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MINUTES of June 8, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Bateman, Jenifer Binder, Barbara Bird, Jacki Block, Jara Bonner, Rebecca Cochran, Patricia Lawrence, Greg Varner

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kelley Costello, Richard Costello, Laura Esslinger, John Kelly, Erica Koe-Krompecher

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Bailey

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: Tammy Brewer, Heather Cokl, Alicia Fine, Amy Foley, Susan Graham, Barbara Isemann, Pamela Lindeman, Julia Saldanha, Laura Stith

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

1. The June 8, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was conducted virtually, via Zoom, in adherence to the emergency legislation signed by the Governor on February 17, 2022 that allows temporary authority for public bodies to meet by means of teleconference or video conference. Chairperson Patricia Lawrence welcomed the attendees and the meeting proceeded.
2. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Agenda for the June 8, 2022 Board meeting. (Motion-Barbara Bird, second-Greg Varner).
3. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Andy Bateman).
4. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Karen Scherra shared a few highlights from her report. Karen said Greta Mayer, the CEO of the Clark/Greene/Madison Board, was selected by the region as the representative to the State OneOhio Foundation Board. Karen will serve as the alternate. On May 31st, the Regional Committee for Region 14, which is Clermont's region, held a meeting. Karen attended at the invitation of Commissioner Painter as the alternate representative.

Karen Scherra also mentioned the recent shooting in Miami Township that resulted in a woman's death. On May 23, Lee Ann Watson contacted the manager of the Berry Lane Apartment, where the incident occurred, offering support and the manager called back and asked for a debriefing

meeting, as well as assistance with connection to treatment for some of the residents. Child Focus' (CFI) Mobile Crisis team assisted with the debriefing.

Regarding Federal Activities/Legislation, Karen Scherra said the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted in May to advance bills that will enhance Federal funding for mental health and substance use disorder services. Key aspects include expanding access to mental health care by improving workforce initiatives, filling in parity protection gaps in non-federal governmental health plans, addressing mental health concerns in children, and investing in numerous mental health and substance use grant programs.

5. Program Committee: Program Committee Chairperson Andy Bateman presented the summary of agency requests and the Committee's recommendations for prioritization of additional services for SFY2023. Andy said both CFI and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) had workforce investment and retention requests as well as programmatic requests that the Committee reviewed. Andy stated that the Committee agreed to table the providers' requests for workforce investment until the end of the calendar year.

Regarding GCB's funding requests, Andy Bateman said the Committee supports funding the gap in grant funding from the end of the first Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) grant to the beginning of the second CCBHC grant. Karen Scherra stated she was in a meeting with the Deputy Director of SAMHSA at the Opioid and Other Drugs Conference and asked him about this gap in funding; he replied that SAMHSA will be providing funding for the two (2) month period between the end of the first CCBHC grant and the beginning of the second CCBHC grant. However, Karen stated that if SAMHSA does not provide the two (2) month gap funding, the Board will need to prioritize funding so that the CCBHC grant activities can continue. Andy stated that the CCBHC service the Committee believed needed to be prioritized is the continuation of 24/7 mobile crisis services. Andy also added that he believed that funding for housing from a previous OMHAS grant should be prioritized. Karen Scherra stated that some of the Clermont Recovery Center (CRC)/GCB requests will hopefully be covered by the SOR 3.0 grant. Andy further explained that CRC/GCB's request for funding for peer support services will be tabled until review by CRC/GCB and Board staff to determine the need. The Committee will revisit the request for the retroactive 10% Medicaid adjustment at a later date.

Regarding CFI's funding requests, Andy Bateman said the Committee supports school-based mental health services and prevention curriculum but believes that the Board and CFI need to review the specific needs of the schools and youth before determining a funding amount. The Committee suggests setting aside CFI's requested amount until further review. The Committee recommended prioritizing MRSS and the peer support services for the Juvenile Court crisis services program. Andy closed by saying recommendations were shared with the Finance Committee for funding decisions.

