



TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023 4:33 PM

Members Present: Carol Henderson, Lance Grahn, Laura Green, Charles Baldwin, Carl Clark, Virginia Cluse, John Hugley, Teri Lacy, Rachel Nader, Larry Pavone, Laurie Perry, Maria Placanica, Kevin Stringer, Deborah Tominey, Julia Wike

Members Absent: Thomas Harwood, Louise Kline

Staff Present: April Caraway, Katie Cretella, Crystal Crites, Laura Domitrovich, Carol Holmes-Chambers, John Myers, Valdeoso (Bud) Patterson, Patricia Shepherd, Lauren Thorp

Guests Present: Joe Shorokey,* Alta; Rebecca Bailey,* Belmont Pines; Catherine Chudakoff,* Coleman; Joe Caruso,* Compass; Vince Brancaccio,* Help Network; Brendan Keating, Board Attorney

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vice President Lance Grahn called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present. President Carol Henderson recognized staff and guests.
4. Carl Clark made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer, to approve the September 19, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway spoke on the projected cost increase in outpatient behavioral health care beginning in January 2024. ED Caraway said she'll be asking for additional funding to pay providers to match the Medicaid rate increases. ED Caraway said a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting is needed to discuss this and other budget revisions. Treasurer Laura Green set the meeting for November 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM. ED Caraway also shared that Katie Cretella recently went to a meeting at OhioMHAS regarding state run hospitals. Increases for behavioral hospital inpatient care were discussed.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway shared that the Pine Crisis Project is in the middle of the phase 2 study. Environmental reviews include the sewage system to ensure it can accommodate the eight units. She also stated the additional funding request to OhioMHAS will be discussed at an appeal meeting tomorrow. Next, ED Caraway shared that the administrative assistant of the Family and Children First Council resigned. The position is posted in the newspaper, on Indeed, and JobsNow. ED Caraway also shared that our role as fiscal agent for Family and Children First has increased greatly due to new reporting requirements and additional responsibilities of the Council. The FCFC Executive Committee has committed to providing 25% of the funding needed for a new fiscal position at the Board to help with FCFC fiscal management. This request will also be presented at the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Next, Katie Cretella provided an update on Week of Appreciation activities. The Board received a \$1,500 grant from OACBHA to

pay for gift bags for agency staff. She thanked everyone who helped package the giveaways and all the Board members who delivered them.

3. Finance Report – Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the September 2023 unaudited Revenue and Expenditure Reports. Shepherd discussed the closeout of invoice submissions for FY2023, stating that the amounts on September’s report are all fiscal year 2024 cash payments to date. The same is true for cash received. This then brings the percentage of expenditures for activities in line with the overall 25% for the period. Shepherd then discussed the undesignated operating cash on hand as well as the amount allocated to the Pine Project.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Lance Grahn provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on October 3, 2023 at 4:30 PM.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Laura Green announced there will be a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on November 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM.
3. Administrative Committee – Rachel Nader announced there will be a meeting to go over Board policies on November 9, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to read the OACBHA article “Appreciating Those That Bring Health and Hope to Those in Need.”
2. ED Caraway spoke on the Unmute the Uncomfortable conference that will be held on November 17, 2023 from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM at Kent State Trumbull campus. Caraway said she’s proud to say the Board helps sponsor this event and grateful to Katie as she is the original creator of this event.
3. ED Caraway announced there will be a CIT Training November 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20, 2023. John Myers said this training has been going on since 2006 and has currently trained 309 officers. Board members talked briefly on short- and long-term outcomes of the training.
4. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to review the media pages in the Board packet.


New Business

1. Charles Baldwin made a motion to approve the September 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Laura Green seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM on a motion by Charles Baldwin, seconded by Rachel Nader.


Next Board Meeting – November 21, 2023 at 4:30 PM



Carol Henderson, President



Lance Grahn, Vice President



April J. Caraway, Executive Director

11-21-2023

Date