



TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023 4:30 PM

Members Present: Virginia Cluse, Carol Henderson, Louise Kline, Laura Green, Thomas Harwood, John Hugley, Rachel Nader, Larry Pavone, Maria Placanica, Kevin Stringer, Julia Wike, John Wilson

Members Absent: Carl Clark, Lance Grahn, David Spies, Deborah Tominey

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

Guests Present: Joe Shorokey*, Alta; Matt Kresic*, Cadence Care; Catherine Chudakoff*, Coleman; Gary Seech*, Glenbeigh; Vince Brancaccio*, Help Network; Laurie Perry; Sister Jean Orsuto

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Virginia Cluse called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attorney Brendan Keating administered the Oath of Office for Carol Henderson who was appointed for an additional four-year term.
4. Secretary Louise Kline called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
5. Kevin Stringer made a motion, seconded by Thomas Harwood, to approve the May 16, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway announced that we received most of our FY2024 allocations and she is confident that the rest of the state funding streams will be forthcoming. The 10% Medicaid increase has remained in the budget; however, only certain billable services, yet to be determined, will receive the increase. The TCMHRB will match the new Medicaid rates for indigent clients.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway recognized Sister Jean Orsuto for her decades of service, advocacy for the unsheltered, and leadership during the COVID pandemic. ED Caraway then provided an update on the Pine Crisis Center. She said that we have housed over 330 families in hotels since March of 2020 and the need has increased. Rachel Nader led the Eviction Summit recently to talk about the crisis and raise awareness in the community. ED Caraway continues to write for grants to support the project. So far, \$1.5 million in OhioMHAS ARPA funds, \$750,000 in OhioMHAS Capital Grant funds, up to \$1 million from City of Warren HOME ARPA funds, and \$1 million in TCMHRB funding has been approved. A discussion ensued about the need for WRTA expansion. The Crisis Center is a block from the existing WRTA Warren Express route that is free for riders thanks to a 2-year grant secured by Mirta Reyes from WRTA. ED Caraway then reviewed the changes to the staff organizational chart, including increased responsibilities and a new title for Carol Holmes Chambers. The Budget and Finance Committee was supportive of the job change and pay increase. We have also added Jeff Ondash as the Marketing Consultant in replacement of Jill Lewis. Next, ED Caraway called attention to the strategic plan noting that everything we've set

out to do is done or being done. She then shared that Auditor Yoder told her the levy cannot be placed on the ballot for renewal until November 2024. Lauren Thorp then spoke on the ASAP Drug Summit that took place on May 26th. She thanked everyone who attended noting that there were 195 people in attendance and that didn't include vendors. There were 11 speakers, and they all did well according to the evaluation responses. AD Thorp then offered leftover Sam Quinones books to Board members and guests.

3. Finance Report – Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the May 2023 unaudited Revenue and Expenditure Reports. Shepherd announced that we have received all OhioMHAS funding for FY23. Central Pharmacy and SOS funds, formerly called SOR, are drawn down after expenditures are paid. She announced that June is the last month of the fiscal year, but we will continue to accept and pay invoices, within the approved FY23 Budget, through September.
4. Election of Officers- President Virginia Cluse reminded everyone about the election process. ED Caraway stated that Lance Grahn said he is willing to serve again. President Cluse started with nominations for Secretary. John Wilson nominated Louise Kline. Mrs. Kline accepted, and since there were no other nominations, she was approved by acclamation for an additional one-year term. President Cluse then asked if there were any nominations for Treasurer. Carol Henderson nominated John Hugley for Treasurer. Mr. Hughley declined as he is new to the Board and would like more time to learn about it. Carol Henderson then nominated Laura Green. Mrs. Green accepted, and since there were no other nominations, she was approved by acclamation. President Cluse then asked if there were any nominations for Vice President. Rachel Nader nominated Lance Grahn. As there were no other nominations, and since Mr. Grahn had agreed to serve, he was approved by acclamation. President Cluse then asked if there were any nomination for President. Thomas Harwood nominated Carol Henderson. Mrs. Henderson accepted, and since there were no other nominations, she was approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Carol Henderson provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on June 6, 2023 at 4:30pm.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – ED Caraway provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on June 13, 2023.
3. Administrative Committee – Rachel Nader announced there will be a meeting June 27, 2023 at 4:00 pm to go over April Caraway's evaluation and Board member applications.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. April Caraway announced the ASAP Track Meet will be held July 15, 2023.
2. April Caraway announced the Friends of the TCMHRB Golf Outing will be held on July 28, 2023. Caraway asked that if anyone has any items to donate for the golf outing, please bring them to Board staff.
3. April Caraway announced that there will be a Family and Children First Council Orientation July 13 & 18, 2023. She reminded the Board that not all FCFC members have a contract with the TCMHRB.
4. April Caraway encouraged everyone to review the media pages in the Board packet.
5. April Caraway announced the next Program Committee meeting will be July 11, 2023 at 4:30 pm due to the July 4 holiday.
6. April Caraway announced there will be a Crossroads Open House on August 15, 2023 from 11:00 am -1:00 pm. Please come to see the renovations.
7. The Board determined there will be no meetings of the TCMHRB in August.

New Business

1. Maria Placanica made a motion to approve the May 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Carol Henderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Thomas Harwood made a motion to approve the FY2024 Budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. Laura Green Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve the revised strategic plan. Rachel Nader seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

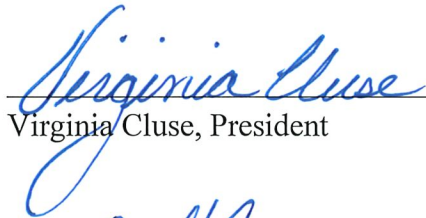
Recognition of Board Members Terming off the Board

April Caraway presented an award to Thomas Harwood and thanked him for serving 8 years.
April Caraway presented an award to John Wilson and thanked him for serving 16 years.
April Caraway recognized David Spies, who was unable to attend, for serving 10 years on the Board.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM on a motion by John Wilson, seconded by Thomas Harwood.

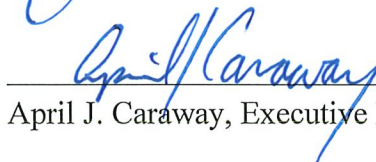
Next Board Meeting – July 18, 2023 at 4:30 PM



Virginia Cluse, President



Louise Kline, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director

7-18-2023

Date