6. Finance Committee: Finance Committee Chairperson Jacki Block delivered a summary from that evening's Finance Committee meeting. Regarding revenue and expenditures, Jacki said the Board has received 95% of its budgeted revenue and has utilized 74.5% of its budgeted expenditures. The Board is on track to finish the year within budget.

Regarding local funding changes, Jacki said the Committee approved the addition of \$65,000 to the budget in preparation of hiring an additional Board staff member. Jackie Block also reported the possibility of reduced levy dollars in FY2024 due to the Zimmer Plant appealing its property values. If the appeal is accepted, the County will be required to issue a tax refund resulting in the Board receiving approximately \$27,500 less in its levy dollar payout. Jacki reported that Municipal Court has notified Board staff that it will not be renewing its contract with the Board for \$40,546 for peer support services delivered at Municipal Court Probation by CRC. The Court has requested the Board fund those services instead. Those services will be part of a meeting between Board and GCB staff about peer services. The final item Jacki reported on was the MOU with Family and Children First. The Committee has decided to continue the MOU for FY23 in the amount of \$25,000.

Jacki Block presented the Finance Committee recommendations for funding services in FY2023. Jacki said the proposed provider requests could result in the Board overspending in FY23 by \$400,000. In response to the possibility of overspending the FY2023 budget, Jacki said the Committee recommends setting aside \$400,000 to be available as needed in the event provider services are not covered by various grants, and the specific need for school-based mental health services have been determined. If the money is needed, amendments will be made to the POS contracts as appropriate. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to set aside \$400,000 in the budget to cover additional services provided by the agencies that were not included in their original FY23 POS contracts. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Jenifer Binder). Karen Scherra said she plans to meet with GCB and CFI to continue conversations about funding requests.

In addition, Jacki informed the Board members that CFI is in the process of hiring a Parent Peer Support Partner for MRSS services at a cost of \$119,120. Some of that funding will transfer over from the HCC budget; the current MRSS peer support person is from HCC. The Committee recommends that the Board continue to fund these services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to increase the FY23 POS contract with Child Focus to cover the cost of the additional staff person by \$119,120. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Andy Bateman).

7. Action Items: The first action item was the MOU with On Our Way Home (OOWH). When Board staff submitted the request for funds from the SOR 2.0 grant to OMHAS, they included \$18,145 in rental subsidy for OOWH housing should that open during the time period of the grant. Although the grant ends soon, September 30, 2022, it was proposed the Board move ahead and enter into an MOU with OOWH to help the current residents by subsidizing their rent at decreasing amounts over the first six months of their residing in the recovery house. Residents are expected to have, or to get, a job so that they can pay their rent, which is \$115/week or \$460/month. Subsidy from the Board helps those who do not have a job initially, as well as those who have a job but want to save some money for needed personal items or to build up funds to help with their eventual move from the recovery housing to their own apartment/house. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the MOU with On Our Way Home for rental subsidy for residents of recovery housing as presented and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jenifer Binder, second-Jara Bonner).

The second action item was the Resolution in Support of HB 523. At the last few Board meetings, it has been brought to the Board members' attention that the Ohio Association of County

Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) has been working with Representative Swearingen to create a bill to revise ORC 340, the statute that lays out the responsibilities and authority of local ADAMHS Boards. The bill includes the removal of the 120-day notice to provider agencies, expanded access for Boards to Medicaid data needed for reporting, and providing Board involvement in certifying providers. To support the passage of the bill to change the language of ORC 340, OACBHA is calling on Boards to assist. At its May 24th Membership meeting, OACBHA passed a resolution in support of HB 523 and now Boards are being asked to bring a similar resolution to their governing Boards to approve. OACBHA is also recommending Boards meet with their local legislators as well as local providers and stakeholders. Once OACBHA receives all the signed resolutions, they will be putting together a complete list of resolutions to share with legislators and leaders as they continue to advocate for this bill. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the Resolution to support HB 523 to revise ORC 340 as presented and to authorize the Chairperson and Executive Director to sign the resolution on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Rebecca Cochran).

