



TRUMBULL COUNTY  
**Mental Health and Recovery Board**

Board Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2023 4:30 PM

**Members Present:** Virginia Cluse, Carol Henderson, Lance Grahn, Louise Kline, Laura Green, Carl Clark, Thomas Harwood, John Hugley, Larry Pavone, Maria Placanica, Deborah Tominey, Julia Wike, John Wilson

**Members Absent:** Rachel Nader, David Spies, Kevin Stringer, Judith Toles

**Staff Present:** April Caraway, Katie Cretella, Laura Domitrovich, Carol Holmes-Chambers\*, John Myers, Valdeoso (Bud) Patterson, Lauren Thorp

**Guests Present:** Joe Shorokey\*, Alta; Heather Craver\*, Cadence Care; Catherine Chudakoff\*, Coleman; Joe Caruso\*, Compass; Gary Seech\*, Glenbeigh; Vince Brancaccio\*, Help Network

\*Denotes Virtual Attendees

### Preliminary

1. Vice President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Secretary Louise Kline called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
4. Larry Pavone made a motion, seconded by Maria Placanica, to approve the March 21, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway called attention to the Biennial Budget Priorities handout in the Board Packet. April Caraway said that she and Lauren Thorp discussed the Priorities sheet, as well as local data, while speaking in Columbus with Senator O’Brien’s aide. The behavioral health system is asking for a 20% increase in Medicaid rates. The Governor’s budget recommends a 10% increase. ED Caraway also met with Representative Nick Santucci here in the district and is trying to arrange a meeting with Representative Mike Loychik. ED Caraway then reviewed the OhioMHAS FY2021 SAR Audit noting that we will be having a Budget and Finance Committee meeting on May 10, 2023 at 3:30 pm to go over it in detail.  
President Virginia Cluse arrived and began to preside over the meeting.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway spoke briefly regarding the Crisis Center. Caraway sent letters to Mayor Doug Franklin and Mike Keys inviting them to visit the site and inquiring about getting funding for the Center. Lauren Thorp then went over the Overdose Stats sheet from the Board Packet noting that we’re trending about the same as last year. Lauren noted that the highest percent of overdoses are residents residing in the zip code 44483, and by rate, the most overdoses are occurring with residents from the 44485 zip code. Lauren Thorp reported that the data indicates that at least one person a day overdoses.
3. Finance Report – Valdeoso (Bud) Patterson, Accountant, reviewed the March 2023 unaudited Revenue and Expenditure Reports. Patterson said a revised budget was approved in February with an effective report date of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The budget column you see on the report for March

includes the budget revisions for FY2023. The most significant impact of the revised FY23 budget was in Capital outlay. An increase was approved for the Crossroads renovation, now considered to be at 67% complete, and the 1-million-dollar allocation for the 24/7 crisis center and supportive housing for women and children. A separate line under capital outlay at the bottom of page two captures that allocation which was approved for transfer at last week's Commissioner's meeting. ED Caraway then called attention to the HUD grant sheets in the Board packet. ED Caraway noted the grant Budget showing the Shelter Care Plus vouchers and what was paid to them.

### Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Carol Henderson provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on April 3, 2023 at 4:30pm.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Lance Grahn announced there will be a meeting May 10, 2023 at 3:30pm
3. Administrative Committee – April Caraway announced there will be a meeting April 25, 2023 at 4:15pm to go over policies, board applications, and staff pay increases.

### Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to review the media pages in the Board packet.
2. April Caraway announced she will be a Moderator at the Mahoning Valley Eviction Summit taking place on April 20, 2023.
3. April Caraway spoke briefly about the Unmute the Uncomfortable event that will take place on May 4, 2023. Caraway noted that all staff would like to attend, and she would like to close the office for the day. The Board members agreed.

### New Business

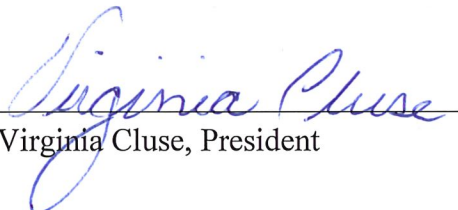
1. Lance Grahn made a motion to approve the March 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Carl Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Adjournment


Virginia Cluse opened the floor to anyone with other items to discuss.  
Carol Holmes-Chambers announced the Recovery Friendly Congregations event that will be taking place April 27, 2023.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM on a motion by Tom Harwood, seconded by Carol Henderson.

**Next Board Meeting – May 16, 2023 at 4:30 PM**

  
Virginia Cluse, President

  
Louise Kline, Secretary

  
April J. Caraway, Executive Director

5-16-2023  
Date