

Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025 4:30 PM

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Carol Henderson, Laura Green, Kevin Stringer, Louise Kline, Carl Clark, Lance Grahn, Rachel Nader, Robert Walton, Teri Lacy, Maria Placanica, John Hugley, Tom Harwood, Julia Wike

Board Members Absent: Charles Baldwin, Laurie Perry, Virginia Cluse

<u>Staff Present</u>: Carie Garris, Katie Cretella, April Caraway, Lauren Thorp, Valdeoso "Bud" Patterson, Laura Domitrovich, John Myers, Holly Williams, Patricia Shepherd

<u>Guests</u>: Matt Kresic*, Cadence Care Network; Catherine Blankenship*, Coleman Health Services; Hatti Tracy*, Coleman Health Services; Vince Brancaccio*, Help Network of Northeast Ohio; Mark Frisone*, Axess Family Health Services; Vince Paolucci*, Alta Behavioral Health; Hope Haney*, NAMIMV; Rebecca Bayley*, Belmont Pines; Michael Nyers*, NAMIMV

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

- 1. Vice President Lance Grahn called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.
- 2. Vice President Lance Grahn led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Secretary Teri Lacy called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
- 4. Vice President Lance Grahn recognized guests and staff.
- 5. Carl Clark made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer, to approve the April 15, 2025 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – President Carol Henderson arrived and began to lead the meeting.

ED Caraway gave an update on the Board's access to Medicaid data. This data is important to meet the federal match requirements for the Continuum of Care housing vouchers managed by Coleman. Coleman has worked diligently to obtain new release of information forms signed by impacted clients. By doing so, we have met the federal match requirement to receive the grant funding. She encouraged everyone to continue to advocate for the continuation of expanded Medicaid. Governor DeWine has included in his budget proposal a provision stating that if the federal portion of Medicaid funding drops below 90%, medical assistance for members of the expansion population will immediately discontinue. This will affect about 80% of the population we serve. ED Caraway further stated if this occurs agencies will be in threat of closing, people will lose lifesaving services and hundreds of people will lose their jobs.

- 2. Local Update ED Caraway shared an update on the Pine BH Crisis Center. The Tribune reported that the city is fixing the flooding issue on Pine Ave. Industries are coming in to the area and the larger pipes will benefit the Pine Crisis Center too. The contractors remain on target for their September 11, 2025 completion date.
 - ED Caraway then led a discussion about the Unmute the Uncomfortable training. Ten board members attended. Several Board members expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the event. Katie Cretella reported that 300 people registered with approximately 280 in attendance. There were twenty-five vendors.
 - ED Caraway reminded members that Carl Clark and Virginia Cluse will reach their term limits this June. She has submitted requests to the TC Commissioners that they reappoint Louise Kline and Lance Grahn to an additional term.
 - ED Caraway shared that both Unmute the Uncomfortable and the upcoming ASAP Drug Summit have been approved by OhioMHAS as board trainings.
 - May is Mental Health Month and Katie Cretella shared information about the "Go Green for Mental Health" coffee sleeves project with local coffee shops. Participants are encouraged to take a selfie and tag the Suicide Prevention Coalition and they will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to the coffee shop from where they got their coffee. First Responders will be entered into a separate drawing and winners will receive coffee and donuts for their department. Also during May, the Board will have an ad in the Business Journal and partner with WFMJ on an Anti-Stigma campaign with the Columbiana and Mahoning County MHRB's.
 - AD Lauren Thorp announced that we have contracted with Corrie Darocha to be our ASAP Coalition Coordinator. Corrie has been involved with ASAP and formerly worked for Meridian. ED Caraway announced that we are also looking for a new marketing consultant. Sarah Lee resigned, effective the end of April.
- 3. Finance Reports –Patty Shepherd, CPA reviewed the March 2025 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports. She stated that historically, March revenue tends to be low. In April, we will receive the second half of the year's levy dollars and OhioMHAS 4th Quarter allocations. These will total about \$2 mil. Since our last meeting, the Board received a grant in the amount of \$38,258 that is earmarked to help individuals living in recovery housing with transportation to and from recovery services. The transportation will be provided by peer supporters.

Committee Reports

- 1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee Vice President, Lance Grahn reported on the April 1, 2025 meeting. The program presenter was Vince Arduin of the Forensic Psychiatric Center of Northeast Ohio.
- 2. Budget and Finance Committee Treasurer Laura Green gave a report on the meeting held March 25, 2025 at which time FY25 budget adjustments were recommended.
- 3. Administrative Committee Chairperson Rachel Nader reported on the meeting held April 7, 2025. The committee reviewed the real estate conveyance for 820 Pine Ave. Laura Green commented that Attorney Rachel Nader did a good job of leading the discussion to help members understand the contract. Five policies to ensure compliance for Federal Awards were also reviewed.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

- 1. OACBHA ED Caraway drew attention to the report, "The Aging Population and Mental Health" that was included in the packet and encouraged everyone to read it.
- 2. Study: Findings from the TCMHRB Community Survey on Addiction was included from the Addiction Policy Forum.

- 3. Media Items The Tribune covered the \$248,000 Grant that AD Thorp applied for and received.
- 4. The Connection Between Mental Health and Finances one-page information flyer from the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation was also included for review.
- 5. ASAP Drug Summit The Board was reminded of the May 16, 2025 date.
- 6. ED Caraway discussed the updated Behavioral Health Crisis Plan in the packet.

New Business

- 1. Maria Placanica made a motion to approve the March 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Robert Walton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 2. Louise Kline made a Motion to approve the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee on the FY2025 Budget revisions. Julia Wike seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Tom Harwood made a motion to approve the contract to convey the 820 Pine Ave property to Coleman Health Services. Teri Lacy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 4. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve the TCMHRB Virtual Meetings Policy. Carl Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 5. Kevin Stringer made a motion to approve Federal Fund policies as recommended by the Administrative Committee of the Board. Julia Wike seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 6. Lance Grahn made a motion to approve the TCMHRB Crisis Plan. Tom Harwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM on a motion by Rachel Nader seconded by Carl Clark.

Next Board Meeting - May 20, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Carol Henderson, President

Teri Lacy, Secretary

April J. Caraway, Executive Director

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