The third action item was the FY 2023 Health Officers and Chief Clinical Officers. It is necessary for the Board to officially approve the designation of Health Officers and Chief Clinical Officers (CCO) each fiscal year.

Health Officers are responsible for approving admission of Clermont County residents to the state hospital and involuntary admission of clients to local hospitals for psychiatric inpatient services. The resolutions stating the names of the Health Officers for CFI, GCB and Mercy Hospital Clermont for FY 2023 were presented. The appointments of Health Officers from GCB, CFI and Mercy are for the period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. The appointment automatically terminates if the staff member leaves the agency.

The Board has historically not had a Chief Clinical Officer on staff or under contract to the Board but has designated an appropriate staff member at GCB as the adult services CCO and at CFI as the children's services CCO. Dr. Katherine Schmidt, Associate Medical Director, is the GCB psychiatrist designated as the CCO for adult services. Dr. Laura Stith, psychologist, and CFI Clinical Director, remains as the designated CCO for children/adolescent services. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2023 Health Officers and CCOs as presented. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Barbara Bird).

The fourth and final action item was the Cancellation of the August 2022 Board Meeting. In most years, the Board cancels the scheduled August Board meeting due to vacations and issues with making quorum. Karen Scherra said she does not foresee any significant issues requiring Board approval in August. Karen also added that cancelling the meeting will also provide time for the new Executive Director to get acclimated to the position. After the July 11th meeting, the next meeting will be September 12th. Cancelling the August Board meeting should not cause any difficulties, as all the required contracts and agreements should be completed and approved at the July meeting. Patricia Lawrence expressed the importance of meeting quorum at the July meeting and reminded the Board that it will be in-person due to the end of the waiver allowing Boards to meet virtually. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the

cancellation of the Board's regular meeting scheduled for August 8, 2022. (Motion-Barbara Bird, second-Rebecca Cochran).

8. Discussion Items: The first discussion item was the OACBHA HECC Plan and Funding. OACBHA received a grant in the amount of \$400,000 to create a Health Equity and Cultural Competence (HECC) plan that supports local Boards in developing and implementing initiatives in their counties that address the accessibility of behavioral healthcare services to all community members regardless of culture, race, or ethnicity. The plan is due at the end of June and the funding must be encumbered by September 30, 2022. Karen said the funding could allow for a national trainer to provide training in Clermont County. Lee Ann Watson will be following up with the Miami Township Police Department to see if some of the funding could be used toward efforts surrounding the unfortunate recent shooting of a resident by law enforcement.

The second discussion item was the OneOhio Local/Regional Task Force/State Foundation Update. As discussed earlier in the agenda, Greta Mayer, the CEO of the Clark/Greene/Madison Board, was selected as the regional representative to the State OneOhio Foundation Board. Karen Scherra will serve as the alternate. Karen said at the regional meeting last week, Butler County expressed concerns about the region's operational resolution. Butler County representatives believe their county should be allowed weighted voting and more funding as their County is bigger and, in their opinion, has bigger problems. Butler County is also unhappy about Greta and Karen being the region's representatives as they see a conflict of interest and think Board Directors could not remain unbiased. The group may be creating a second resolution to address the concerns.

The third discussion item was SOR 3.0 and Carryover Funds. Karen Scherra said State Opioid Response funding, or SOR 3.0, is confirmed but the funding time frame is not the proposed six years but just two. SOR 3.0 can be used to continue current programs, such as CASC and peer support services. Funding plans from the state are due to SAMHSA by July 18. On a side note, Karen Scherra said Commissioner Painter assured her that he would put the CASC program, currently funded by SOR 2.0, in the County budget, if necessary, when grant funds end. Mary Rains, Director of the County Office of Management and Budget, also indicated to Erica that the funds for CASC had been earmarked from the general fund.

