board is requesting no rate change for FY2022. The per diem will remain \$75/day. Several years ago, Board staff added contract language related to the client's resources, stressing that the Board is the payer of last resort for these services. Similar language was also added to the Contract Standards. Laura Esslinger requested additional information about the facility and the Board's budget. Lee Ann Watson explained that Clermont residents occupy about 15 beds at the facility as well as some single occupancy rooms that are not covered by the Board. The Board strictly follows a budget each year for placements, and once the funding is gone, no more placements are available. As such, placements are initially approved for a short-term respite of three (3) months and are re-evaluated after three (3) months to determine medical necessity for a continued placement. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 agreement with Brown County Care Center, adult residential care provider, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Jacki Block).

The sixth action item was the FY2022 Agreement with Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The Board maintains an agreement for inpatient psychiatric services for children/adolescents with Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. The Board is requesting that the Hospital's per diem cost remain the same as the previous years. The Board currently contracts with the Hospital for a \$900.76 per diem rate that is all inclusive for room and board, ancillary services, and physician services, only for those children with no third-party coverage. Considering the small number of children without Medicaid or insurance who are hospitalized at Board cost – and in the last several fiscal years there have been none – it is very cost-effective to maintain this contract. This agreement is critical since Children's is the only option in the region for children who need inpatient psychiatric care. The agreement remains unchanged from previous years. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agreement with Children's Hospital for psychiatric inpatient services to children/adolescents for FY2022 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Andy Bateman).

The seventh action item was the FY2022 MOU with Beckett Springs for Indigent Patient Inpatient Services. COVID-19 has decreased the capacity and access of OMHAS' Regional Psychiatric Hospitals (RPH's). OMHAS is again authorizing funding for local board

reimbursement for indigent, civil patients to be served at hospitals with inpatient psychiatric beds for FY2022.

Boards were asked to submit a request by June 21<sup>st</sup> for a funding allocation for the period of 7/1/2021 through 12/31/2021. Board staff requested \$80,000 in Indigent Patient funds which was approved by OMHAS. Funding can be used to purchase bed days for indigent, civil admissions from inpatient psychiatric hospitals located in Ohio. Those hospitals that hold an OMHAS license and are in good standing with OMHAS may be reimbursed by the local Boards according to the established reimbursement structure. Boards must submit weekly utilization reports to OMHAS requesting reimbursement.

Clients who qualify for referral must be deemed indigent via verification of no enrollment in Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance. The OMHAS definition of an indigent patient is an uninsured individual without the financial means to pay for services out of pocket. The rate of reimbursement is \$750 per day for up to seven days, including professional fees. If a patient requires hospitalization past the initially allotted seven days, a clinical case review will be conducted with the patient's Board of residence to determine further eligibility. Last year, all the clients needing this service were hospitalized at Beckett Springs, and the Board plans to work with that hospital again this fiscal year. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 MOU with Beckett Springs for Indigent Patient Inpatient Services and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOUs on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Laura Esslinger).

The eighth action item was the FY 2022 Agreement with Mercy Hospital Clermont for Withdrawal Management Services for the Southwest Collaborative and FY 2022 Agreement for Crisis Stabilization and Withdrawal Management Services at Beckett Springs. Boards were provided funds in the past several years by the Ohio Legislature to establish crisis stabilization and withdrawal management (detox) services on a regional basis. Clermont is part of the Southwest Collaborative, and the funding will be utilized for withdrawal management services at Mercy Hospital Clermont and crisis stabilization services at Beckett Springs. OMHAS has informed the local Boards that the funding will be available again in FY2022, but the amount of funding is not yet known. Karen Scherra asked the Board members to approve the agreement without the funding amount, and the Board members will be informed of the funding amount at the September Board meeting. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 MOU with Beckett Springs for Crisis Stabilization and Mercy Hospital Clermont for Withdrawal Management and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOUs on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Andy Bateman).

The ninth action item was the FY2022 MOUs with Family Recovery Court and OVI Court for Specialized Docket Funds. OMHAS provides Specialized Docket Subsidy funds to Boards who then provide those funds in the amount determined by OMHAS to the courts. There are two Specialized Dockets in Clermont County eligible for these Subsidy funds: the OVI Court under Municipal Court and the Family Recovery Court under Juvenile Court. The Board must enter into an agreement with the courts to provide these funds. The Board plans to provide the funds to the courts in lump sums.

