



TRUMBULL COUNTY
Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022 4:30 PM

Members Present: Virginia Cluse, Carol Henderson, Lance Grahn, Louise Kline, Carl Clark, Laura Green, Thomas Harwood, Rachel Nader, Maria Placanica, Kevin Stringer, Deborah Tominey, Julia Wike, John Wilson

Members Absent: Jane Boutwell, Larry Pavone, David Spies, Judith Toles

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

Guests Present: Joe Shorokey*, Alta; Sheila Donnadio, Coleman; Joe Caruso*, Compass; Gary Seech*, Glenbeigh; Vince Brancaccio*, Help Network; Dean Monteleone*, Neil Kennedy; Brendan Keating, Board Attorney

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Virginia Cluse called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attorney Brendan Keating administered the oath of office to Kevin Stringer as a new Board member.
4. Secretary Louise Kline called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
5. John Wilson made a motion, seconded by Carol Henderson, to approve the October 18, 2022 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update –ED Caraway provided an update on the Community Plan. The Plan will be presented at the January meeting.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway shared the FY22 Annual Report. The report will be submitted to OhioMHAS, TC Commissioners, community partners and will be posted on the Board’s website. ED Caraway then spoke about Valley Counseling’s \$750,000 capital grant from OhioMHAS. The grant will pay for upgrades, including a community room, at Valley’s Children’s Office on Mahoning Ave. Next, ED Caraway gave an update on the OneOhio Region 7 Committee and thanked Carol Henderson for talking to the Commissioners about having a more diverse committee. Katie Cretella let everyone know that, with the help of Laura Domitrovich and Carol Holmes-Chambers, the Suicide Prevention Coalition has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Center of Excellence. Ms. Cretella shared that the funds will be used for podcasts, social media and billboards. Lauren Thorp then handed out the ASAP Resource Guide. The guide can also be found on the Board’s website and ASAP’s Facebook page. She then shared information about other ASAP projects, including mailing cards, which will include magnets containing grief support information, to the next of kin of overdose victims; anti -stigma efforts; and the update of the ASAP Parent Handbook. Thorp announced that the next ASAP Drug Summit will be held on

May 26, 2023. The coalition is also partnering with the Workforce Development Board to host a training for employers in the spring. The training will cover information about 2nd Chance Employment. Rachel Nader offered her assistance on record sealing and CQEs. ED Caraway shared that the first responders honored her with a coin for her help during the COVID crisis. ED Caraway shared that staff continues to collect housing capacity reports and also orders and distributes PPE to agencies. ED Caraway then asked for thoughts on canceling the December Board meetings. Discussion was held. President Virginia Cluse welcomed Mr. Kevin Stringer to the Board. Mr. Stringer shared that he is in his eleventh year of running the after-school program for Willard and Jefferson schools in the Warren City School district. Stringer said he is honored to be part of the Board.

3. Finance Report – Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the October 2022 unaudited Revenue and Expenditure Reports. Shepherd stated that second quarter allocations are starting to be received. She also spoke of the one-time payment to FCFC. Next Shepherd briefly went over the FY22 Modified Accrual, Unaudited Statements of Revenue and Expenditures, noting there was a need for adjustment to budgets under Special Projects & Grants. Then, Shepherd went over the fourth quarter and year-end report of the HUD grants, providing the actual cash fund balance.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Carol Henderson provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on November 1, 2022 at 4:30pm.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Lance Grahn provided an overview of the Budget meeting held on November 3, 2022 at 4:30pm. ED Caraway said there is a need for a 24/7 Crisis Center and short-term supportive housing for a women and children. The cost of the project could be close to 4 million dollars. Grahn spoke of the Boards cash reserves, stating they could possibly be used for this major project. Carol Henderson spoke of the need for mentoring programs. Carol Holmes-Chambers agreed and discussed the recently released targeted RFI for mentoring programs. Kevin Stringer offered his assistance with this project.
3. Administrative Committee –Rachel Nader said there was no meeting and nothing to report at this time.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ED Caraway highlighted the OACBHA article “Youth Substance Abuse Prevention.” Caraway encouraged everyone to read the article.
2. ED Caraway spoke of the Crisis Intervention Team trainings for Law Enforcement that will be held November 16,17, 18, 21 and 22. Caraway said there is an agenda in the Board packet. Everyone is welcome to attend one, or all, parts of the training.

New Business

1. Maria Placanica made a motion to approve the October 2022 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Carl Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Louise Kline made a motion to approve the FY2022 year-end report. Rachel Nader seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve the Fund 221 HUD grant year-end report. John Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. Thomas Harwood made a motion to approve the FY2022 Annual Report. Laura Green seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. Carol Henderson made a motion to approve the Family & Community Services capital grant renovation project from OhioMHAS for \$750,000 for renovations of the Valley Counseling

Services (VCS) Children's Office located at 318 Mahoning Avenue in Warren. The TCMHRB is in support of the project and will utilize the OhioMHAS Capital Grant funding 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 ensure compliance. Louise Kline seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Rachel Nader made a motion to remove Julie Melton former Coleman employee, Peggy Good and Terra Howell-Muth, former Compass employees, as health officers effective immediately. Maria Placanica seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. Rachel Nader made a motion to submit the Board application of Mr. John Hugley to OhioMHAS for consideration for Board appointment. Carol Henderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
8. John Wilson made a motion to cancel December meetings of the Board. Kevin Stringer seconded the motion, which passed with twelve Board members voting for cancellation and one against.

President Virginia Cluse opened the floor for additional topics.

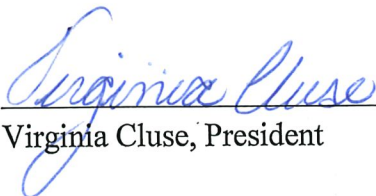
Carl Clark praised the Cadence Coffee House. Mr. Clark said he attended a meeting there and had a great experience.

Carol Henderson spoke about New Day Recovery. Carol, Laura and Louise went on a tour. They all said it was very clean and that they have great programs.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM upon a motion by Thomas Harwood seconded by Carl Clark.

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




Virginia Cluse, President



Louise Kline, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director



Date

