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MINUTES of June 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Bateman, Jen Binder, Jacki Block, Jara Bonner, Patty Lawrence, Nova Levante, Joy Lytle, Laura Perez, Greg Varner

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, Tony Rees

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Raymond Bailey, Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: Liz Atwell, Lucas Blackwood, Heather Cokl, Alicia Fine, Susan Graham, Barbara Isemann, Susan Vilardo

STAFF PRESENT: Marcie Keith, Cindy Knoblauch, Denny Moell, Erica Pursley (joined by Zoom), Lee Ann Watson

1. Call to Order: The June 12, 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 June 12, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting with the following changes: Move Jeff Weir CCESC Space Request Presentation to Discussion Item #3 and add FY2024 Contract Standards to Action Item #10. (Motion-Joy Lytle, second-Jara Bonner).
3. Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Jen Binder).
4. Presentation-Judge Anita Bechmann: Municipal Court Intensive Treatment Probation (ITP) Docket: Judge Bechmann introduced herself and gave a brief history of her background and her prior work in Clermont County. Judge Bechmann has been serving on the Municipal Court bench since August of 2022. Judge Bechmann said the goal of the new ITP docket is to provide support to Municipal Court clients with mental health and addiction issues to assure their success. The ITP team will consist of Municipal Court probation, representatives from the public defender and prosecutor's office, a representative from the sheriff's office and jail, the Board, and service providers from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (GCB). The ITP docket program generally enrolls clients for a 1–2-year period.
5. Executive Director and Staff Reports: Executive Director Lee Ann Watson said her report stands but highlighted a few items. Lee Ann said that New Housing Ohio (NHO) will be working with Board staff to build a 24-unit apartment facility for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI). NHO is currently in discussions with a realtor regarding land in Felicity. Lee Ann also said that the advocacy letters sent by our Board members to Senator Johnson made a difference. Senator Johnson's Aide advised Lee Ann that because of the Clermont County

a difference. Senator Johnson's Aide advised Lee Ann that because of the Clermont County letters he received regarding the cuts made to the 421-line item in HB33, which funds much of our community mental health and addiction programs, Senator Johnson put in an amendment to have the 421-line restored to its original status.

Associate Director Denny Moell said his report stands and highlighted the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training that took place May 8th-12th. Denny informed the Board members that this was his first time coordinating the training. The CIT Law Enforcement Coordinator, Officer Chad Lutson from Union Township Police Department, continues to co-coordinate the training. The class was expanded from the previous length of four (4) days/32 hours to five (5) days/40 hours. The class had sixteen (16) graduates who learned skills in de-escalation and identification of mental health and addiction behaviors. The class itinerary also included agency presentations and "ride-alongs."

Community Engagement Manager Marcie Keith said her report stands and highlighted the Mental Wellness event that took place on May 20th. The Board's first annual Mental Wellness event in recognition of Mental Health Month was held at West Clermont High School and was a success with over 20 vendors. Marcie plans to partner with West Clermont again for next year's event. Marcie also mentioned that the mental wellness theme will be extended to the Board's booth at the Clermont County Fair at the end of July. The Board will be holding a poster contest for high school students to submit their ideas of what mental wellness means to them. The winner of the poster contest will have their poster displayed at the Board's fair booth.

6. Committee Reports:

- A. Program Committee: Program Committee Chairperson Andy Bateman provided a summary of the Program Committee meeting held on May 31st with NAMI and Child Focus.

NAMI of Southwest Ohio:

Andy stated that NAMI requested an increase in the Board's funding allocation from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Katie Harper of NAMI reported to the Committee that NAMI has expanded its service area to the more rural parts of Clermont County and anticipates further expansion. To maintain this expansion, NAMI seeks additional funding for staffing of their programs. Andy informed the Board members that the Program Committee recommended increasing the Board's contribution to NAMI by \$10,000 for a grand total of \$40,000. If the Board approves the increase, there will be a \$10,000 addendum to NAMI's original FY 2024 contract which will be approved at the August meeting.

Child Focus:

Andy said that Child Focus requested funding for the "after hours" or extended operating hours of the Mobile Crisis program for the full FY 2024. Erica Pursley, Director of Operations explained that the total amount for FY24 would be \$147,560. In FY 2023, due to grant funding, the Board only funded eleven months of the extended hours for mobile crisis for a total of \$135,266. The additional month would be \$12,296.95. Andy said that the Program Committee recommends the additional funding of \$12,296.95 for FY24 for a total

of \$147, 560. Eleven months of funding for the extended hours of mobile crisis is already in the FY 2024 budget.

