



TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023 4:30 PM

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

Members Absent: Louise Kline, Kevin Stringer

Staff Present: April Caraway, Katie Cretella, Crystal Crites, John Myers, Valdeoso (Bud) Patterson, Patricia Shepherd, Lauren Thorp

Guests Present: Joe Shorokey,* Alta; Catherine Chudakoff,* Coleman; Joe Caruso,* Compass; Gary Seech,* Glenbeigh

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Judge Fredericka administered the Oath of Office to new Board members Charles Baldwin, Thomas Harwood, Teri Lacy and Laurie Perry
4. Treasurer Laura Green called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present. President Carol Henderson recognized staff and guests.
5. Carl Clark made a motion, seconded by Julia Wike, to approve the July 18, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway gave an update on the OneOhio Opioid Settlement noting that funding will not be coming to the regions until at least January of 2024. She also shared that the Lake/Trumbull pharmacies lawsuit has been appealed and now resides with the Ohio Supreme Court. This win resulted in “waterfall” settlements with the pharmacies across the country.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway introduced Kim Walker as the new Addiction Programs Coordinator. Mrs. Walker shared information about herself and said that it’s a pleasure to be part of the team. ED Caraway then called attention to the updated staff Table of Organization in the Board packet. Next, she provided an update on the Pine Crisis Center. OhioMHAS has indicated that they may be able to reallocate funds not used in other parts of the State to provide the final \$1 million needed to complete the project. A final determination has not yet been made. A Phase 1 study has been completed at the site. ED Caraway thanked Joe Caruso for all of the help with the property and transitioning it for use as a Crisis Center. ED Caraway stated that John Wilson has been attending project meetings and helping with tracking the grants and expenditures. ED Caraway then informed the Board that the Washington House Project will not be moving forward. The cost to renovate the house is more than the value of the property. Also, a pre-project focus group facilitated by Coleman found that the target population, women in recovery, did not

feel that the location on Washington Street was a good location to sustain recovery. She stated there will be a motion to support the conclusion of the project and for Coleman to pay back what had been spent from the capital grant.

Next, ED Caraway called attention to the Partner Solutions Utilization Report which documents the top ten disorders being treated in adults and children. The report captures the number of people served and cost for the services. The most expensive disorder to treat for several years has been opioid use disorder. Cannabis use disorder is the 10th highest issue for which adults seek treatment. The Board then discussed the recreational marijuana issue on the November ballot. Thomas Harwood made a motion to oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana. Carl Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren Thorp provided a follow-up report about Overdose Awareness Day activities. The TC Combined Health District worked with the City of Warren to light up the Courthouse purple in honor of the day. They also handed out 250 locks for people to write the names of their loved ones and hang on the fence near the log cabin in downtown Warren. White flags to represent each nonfatal overdose in 2022 and 2023 were placed on Courthouse Square. Purple flags were placed to represent each fatal overdose during the same timeframe. ASAP partnered with 24 locations throughout the county to distribute 600 Narcan kits. The coalition also partnered with the Sheriff's Office to create a commercial about counterfeit pills being made with fentanyl.

Lauren then provided a report on the ASAP Recovery Rally, stating an estimate of 800 people were in attendance. There were 24 sponsors and 37 vendor tables. Thorp thanked everyone for their help to make it a great day.

3. Finance Report – Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the July and August 2023 unaudited Revenue and Expenditure Reports. Shepherd let the Board know we received the majority of the OhioMHAS quarterly allocation for FY24. Patty also referred to the Pine Avenue renovations for the 24/7 Crisis Center and reminded Board members that grant funds received and spent will not be reflected in the actual cash account because they are reimbursable capital grants.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Lance Grahn provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on September 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Laura Green announced there was no meeting and one will be scheduled in November.
3. Administrative Committee – ED Caraway announced there was no meeting and nothing is scheduled at this time.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ED Caraway announced the Friends of the TCMHRB Golf Outing, held on July 28, 2023 earned \$7,917.72
2. Katie Cretella announced the upcoming Suicide Prevention Video Contest that the Ross Griffin Foundation is sponsoring. The deadline will be in November.
3. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to read the OACBHA article “Unpacking Child Trauma.”
4. Lauren Thorp spoke briefly on the Anti-Stigma Campaign that the Board was chosen to pilot. Thorp says as more information comes in, she will share it with everyone.
5. ED Caraway announced there will be a Fostering Resiliency Summit hosted by the Trauma Informed Care Committee of the Family and Children First Council on September 29, 2023 and welcomed Board Members to register.
6. Katie Cretella announced there will be another Unmute the Uncomfortable conference on November 17, 2023 from 8:00 AM- 12:15 PM at Kent State Trumbull Campus.

7. ED Caraway encourage everyone to read over the TCMHRB upcoming events and community events flyers in the Board packet.
8. ED Caraway encouraged everyone to review the media pages in the Board packet.

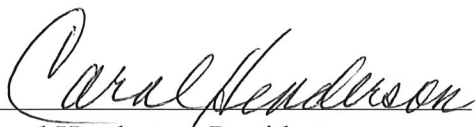
New Business

1. Thomas Harwood made a motion to approve the July 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Lance Grahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Maria Placanica made a motion to approve the August 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Lance Grahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Carl Clark made a motion to approve the Pine Crisis Center project and OhioMHAS-ARPA funds “with an assurance of intent to support and to fund the applicant’s program consistent with the application, and in addition, annually monitor the program and operations of the facility to assure compliance.” Julia Wike seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. Charles Baldwin made a motion to approve authorizing two signatures for the mortgage note and contract for the Pine Crisis Center project. Debby Tominey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. Lance Grahn made a motion to support Coleman Professional Services discontinuation of the 166 Washington Street, Warren, Ohio, OhioMHAS Capital Grant project, MH-1191, and the payoff of the funds reimbursed to them. John Hugley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. Charles Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee to appoint Daniela Ghizzoni of Compass Family and Community Services, as Health Officers, and to rescind the Health Officer appointments of Edward Bolino and Mary Beth Brutz of Valley Counseling Services, effective immediately. Maria Placanica seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

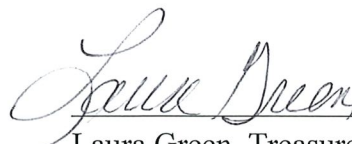
Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM on a motion by Thomas Harwood, seconded by Laura Green.

Next Board Meeting – October 17, 2023 at 4:30 PM



Carol Henderson, President



Laura Green, Treasurer



April J. Caraway, Executive Director

10-17-2023

Date