The fourth discussion item was the 988 Implementation. Karen Scherra said the July 16 launch date for the national 988 crisis hotline is now being referred to as a "soft opening". The state has requested that there be no advertising of 988 until further notice and the federal government is also not planning to publicize the line. OMHAS has hired a 988 Director who supposedly understands the state system. Karen said she anticipates a rough start since the 988 system has no geo tracking and callers will be directed to local services based solely on the area code of their phone number.

The fifth and final discussion item was the Quick Response Team Outcome Data. In response to Barbara Bird's request from the Board retreat in April, Lee Ann Watson compiled a data sheet mapping out the outcomes of the Quick Response Teams (QRT) that were funded by Interact for Health. Lee Ann pointed out that the data for 2020 is lower than anticipated due to teams' inability to provide face to face outreach because of COVID restrictions. Lee Ann also pointed

out that the new QRT Department of Justice grant will provide funding to increase the number of days that the Sheriff's Office QRT will provide outreach. It is believed that providing two (2) days of outreach, instead of one (1) day, will increase the number of individuals who are contacted, thereby increasing the number of individuals who may enter treatment. The data was presented as follows:

Quick Response Teams

Outcomes	Sheriff's Office		MMART	
	27.5 months		44 months	
Overdoses	2018	188 (baseline)	2017	134 (baseline)
	2019	110	2018	77
	2020	88	2019	90
	2021	117	2020	43
			2021	42
OD Referrals	159		175	
OD Referrals Contacted	97 (61%)		107 (61%)	
OD Referrals Completed Assessment	24 (25%)		50 (48%)	
OD Referrals Completed First Tx Appt	24 (100%)		23 (46%)	
Drug Charges Referrals	580		506	
Drug Charges Contacted	219 (38%)		131 (26%)	
Drug Charges Completed Assessment	80 (37%)		48 (37%)	
Drug Charges Completed First Tx Appt	59 (74%)		--	

Clermont County Sheriff's Office (grant period July 1, 2019- November 17,2021)

MMART (grant period July 1, 2018-March 30, 2022)

9. Agency Directors' Reports: Laura Stith of Child Focus indicated that the Mobile Crisis Team was involved on a couple of levels regarding the Miami Township resident who was recently shot at her apartment complex. Mobile Crisis was dispatched to originally help the victim, but officers were unable to let Mobile Crisis through until it was safe, as the victim was wielding a gun. Mobile Crisis was also there after the shooting to provide support to the officers and debrief on the traumatic experience. Mobile Crisis was also able to support the other complex residents and hand out hotline information.

Laura Stith also commented on the 988 implementation and its downgrade to a "soft opening". Laura said 988 callers will only be routed to agencies that are "fully ready" for the implementation. Laura reiterated that there will be no advertising for 988 at the beginning and the lack of geo location will present problems. Laura said only nineteen (19) states have legislation to fund 988, and Ohio is not currently one of them.

Regarding Handle with Care, the program which alerts schools if a student has been involved in a traumatic event, Laura Stith said Child Focus has hired a Coordinator to run that program. The

new staff member will be considered part of the Mobile Crisis Team. The program is funded through the Department of Justice grant.

Regarding OhioRISE, Laura Stith said the OhioRISE MRSS program is up and running. Child Focus is even receiving calls from other agencies in the state asking for tips on how to get their MRSS started under OhioRISE. Cincinnati Children's Hospital has chosen Child Focus as a community management entity (CME) and is working on creating a contract with them. Pamela Lindemann added that under OhioRISE, certain services such as MRSS will be Medicaid billable, but the IT communication problems between the main managed care entity, AETNA and Children's Hospital will be a big issue, resulting in billing delays of up to 10 weeks.

Amy Foley of Hope Community Center (HCC) said this will be her last meeting as she is leaving her role as Director of HCC. Amy thanked everyone for the last ten (10) years. Amy said that the First Responder Peer Support Team met with officers on site to debrief the Miami Township shooting. Amy also said that Becky Mosteller will be taking over as Director of HCC on July 1. Amy said Becky plans to start coming to the Board meetings in July. Amy will also be staying on for eight (8) hours a month at HCC to help Becky transition into her new role and to help with other miscellaneous items.

