



TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020 4:30 PM via Zoom

Members Present: Jane Boutwell, Carl Clark, Virginia Cluse, Lance Grahn, Jeffrey Goodman, Thomas Harwood, Carol Henderson, Cindy Klein, Leslie Morris, Larry Pavone, Vincent Peterson, Maria Placanica, Deborah Tominey, Judith Toles, John Wilson, Charles Baldwin, David Spies

Members Absent: No members were absent.

Staff Present: April Caraway, John Myers, Lauren Thorp, Laura Domitrovich, Patricia Shephard and Crystal Crites

Guests: Joe Shorokey, Alta; Matt Kresic, Cadence Care Network; Tammy Weaver, Coleman; Brendan Keating, Board legal counsel

Preliminary

1. President Tom Harwood called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. Secretary Debbie Tominey called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present
3. Vince Peterson made a motion, seconded by Cindy Klein, to approve the September 15, 2020 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway ensured everyone had received the Board packets in the mail. She then gave an update on the FY20 Crisis Flex Services Project. A handout was provided in the Board packet. She noted that two new navigators were hired by Coleman to provide case management to people who are homeless and not engaged with a behavioral health agency. Once Covid-19 hit the navigators provided rides, PPE, took food to them, and assisted with housing applications. OhioMHAS permitted the TCMHRB to reallocate some of the funds to ensure that homeless people were sheltered and safe and 530 hotel room days were provided through OhioMHAS and other community foundation funding. Because shelters were required by the Emergency Operations Center to reduce their capacity to 50% to ensure safe distancing, the truly homeless population doubled during the stay at home order. Lauren Thorp presented on the State Opiate Response Grant (SOR). ED Caraway updated the Board about the Adams, Scioto and Lawrence County Board and the lawsuit that had been filed by an agency that did not receive a 120-day notice of intent not to contract. She indicated no such filing is anticipated for Trumbull County agencies since we issued the 120 day notices.
2. Local Update – Lauren Thorp spoke of the Seek Help Campaign, which was taking place online. Calls to 211 will be reviewed to determine if there was an increase in calls due to the campaign. Lauren indicated that when parents talk to their children about drugs children are less likely to use them. She shared Red Ribbon Week events including a Public Service announcement, a proclamation received by the Trumbull County Commissioners, and Drug Take Back event at the Eastwood Mall. Laura Domitrovich is also reaching out to preschools and early childcare consultants to provide ways to keep children safe from medications. ED Caraway then provided an

update about COVID19. CARES funding provided by the commissioners recently paid for more PPE for our agencies and group homes.

3. Finance Report – Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the September 2020 unaudited Revenue and Expenditure Reports. She stated that we received a majority of the first quarter allocations from the state along with the second half of the Tax Levy from CY2020 collections. Ms. Shephard noted line item carry overs that will be discussed in detail during the Finance & Budget Meeting November 10th at 4:30 PM. Board members did not have any questions.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee - Chairperson Jeff Goodman stated there will be a meeting on October 26th at 4:40 PM.
2. Administrative Committee – Chairperson Virginia Cluse indicated there was no meeting.
3. Budget and Finance Committee – Treasurer Maria Placanica indicated there will be a meeting on November 10, 2020 at 4:30PM

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ED Caraway reviewed the OACBHA paper, “Developing a Better Understanding”. Life expectancy decreases when you’re feeling hopeless and not in control. Trumbull county’s unemployment rate is #4 and Mahoning county is #5, which contributes to a feeling of hopelessness.
2. ED Caraway was interviewed for the Tribune Chronicle article, “Valley struggles with kids in poverty.” Living in poverty can lead to higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and substance use as an adult, including smoking, drinking, and excessive alcohol use.

New Business

1. Vince Peterson made a motion to approve the September 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Jeff Goodman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted with 17 Board members still present at the meeting and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

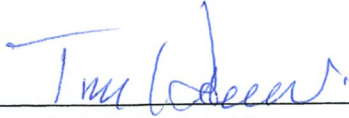
David Spies made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:09 PM, seconded by Cindy Klein, to conference with legal counseling regarding imminent litigation. A roll call vote was taken, which was unanimous. Because the meeting was occurring via the Zoom platform, Board members, the Executive Director and Board Attorney went into a separate Zoom meeting room and the rest of the staff and guests remained in the initial Zoom room.

At 5:48 PM Carl Clark made a motion, seconded by Cindy Klein, to return to open meetings. Board members then remotely went back to the original open meeting Zoom room. No action was taken.

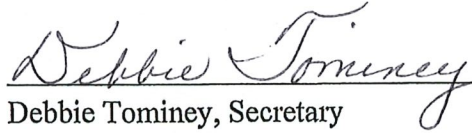
Adjournment

At 5:51 PM Larry Favone made a motion, seconded by Judy Toles, to adjourn the meeting.

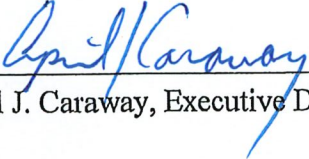
Next Board Meeting – November 17, 2020 at 4:30 PM



Tom Harwood, President



Debbie Tominey, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director



Date

