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MINUTES of May 13, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Atwell, Andrew (Andy) Bateman, Jacki Block, Jara Bonner, Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, Patricia Lawrence, Joy Lytle, Laura Perez, Greg Varner, Susan Vilardo

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jen Binder, Tony Rees

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Bailey (by Zoom)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard Chaney

GUESTS PRESENT: Heather Cokl, Zoe Doss, Alicia Fine, Laura Stith, Anne Wise

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

1. Call to Order: The May 13, 2024 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 Andy Bateman 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 May 13, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
3. Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).
4. Training: Child Focus-Peer Support: Laura Stith and Anne Wise gave a presentation accompanied by a slideshow explaining Peer Support Services at Child Focus. Based on feedback from clients who receive Peer Support Services, the program provides a lot of valuable guidance. Anne said Peer Supporters assist clients in the following manner:
 - Providing empathetic listening and emotional support
 - Assisting families in navigating systems
 - Supplying information about child-serving systems, children's behavioral health and development, and community resources
 - Rendering advocacy support
 - Encouraging self-care activities
 - Facilitating familial engagement with service providers
 - Modeling collaboration between families and professionals

- Engaging in safety and care planning; exploring and eliminating barriers to care plan follow-through
- Offering skill-building for parents that enhances resiliency, communication, advocacy and other areas affecting the ability to maintain a child with complex needs in the home, school and community
- Sharing personal stories
- Providing hope

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 said her report stands. Marcie added that she has organized two upcoming community events. The Total Wellbeing Inside Out event is on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at West Clermont Highschool from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The event is free and will feature wellness focused vendors, health demonstrations, screenings, trainings, and lots of fun giveaways. The Suicide Prevention Summit event is on Friday, May 31, 2024 at University of Cincinnati Clermont College. This event requires registration and will feature various suicide prevention trainings. Marcie also reported that the Board has organized and funded a state park suicide prevention initiative. This initiative is the first in the state of Ohio and will feature park signage and benches with the 513-528-SAVE crisis/support hotline number and the national 988 number.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met at 6:00pm on May 13, 2024. Finance Committee Chairperson Jacki Block summarized the information from that evening's Committee meeting.

Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Purchase of Service (POS) Contract Amounts: Jackie said the Finance Committee recommends Board approval of the FY25 POS Contract amounts as follows:

- Child Focus-\$2,323,747 (which includes \$5,000 for Healing Hearts, a survivors of suicide support group)
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB)-\$1,728,522 (which includes 12 months of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services)
- Clermont Recovery Center (CRC), a division of GCB-\$1,923,832
- Hope Community Center (HCC), a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-\$60,000. HCC requested \$60,000 which is a slight decrease from FY24.

10% Flexibility on FY25 Provider POS Contract Budget Line Items Excluding Capped Services: Recently, the Board received a request for 10% flexibility on the POS contract budget line-items. After further discussion with the Provider agencies, it was decided that the mid-year review budget would be more helpful. The request for 10% flexibility has been withdrawn.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. ARPA I Update: Lee Ann Watson reported that the Southwest Collaborative is currently negotiating a price for the purchase of a building in Warren County for the Adam and Amanda short term mental health residential facility. The cost of the building is more than was awarded in ARPA I funding. The Collaborative met with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service (OMHAS) Bureau of Capital Planning and Management on April 17, 2024 to discuss the possibility of OMHAS providing more funding. OMHAS informed us that there was no additional funding available. OMHAS staff are considering allowing the Collaborative to utilize Capital Funding for the project, with the ARPA I funding being used as match, and will give their decision soon. They are meeting again with OMHAS staff in May. Lee Ann is concerned that Clermont may not be able to provide enough funding to partner in the project.
- B. Crisis Receiving Center Update: Unfortunately, the Board was not awarded the Appalachian Community Program Grant funding for the renovation of the Board's building for a Crisis Receiving Center. The Board does still have hope that it will receive the OneOhio grant for operational costs for the Center. Board staff are working with a consultant and will brainstorm with them to figure out how to make the Center a reality should that grant be awarded.
- C. Culture of Quality Update: Lee Ann Watson stated that the Board staff have submitted the recently approved policies and procedures for the Culture of Quality audit scheduled for June 17-18, 2024. The Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) will be performing the audit.
- D. New Housing Ohio Update: New Housing Ohio (NHO) is in discussions with Felicity Trustees about placement of the facility in Felicity. NHO has site control of the property and is working with Clermont Metropolitan Housing to secure housing vouchers. Felicity does not have zoning requirements. The NHO facility will serve as permanent supportive housing for adults with a severe and persistent mental illness.

8. Agency Directors' Reports: Heather Cokl of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services/Clermont Recovery Center (GCB/CRC) said her report stands. Heather added GCB/CRC is celebrating a lot of milestones. Heather mentioned that the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) is starting its ninth year of operation and GCB/CRC recently presented its annual CASC report to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Commissioners were pleased with the outcome of CASC. Heather also said that other GCB/CRC programming such as Intensive Treatment Probation (ITP) Court, Prevention summer camps, Family Recovery Court, and the Behavioral Health Urgent Care in Amelia, are going well and have a steady flow of clients receiving services.