Alicia Fine of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services/Clermont Recovery Center (GCB/CRC) thanked the Board and Board staff for their time and effort at the Program Committee meetings. She also thanked the Board for allowing GCB staff to use the Board's allocated free tickets to attend the OACBHA Opiate and Other Drug Conference earlier in June. Alicia said GCB is currently partnering with the Clermont County Probation Department to participate in a training called "Thinking for a Change." The training is a very intense, five-day program that will be utilized at CASC. Alicia also said GCB's Summer prevention activities are in full swing and the end-of-year prevention services report will be submitted to Board staff soon. GCB is still waiting to hear the announcement on the new CCBHC grant. Alicia closed by saying Jeff O'Neil sends his regards as he was attending an annual top workplace award event at which GCB will be receiving an award for its 13th year in a row on the list.

Julia Saldanha of NAMI SW Ohio stated that she wanted to add to last month's report that NAMI also delivered an "Ending the Silence" presentation at Loveland Schools. The presentation, also delivered at Bethel Tate Schools, was given to all students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. A total of 487 students received the presentation in April and May. Julia also said that in 2021, NAMI served 10,000 clients and has already served 5,400 in 2022. Julia said NAMI's newest clients, Bethel Tate and Felicity Franklin Schools, have expressed interest in furthering their relationships with NAMI SW Ohio.

10. Public Comments: There were no public attendees at the June 8th Board of Directors meeting.
11. Executive Session: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to enter Executive Session. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Jenifer Binder). Andy Bateman-yea, Barbara Bird-yea, Jacki Block-yea, Jara Bonner-yea, Rebecca Cochran-yea, Patty Lawrence-yea. The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:27 pm.


A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to move back into Regular Session. (Motion-Andy Bateman, second-Jenifer Binder). Barbara Bird-yea, Jacki Block-yea, Jara Bonner-yea,

Rebecca Cochran-yea, Patty Lawrence-yea, Greg Varner-yea. The Board moved back into Regular Session at 8:55 pm.

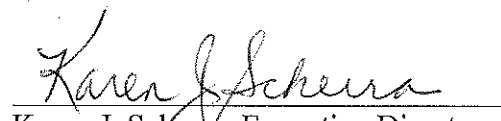
Patty Lawrence said the Board had discussed selection of the new Executive Director and the process by which the person was chosen. For the search process, the Board chose a Search Committee that consisted of the Executive Committee members Andy Bateman, Jacki Block, Patty Lawrence, and Greg Varner and the addition of Jenifer Bender. Along with the help of OACBHA, the Committee created a job description and had it posted on several outlets including national job search sites. The Committee received nine (9) qualified resumes and fourteen non-qualified resumes in total. The Committee also held meetings with provider and Board staff to discuss their expectations and desirable qualities of the new Executive Director. The Committee interviewed the selected candidates in a two-interview process, the first being by Zoom and the second being in person. Once references were checked, the Committee ultimately chose Lee Ann Watson for the position of Executive Director. Lee Ann meets all of the qualifications for the position. Andy Bateman thanked everyone who participated in the search.

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the extension a the job offer of Executive Director to Lee Ann Watson. (Motion-Andy Bateman, second-Jara Bonner). Lee Ann Watson thanked the Board for the opportunity and said she is looking forward to working with the Board to help Clermont County. Patty Lawrence closed by saying that Lee Ann's employment contract will be voted on at the July meeting and a press release is in process. Karen Scherra's last official day as Executive Director will be July 31, 2022, and Lee Ann Watson will assume the role as Executive Director on August 1, 2022.

12. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the June 8, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. (Motion-Jenifer Binder, second-Greg Varner).



Patricia Lawrence, Chairperson



Karen J. Scherra, Executive Director