The primary legislative intent of these funds is to assist courts with payroll costs for specialized docket staff. Feedback received from these courts included a desire to have more flexibility for the use of these funds, so OMHAS developed a list of allowable expenses for these funds. For expenditures other than payroll costs, these funds can only be used for individuals who are under the jurisdiction of the court and been admitted to the specialized docket. The only exception to this is diagnostic assessments to determine program eligibility. If these funds are to be used to pay for clinical services, including MAT, said services must be provided by agencies certified by OMHAS or have deemed status. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 MOUs with Family Recovery Court and OVI Court for Specialized Docket Funds and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOUs on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Andy Bateman, second-Greg Varner).

The tenth action item was the FY2022 MOU with the Developmental Disabilities Board (DD) for Project Partners. Each year, the Board enters into an agreement with DD to split the cost of placement in a group home or other settings for individuals who have both a mental illness and a developmental disability. The Project Partners template, without the client's name, is approved by the Prosecutor's office. When there is a client needing placement, the information relevant to that client is included on the contract for signature by the directors of the two boards. While it is not used very often, the MOU does have financial benefits for both parties. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2022 MOU with the Board of Developmental Disabilities as presented. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Jacki Block).

The eleventh and final action item was the FY2022 Community Plan. Board staff presented the Community Plan on the Smart Board screen. The update/report for the SFY 2021-2022 Community Plan is due Friday, August 13, 2021. OMHAS has requested that Boards report on their identified indicator(s)/goals, whether there was progress made from their baseline data, and if each priority continues to be a priority going into SFY 2022. Board staff is currently working on Clermont's Community Plan. The Community Plan submission provides the Board with an opportunity to update information included in the previous plan, and/or to indicate any changes in financial status or priorities.

Lee Ann Watson discussed some of the highlights of the FY2021 Community Plan. Lee Ann said goals related to admission rates for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), jail recidivism, and suicide rates in Clermont County were among goals that were met. Lee Ann said the goals that were not met included the number of youth served in school-based mental health services, a decrease in the use of Narcan countywide, and face-to-face mental health visits at GCB. Lee Ann said the goals that were not met are believed to be a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter-in-place orders by the state. Lee Ann also discussed new goals that are being added to the FY2022 Community Plan, which include evaluating the need to provide counseling to the "general population" and the expansion of crisis services. Karen Scherra stated that the national hotline, 988, will possibly create a need for expanding the workforce of the crisis hotline so that all calls can be answered. On a side note, Lee Ann also advised the Board that as part of the County's overdose alert program, she received an email alerting her that the OD rate in Clermont had climbed from 1 a day to 3 a day during a two-day period. Lee Ann said she shared this information with the Quick Response Team. A motion was made, and unanimously

approved, to approve the FY2022 Community Plan as presented for submission to OMHAS in August. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Greg Varner).

7. Discussion Items: The first discussion item was the State Budget FY22-23 Update. As discussed at the previous meeting, additional funding and language changes requested on behalf of Boards were not included in the state operating budget, HB 110. However, Karen said OACBHA plans to continue to lobby and advocate for changes through other legislation. OACBHA will also likely hire a new lobbyist.

One positive of the budget bill is that Board of Director membership in counties with populations over 80,000 will continue to be 14-18 members, rather than reducing the membership to 5-7 members as originally proposed. Counties with a population of 80,000 will have their Board of Director membership reduced to 5-7 members. For now, this piece of the budget will not affect Clermont County, but Karen feels it may create issues later down the road, as it opens the door for other exceptions to be made. Another positive outcome of the new budget bill relates to Managed Care company contracts. Originally, the bill called for a “redo” on all Managed Care company contracts which would have derailed many new programs including OhioRISE. However, it was recently decided that the current Managed Care contracts could proceed.

The second discussion item was the MRSS/OhioRISE Update. Karen Scherra said Board Directors and providers have spent countless hours in meetings with Medicaid on OhioRISE rules and rates. The proposed billing rates are extremely low. Karen also stated that some of the requirements for OhioRISE funding will be difficult to fit into current operations. One requirement is that all the services funded by OhioRISE be available 24/7, with the workforce for these services expected to be “on call” at all times. However, workers will only get paid for the time they are actually providing services to a client. Another concerning requirement is a capped rate for travel time for service providers at 15 minutes, which is not realistic for larger counties such as Clermont. Laura Stith of Child Focus stated that her agency will not be able to provide services under the current proposed OhioRISE regulations. Laura added that MRSS and Mobile Crisis in Clermont County are running quite smoothly as a team. However, under OhioRISE, that relationship would not be allowed. Laura said she cannot see Child Focus changing something that is already working so effectively.

