



Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024

Members Present: Carol Henderson, Lance Grahn, Laura Green, Louise Kline, Virginia Cluse, Carl Clark, Thomas Harwood, John Hugley, Teri Lacy, Rachel Nader, Laurie Perry, Maria Placanica, Kevin Stringer, Deborah Tominey

Members Absent: Charles Baldwin, Larry Pavone, Julia Wike

Staff Present: April Caraway, Kim Walker, Valdeoso “Bud” Patterson, Katie Cretella, Patricia Shepherd, Lauren Thorp, Carol Holmes-Chambers, John Myers, Carie Garris, Laura Domitrovich*

Guests: Hope Haney - NAMI, Vince Brancaccio* – Help Network NEO, Tammy Weaver* - Coleman, Hattie Tracy* - Coleman, Joe Shorokey* - Alta, Joe Caruso* - COMPASS, John Wilson - Board consultant, Catherine Chudakoff* - Coleman

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

Preliminary

1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary Louise Kline called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present
4. President Carol Henderson recognized staff and guests
5. Thomas Harwood made a motion, seconded by Lance Grahn to approve the March 19, 2024 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED Caraway shared a OneOhio summary of the grant program and announced that the OneOhio Foundation has begun accepting grant applications. May 4th is the deadline. The state foundation will vet all applications and then provide them to the regional reviewers. May 10th is the next Region 7 Committee meeting at Direction Home of NE Ohio at 5:00 PM. Joe Rossi is secretary and he submits all media releases.
2. ED Caraway shared news about the passing of two people who were important to our community. Tony Cario, who was the COO of Direction Home, passed away last week. Sister Jean Orsuto passed away April 14th. ED Caraway recognized Sr. Jean’s life of service and how she led the charge to serve those who were unsheltered.
3. Local Update – ED Caraway announced that we have new TCMHRB brochures. She asked members to share some with their community groups. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and we are working with the Columbiana and Mahoning County MHRB’s to promote getting help and the services available in the Valley. Katie Cretella reported on the Suicide Prevention Coalition’s project to promote Mental Health Awareness Month by partnering with local area coffee shops by providing coffee sleeves with the #gogreenformentalhealth2024 message. Ed Caraway then reported that the Lake/Trumbull Counties’ Opiate Lawsuit resides with the Ohio Supreme Court. She and Kim Frasier, Director of the Lake county MHRB, observed the appeal testimony. The opinion could be received in weeks or a couple of years.

ED Caraway discussed the summary of costs for the Pine Crisis Center in the board packet. HUD did not approve the 1-million-dollar allocation by Warren Community Development. Michael Keys, Director of WCD, indicated they could instead allocate up to 1.4 million for direct services over 5 years. ED Caraway asked the Board to allocate an additional one million dollars toward construction. The funding from WCD will fund direct services provided by Coleman to the project. ED Caraway reminded the Board we have funding allocated, but not utilized, at the end of each fiscal year because of grant funding and because agencies don't always spend their allocations due to lack of staff and other issues. Board member Rachel Nader said that this was a good plan since it could take a year to try to get HUD to reconsider. Board President Henderson added that the Center is *very* important for the community and the police need a place to take those having a mental health crisis so they can get the help they need instead of going to jail. Kevin Stringer concurred the importance of this project by stating that a mental health crisis affects every family. Lance Grahn shared that allocating an additional 1 million dollars for the project will reduce the reserves significantly and also show the need to renew the levy in the fall.

4. Finance Reports - Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the March 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Reports. A new report was disseminated at the meeting with changes highlighted. She shared that the deposit of levy funds usually takes place by the end of March but is taking longer this year. The auditor indicated the funds should be distributed by Friday, April 19th.

Committee Reports

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Vice President, Lance Grahn provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on April 2, 2024. Joe Caruso, president and CEO of COMPASS, and Larry Tepe reviewed the array of services COMPASS provides.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Treasurer, Laura Green provided a brief overview of the meeting that took place on March 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Minutes were provided in the board packet and highlighted revisions that were recommended at the meeting.
3. Administrative Committee – Chairperson Rachel Nader reported that there was no meeting. ED Caraway indicated no new board member applications were received.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. ED Caraway asked everyone to review the packet insert from OACBHA highlighting the crisis text line: Text 4HOPE to 741741.
2. The ASAP Drug Summit is May 17, 2024. Everyone was encouraged to register.
3. Media Items – local news stories were included in the meeting packet.
4. AD Lauren Thorp shared with the board about the survey that ASAP is promoting. Trumbull County was chosen to be a part of a pilot program through the Addiction Policy Forum. The first step is a community perception survey aimed at getting feedback from the community to better understand how we can reduce the stigma surrounding addiction. The flyers include a QR code to link to the survey. We'd like it shared in as many places as possible. AD Thorp also reminded everyone about the medication disposal event the first Saturday of May at Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District in Warren.

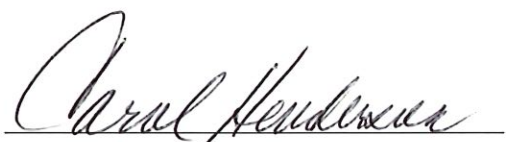
New Business

1. Maria Placanica made a motion to approve the March 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Carl Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Teri Lacy made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee's proposed changes to the FY2024 budget. Laura Green seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Laurie Perry made a motion to approve allocating an additional \$1,000,000 from reserves for the Pine Crisis Center project. Kevin Stringer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. President Carol Henderson shared her positive thoughts about the ASAP Coalition meeting that happened earlier in the day. Steven Dunn from the Ohio Department of Health was present. He oversees Project DAWN. Lauren stated that he came to hear from us but ended up giving a lot of helpful information, took questions, and led a very informative discussion.

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, Deborah Tominey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Nader seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Next Board Meeting – May 21, 2024 at 4:30 PM



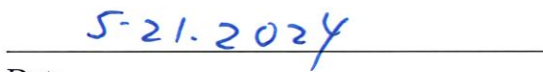
Carol Henderson, President



Louise Kline, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director



Date