- B. Finance Committee: Finance Committee Chairperson Jacki Block gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting held that evening prior to the Board of Directors' meeting. Regarding the State Biennial Budget, Jacki said that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) released a preliminary allocation budget for Boards based on the most recent version of the biennial SFY2024-2025 State budget as of May 18. This version includes a \$4 million reduction for Boards in the 421-line item. If the 421-line item allocation stands, the Clermont Board will have a \$495,414 cut in funding. The OMHAS allocation budget also did not include funding amounts for all of the typical allocation lines that the Boards receive. Therefore, as of now, the Board is projected to have deficit spending in the amount of \$669,213 in FY 2024. The budget bill is not final until it is signed, and additional changes could be made to reduce the cuts to the Boards. Additionally, the anticipated deficit spending for the Board will be lower once all FY 2023 reconciliations are complete, and all of the FY 2024 OMHAS allocations are known.

Regarding the FY 2024 Funding Recommendations, Jacki stated that the Finance Committee recommends the following:

- Funding for Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) ACT services, \$81,709 beginning October 1, 2023
- Funding for the Survivors of Suicide Support group facilitated by Child Focus, \$5,000
- Increasing the Board operations budget by 9% to account for increases in operating expenses such as insurance and IT, \$73,000
- Setting aside an additional \$25,000 for Board emergency operations expenses
- Setting aside \$250,000 for clinical services that may need funding later in the FY
- Funding for Child Focus Expanded Hours of Mobile Crisis Services for 12-month period, \$147,560
- Funding for NAMI, additional \$10,000 for a total of \$40,000 annually

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the above Finance Committee FY 2024 funding recommendations with the understanding that the GCB ACT services, and the Child Focus expanded hours Mobile Crisis is included in their FY 2024 POS contracts that will be voted on later in the agenda. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Laura Perez).

Regarding the FY 2024 Sliding Fee Scale, Jacki explained that the sliding fee scale for FY 2024 is based on the 2023 Federal Poverty level income guidelines, with the base set at 138% of poverty due to Medicaid Expansion. The Finance Committee supported the adoption of the SFY 2024 Sliding Fee Scale. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2024 Sliding Fee Scale. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Andy Bateman).

Regarding the FY 2024 Family and Children First (FCF) Contribution, Jacki said that FCF, a division of the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, is a partnership of local government agencies and community organizations committed to improving the well-being of children and their families. FCF provides coordination and support to multi-system youth and their families and provides funding for needed services to at-risk youth

that meet eligibility requirements. In the past, the Board has provided an annual contribution of \$25,000 to FCF. Jackie said that the Finance Committee recommends the FY 2024 contribution to FCF for \$25,000.

7. Unfinished Business: NONE

8. New Business:

A. Action Items

1. FY 2024 MOU with Family and Children First (FCF): A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2024 MOU with FCF for \$25,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Nova Levante).
2. FY 2024 MOU with Municipal Court for Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) Funds: The Board has for many years had an agreement in place with Municipal Court for the use of the Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) Funds to support treatment services provided by Clermont Recovery Center to indigent individuals. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2024 MOU with the Municipal Court for the Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) Funds in the amount of \$75,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Joy Lytle, second-Laura Perez).
3. FY 2024 Agreement for Adult Residential Care with Alternate Living Solutions, Inc. for Mellon Meadows Care Center Inc. and Peebles Place Care Center, Inc.: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2024 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-Joy Lytle, second-Jen Binder).
4. FY 2024 MOU with the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board (DD) for Project Partners: Each year the Board agrees to partner with DD Board to share the placement cost for individuals who have both mental illness and a developmental disability. To allow for quick placement of individuals, the partners approve an MOU template at the beginning of each fiscal year. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY2024 MOU template with the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities as presented. (Motion-Jara Bonner, second-Laura Perez).
5. FY 2024 Health Officers and Chief Clinical Officers (CCOs): A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2024 Health Officers and CCOs as presented. (Motion-Laura Perez, second-Greg Varner).
6. 10% Southwest Collaborative Match Amount: In March 2023, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) released ARPA crisis funding to develop at least six (6) regional short-term mental health residential facilities, with the goal of having at least one new facility in each of the collaborative state hospital catchment areas. Each Collaborative area had access to a total of \$7.5 million, with a match requirement of 10%. Brown, Clermont, Clark, Green, Madison, and Warren Clinton Counties submitted a combined proposal. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve a 10% match amount for construction or renovation of a short-term mental health residential facility in partnership with the Southwest Collaborative Board areas for an estimated \$100,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to work in

conjunction with the Collaborative to determine the specifics of the projects. (Motion-Joy Lytle, second-Jen Binder).