The third discussion item was the Board and Provider Lawsuits Update. Karen Scherra stated that the lawsuits filed by Provider agencies against the Delaware/Morrow Board and Lucas County Board have been ruled upon. The lawsuits pertain to the manner in which the two separate Board areas contract with their Provider agencies. Karen Scherra feels the rulings may have a significant impact on all boards. In the rulings, it was decided that the Boards should issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) each year for Provider agencies to “bid” on contracting with a Board. The ruling also stated that the Boards shall issue a 120-day notice prior to the end of each contract year. Karen added that Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Board reported having spent \$170,000 on legal fees by the time the lawsuit was only 2/3rds complete. Karen also said that Ohio Council supports leaving the 120-day notice language in Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), which boards want to change to clarify its intent. Karen thinks that this matter may cause a domino effect of difficulties for other Counties in Ohio,



including Clermont. Karen said that ADAMHS Boards need to continue to advocate to regain the support of Ohio Legislators. Karen said she may have more information to share by the September meeting, as there is talk of appeals and the possibility of changing the contracting process for all Ohio ADAMHS Boards.

The fourth discussion item was the County Fair. The 2021 Clermont County Fair runs July 25-31. Each year the Board reserves a booth at the fair to increase awareness and provide resources for mental health and addiction recovery. The Board shares its booth with GCB/CRC. The booth must be operated by an individual during peak hours. Board staff presented the fair booth schedule on the Smart Board screen. According to the schedule, the only open time slots left are on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3pm to 9pm. Cindy Knoblauch advised the Board members to contact her if anyone was interested in covering any of those time slots.

The fifth and final discussion item was the Board Logo. Board staff explained that they had hired a graphic designer to update the Board's website and develop a new logo for the Board. Board staff was originally presented with eight logos and agreed on three to present to the Board members for feedback. The following were the three logos presented:



Board members said they preferred the second logo but liked the font on the third logo. Board staff stated that they would speak with the graphic designer to see what the second logo would look like with the different font. Karen Scherra stated that a decision would then be made on which logo will be used to represent the Board going forward.

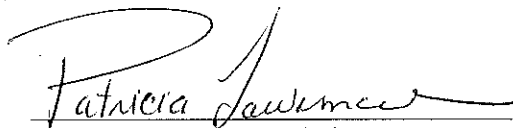
8. Agency Directors' Reports: Laura Stith of Child Focus said her report stands. Laura added that the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the difficulties with finding qualified behavioral health professionals. Laura said Child Focus just lost an employee to an agency that offered a \$30,000 salary increase and free college tuition. Laura also said that Child Focus is maintaining good employee morale through the many changes that have emerged from the wake of the pandemic. Among the positives at Child Focus, Laura said the annual golf outing was a huge success. Child Focus also just recently had a second behavioral health therapist approved as an Early Childhood Master Trainer. There are only five Master Trainers in the state of Ohio. Child Focus is also partnering with Grant Career Center to provide training for Mental Health Technicians, which would encourage more students to enter this field. Laura closed by giving the updated Crisis Hotline numbers. Laura said as of May, the hotline has received 3,580 calls compared to 2,748 at that time in FY20. That is a 32.72% increase.

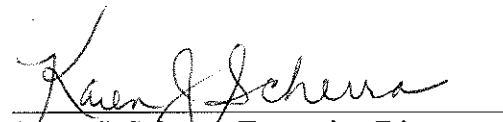
Alicia Fine of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB)/Clermont Recovery Center (CRC-a division of GCB) said her report stands. Alicia added that GCB/CRC is back to almost 100% face-to-face services following the pandemic. GCB's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) is in its second year of a 2-year grant. Alicia said SAMSHA, the funding agent, is pleased with the progress of the CCBHC. Alicia also said GCB is in the process of using the SAMHSA grant funding to update CRC's electronic health record system.

Once the process is complete, both mental health and addiction services records, including billing and MAT, across GCB will be housed in one system. Alicia said GCB staff is doing well adjusting to the new electronic records system. The new system will allow GCB to look at the client's comprehensive care more efficiently. Lastly, Alicia said GCB is also having workforce issues much like the ones mentioned by Child Focus.

Emily Neal of NAMI SW Ohio said her report stands. Emily added that NAMI is slowly easing back into in-person services after the pandemic. Emily said participation in many of the support groups is better on a virtual/Zoom platform. However, some sessions do better in-person. Emily said that in August the monthly family support group will be going back to in-person as well as the Family-to-Family classes. The Peer-to-Peer group will be back to in-person at its next session. Hope 4 Recovery remains online and on the weekends. Lastly, Emily said NAMI's "Ending the Silence" presentations will pick back up once schools are back in session after summer break.

9. Comments from Public Attendees: There were no public attendees at the July 12, 2021 Board of Directors' meeting.
10. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the July 12, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Greg Varner).

  
Patricia Lawrence, Chairperson

  
Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director