NAMI of Southwest Ohio's report stands.

Zoe Doss of Hope Community Center (HCC) said her report stands. Zoe added that HCC was awarded a two-year grant from OMHAS and will receive \$65,000 each fiscal year. This funding will be used toward expansion of HCC's programming and staffing, with a focus on increasing membership diversity.

Laura Stith of Child Focus said her report stands. Laura added that Child Focus' Director of Crisis Services, Anne Wise, was invited to serve on a panel at the first SAMHSA 988 conference. Laura said it was a great honor for Anne to receive that invitation and that Anne, through her dedication and passion, has made Clermont County a model of excellence at the State level.

9. New Business:

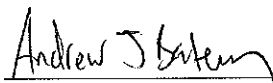
A. Action Items

1. Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Purchase of Service (POS) Contract with Child Focus: Lee Ann Watson said she made some minor changes to the FY25 POS contracts based on a template provided by OACBHA. Lee Ann said that OACBHA developed a standardized contract format to assist with the standardization of contracts across the different County Boards. Lee Ann said she also used items from this template to make necessary changes to the Contract Standards. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY25 POS Contract with Child Focus in the amount of \$2,323,747 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Contract on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Patty Lawrence).
2. FY25 POS Contract with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services/Clermont Recovery Center (GCB/CRC). A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY25 POS contract with GCB/CRC in the amount of \$3,652,354 (GCB-\$1,728,522, CRC-\$1,923,832) and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Contract on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Liz Atwell).
3. FY25 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hope Community Center (HCC): A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY25 MOU with HCC in the amount of \$60,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board. (Motion-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, second-Joy Lytle).
4. FY25 Revised POS Contract Standards: Lee Ann Watson walked down the minor changes to the FY25 Standards. The majority of the changes included additions to the fiscal section. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the FY25 Revised POS Contract Standards. (Motion-Greg Varner, second-Susan Vilardo).
5. Nomination/Election of New Chairperson: Lee Ann Watson reminded the Board members that former Chairperson Patricia Lawrence resigned from her position as Chair at the Board Annual Retreat on April 20, 2024. At that time, as Board Vice-Chairperson, Andy Bateman was automatically designated as the interim Chairperson. Nominations for Chairperson were opened to the floor at the May 13, 2024 Board Meeting. Andy Bateman was nominated, with no additional nominations being made. A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to approve the formal appointment of Andrew (Andy) Bateman as the new Chairperson of the Board. (Motion-Jacki Block, second-Greg Varner).

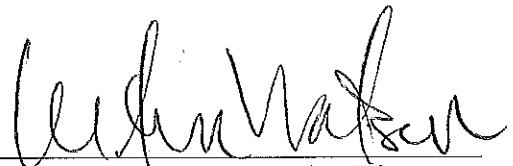
With Andy's appointment as Board Chairperson, his position of Vice-Chairperson /Chairperson of the Program Committee is now vacant. Board members were asked to notify Board staff of their interest in the Vice Chair position. The Board of Directors will appoint a new Vice Chairperson/Program Committee Chair at the June 10, 2024 Board meeting. Andy will also serve as "ex-officio" of the Finance and Program Committees. In addition, Patty Lawrence asked to serve as a member of the Finance Committee and was appointed as such by Chairperson Andy Bateman.

B. Discussion Items:

1. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 102 and ORC Section 2921.42 Acknowledgement:
As part of the Board's statutory requirements, the Board is required to inform its staff and Board members of the ethical obligations of their respective roles and provide a copy of ORC Chapter 102 and ORC Section 2921.42. The Board must receive a signed acknowledgement that Board members and Board staff have received a copy of the Ohio Ethics Laws and related statutes. Lee Ann Watson reminded the Board members that the Ohio Ethics Laws and related statutes are provided to Board members at orientation. Board staff passed around an acknowledgement of receipt for all Board members to sign.
 2. Levy Planning Committee: Board staff will be requesting that the levy be on the ballot in November of 2025. Lee Ann Watson reminded the Board members of who had agreed to sit on the Levy Planning Committee. Those members are Jara Bonner, Rebecca Cochran-Kasson, Patty Lawrence, Joy Lytle, and Laura Perez. The Committee will meet virtually on a monthly basis starting in June of 2024. The Committee prefers to meet on Mondays at 6:00 pm. The Committee will discuss a campaign message, what the campaign will cost, and campaign strategies. The Committee will also decide whether to advocate with the Commissioners for a renewal or an increase.
 3. Review of Board Retreat: Lee Ann Watson asked for feedback on the Retreat. Board members stated that the agenda layout/pace, the amount of information covered, and the review of the Gillette Model for Budgeting Ethics were well done.
10. Announcements/Comments from Public Attendees: Jacki Block asked fellow Board members to think about the cancellation of the July or August 2024 Board meeting and to be ready to discuss the matter at the June 10, 2024 Board meeting. There were no additional announcements and no comments from public attendees at the May 13, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting.
11. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the May 13, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting. (Motion-Susan Vilardo, second-Rebecca Cochran-Kasson).



Andrew Bateman, Chairperson



Lee Ann Watson, Executive Director