7. FY 2024 POS Contracts with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral (GCB), Child Focus, and MOU with Hope Community Center (HCC): Contract amounts were presented as follows:

- Child Focus- \$2,318,747 *Note: FY 2024 POS amount does not include the K-12 prevention funding but does include Department of Justice Handle with Care funding of \$26,242, that was previously on separate amendment, and one (1) additional month for Mobile Crisis expanded hours for a total of 12 months.
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB)- \$1,701,286 *Note: FY 2024 POS amount had two (2) months of the FY 2023 CCBHC funding removed in the amount of \$80,679, FY 2023 Multisystem Adult funding in the amount of \$61,016 removed, and ACT funding in the amount of \$81,709 added.
- Clermont Recovery Center (CRC), a division of GCB- \$1,875,932 *Note: FY 2024 POS amount does not include funding for SOR, SOS, Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD), Community Transitions Program (CTP), Department of Justice (DOJ), Alcohol Treatment Program (ATP), or the On Our Way Home Recovery Coach. **(Total for GCB/CRC- \$3,577,218).**
- Hope Community Center- \$60,376

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2024 Purchase of Service Contracts with GCB/CRC and Child Focus, and the MOU with HCC as presented and to authorize the Board Chairperson and Executive Director to sign the contracts and the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Laura Perez, second-Jara Bonner).

8. FY 2024 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 individuals and/or families who are impacted by mental illness. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY 2024 Agreement with NAMI of Southwest Ohio as presented and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Greg Varner). *Note: An addendum for the additional approved \$10,000 will be brought to the Board meeting on August 14, 2023.
9. FY 2024 Agreement with Cincinnati Children's Hospital: The Board maintains an agreement with Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati for inpatient psychiatric services for indigent children/adolescents. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the agreement with Children's Hospital for psychiatric inpatient services to indigent children/adolescents for FY2024 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Laura Perez, second-Jen Binder).
10. FY 2024 POS Contract Standards: Each year, Board staff update the Contract Standards for the Provider Agencies and attach them to the new Purchase of Services (POS) contracts for the upcoming fiscal year. The Contract Standards provide guidance on the regulations and policies and procedures related to contracting with the Board for service provision. Lee Ann Watson provided an overview of the FY 2024 changes to the Contract Standards. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the updated FY 2024 Contract Standards. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Laura Perez).

B. Discussion Items

1. Update on Strategic Planning Process: Board staff reported that the Strategic Plan is almost complete. The draft one-page Board Strategy Map was presented to provide an overview of the draft goals in the Strategic Plan. Once the Strategic Plan is finalized, it will be presented to the Board of Director's for review and approval.
2. 2023 Clermont County Fair Booth Schedule: Board staff reported that the Board will have a booth at the Clermont County Fair during the last week of July 2023. Board members were invited to sign up to volunteer at the Board's booth. A sign-up sheet was passed around and will also be emailed to the Board members.
3. Jeff Weir and the CCESC Request for MHRB Building Space: Originally on the agenda as a presentation, Jeff Weir from the Clermont County Education Service Center (CCESC) was to attend the meeting and propose the request of possibly using space in the Board's building for an alternative school for high-risk Juvenile Court probationers who need extra support and supervision. Lee Ann Watson said that when she informed Mr. Weir of the long-term intention of turning the Board's building into a Crisis Receiving Center, Mr. Weir believed that the Board's building would not be a viable option. However, Mr. Weir will be bringing the idea to the School Superintendents in an upcoming meeting to determine if the Superintendents are interested in pursuing the idea. The Board made no final decision on whether they would allow use of our building for the alternative school but will address the matter if the School Superintendents decide they wish to pursue the idea.

9. Agency Directors' Reports:

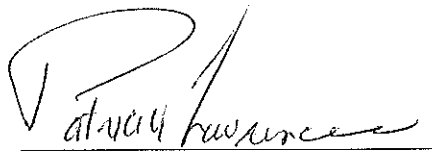
Heather Cokl of Clermont Recovery Center (CRC), a division of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB), said her report stands. Heather added that CRC's Prevention Team launched its summer camp and has added new sites this year. Heather also said that CRC recently held a prevention activity for 3rd graders and received many touching letters from the attendees about their experiences.

Susan Graham of Child Focus said her report stands. Susan added that Child Focus is seeing an increase in the hiring of staff. Child Focus has also submitted a grant proposal to Interact for Health for funding for the school-based mental health needs assessment.

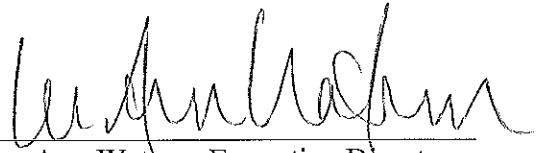
Hope Community Center's report stands.

Katie Harper of NAMI Southwest Ohio said her report stands. Katie added that NAMI will be expanding its service area in Clermont County.

10. Announcements/Comments from Public Attendees: There were no announcements or comments from public attendees at the June 12, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting.
11. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the June 12, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Nova Levante, second-Jen Binder).



Patricia Lawrence, Chairperson



Lee Ann Watson, Executive Director