



TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024, 4:32 PM

Members Present: Carol Henderson, Laura Green, Louise Kline, Carl Clark, Thomas Harwood, John Hugley, Teri Lacy, Rachel Nader, Larry Pavone, Maria Placanica, Kevin Stringer, Deborah Tominey, Julia Wike

Members Absent: Lance Grahn*, Charles Baldwin, Virginia Cluse, Laurie Perry

Staff Present: ED April Caraway, Carie Garris, Carol Holmes-Chambers, John Myers, Katie Cretella, AD Lauren Thorp, Zackary Gran, Kim Walker, Laura Domitrovich, Patty Shepherd

Guests Present: Jeff Magada of Flying High, Joe Caruso* of COMPASS Family & Community Services, Matt Kresic* of Cadence Care Network, Joe Shorokey* of Alta Behavioral Healthcare, Adria Rovnyak of Glenbeigh Niles, Catherine Chudakoff *of Coleman

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Secretary Louise Kline called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
4. Board President Carol Henderson recognized staff and guests.
5. Louise Kline made a motion, seconded by Rachel Nader, to approve the January 16, 2024 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED April Caraway shared that funding will be released from the OneOhio Foundation in March. She stated that Region 7 (Trumbull and Mahoning Counties), will have \$2.8 million available. On March 18th at 5:00 PM, an informational meeting will take place at Direction Home to explain the application process. Priority areas for Region 7 are recovery supports and prevention services. Applicants may be both for-profit and non-profit agencies. The OneOhio Foundation will contract with and directly fund the projects. ED Caraway also shared about her recent meeting with Director Cornyn of OhioMHAS when she visited Heartland Behavioral Health Hospital.
2. Local Update – ED April Caraway introduced new staff member, Zackary Gran, Special Projects Accountant. She reminded the Board that \$30,000 from Family and Children First Council will help fund the position. His major focus of work will be on managing the FCFC finances, Pine Ave project, SOR grant and other special projects.
ED April Caraway provided an update on Steward Hospital/Trumbull Regional Medical Group behavioral health units stating they remain open at this time. She and Katie Cretella continue to meet

with Mercy Health to develop a plan to accommodate Trumbull County residents in a BH crisis in case of a unit closure at Steward. OhioMHAS State hospitals are not an option as they have long wait lists for civil patients.

ED April Caraway then updated the board on the Pine Crisis Center project. She met with architects last week and learned that an analysis from a company from Cleveland indicated a two-million-dollar cost increase to the project. They are working on getting a 3rd opinion from a local company.

She then shared that 120-Day notices will go out this week after the Board approves the motions later in the meeting.

Katie Cretella reported on the 2023 data on deaths by suicide in Trumbull County, which increased to 32 from 25 in 2022. Of those, 53% were by firearms. She shared that Amy Zell of the Trumbull Loss Team follows up with families after a suicide. Four of the deaths, who were all males and unrelated, were part of the biker community. Communication has begun with biker organizations to offer support. Katie Cretella and Carol Holmes-Chambers presented the winning videos from the Suicide Prevention PSA contest. Six teams won from an original 32 submissions after submitting the top 15 to a panel of judges. Hubbard won 1st, 3rd, and an honorable mention. TCTC won two honorable mentions, and LaBrae won 2nd place.

3. Finance Report – Patty Shepherd, CPA presented January’s reports. She pointed out line items that were over the projected budgeted amount and confirmed that there is discussion with those agency programs about reallocations and other funding needs.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – In the absence of VP Lance Grahn, ED Caraway reported on the Ethics Training that occurred on February 6, 2024 at 4:30 PM in lieu of the February Program Committee meeting. Attorney Keating provided the training focused on conflicts of interest and Sunshine Laws. The State Legislator is considering allowing ADAMHS Boards to have virtual attendance count. This is already allowable for Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Laura Green indicated a meeting will be set in March.
3. Administrative Committee – Chairperson Rachel Nader reported that they will have a meeting on February 27, 2024 at 4:30 PM and invited all to join. There will be new policies to approve. No new board applications have been received.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. OACBHA – ED Caraway shared the Marijuana Prevention for Teens flyer in the meeting packet.
2. Media Items – ED Caraway discussed the article included in the board packet about AxessPointe and Family & Community Services. F&CS is the parent company of Valley Counseling. She explained the two are working on accreditation to merge and serve both physical and behavioral health needs.
3. Project AHA! Training and Resource Fair, March 15, 2024 - Carol Holmes-Chambers reported that they have a waitlist to participate in the training. The training, similar to “Bridges Out of Poverty,” is a simulation of a month in the life of someone living in poverty. The resource fair includes health screenings, a mobile market, free haircuts and other community resources.
4. ASAP 2024 Calendar of events was discussed. Attendees were encouraged to attend and support the events and trainings available.

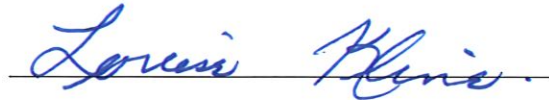
Adjournment

Rachel Nader motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 PM. John Hugley seconded the motion. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

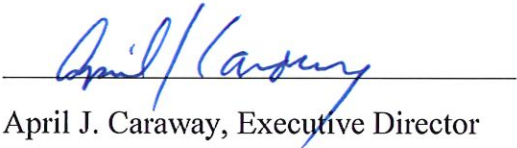
Next Board Meeting – March 19, 2024 at 4:30 PM



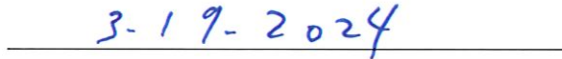
Carol Henderson, President



Louise Kline, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director



Date

