

# Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025 4:30 PM

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Carol Henderson, Lance Grahn, Teri Lacy, Kevin Stringer, Carl Clark, Robert Walton, Louise Kline, Virginia Cluse, Laurie Perry, Maria Placanica, John Hugley, Julia Wike

Board Members Absent: Charles Baldwin, Rachel Nader, Tom Harwood, Laura Green\*

<u>Staff Present</u>: April Caraway, Carie Garris, Katie Cretella, Kim Walker, Lauren Thorp, John Myers, Patricia Shepherd, V. "Bud" Patterson, Laura Domitrovich, Holly Williams\*

<u>Guests</u>: Joe Shorokey\*, Alta Behavioral Health; Catherine Chudakoff\*, Coleman Health Services; Adria Rovnyak\*, Glenbeigh; Hope Haney\*, NAMI; Vince Brancaccio\*, Help Network of NEO; Matt Kresic\*, Cadence Care Network; Rebecca Bayley\*, Belmont Pines.

\*Denotes Virtual Attendees

### **Preliminary**

- 1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM
- 2. President Carol Henderson lead the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Secretary Teri Lacy called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
- 4. President Carol Henderson recognized guests and staff.
- 5. Laurie Perry made a motion, seconded by Kevin Stringer to approve the November 19, 2025 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## Report from the Executive Director

- State Update ED Caraway confirmed that the restrictions placed on the Board's retrieval of Medicaid data hindered the Board's ability to meet match requirements for HUD grants. She reached out to OhioMHAS Director Cornyn. A meeting was convened with leaders at OhioMHAS, Medicaid, and Coleman about the issue. The Ohio Dept. of Medicaid (ODM) has agreed to provide the needed information as long as they have Release of Information forms signed by the clients that include the Board. Coleman is working with clients to get updated releases and submitting them to ODM.
- 2. Local Update ED Caraway shared that furniture bids for Pine Crisis Center closed today. Three bids were received. The Pine Crisis Center meeting that was to be onsite was moved to virtual due to extreme weather conditions but work continues. Insight/TMH and the TCMHRB executed an MOU so that they may provide indigent care for the uninsured as part of their non-profit status.\Lead psychiatrist, Dr. Momen, will not renew his contract that terminates January

- 31, 2025. Leaders at Insight/TMH have indicated plans to bring in new psychiatric staff. The Trumbull-Mahoning Rise Collaborative leadership has transferred to the Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, Inc., under the oversight of Carol Holmes Chambers. Our staff will continue to be involved in the collaborative to push the initiative forward. John Myers reviewed the evaluation data from the 21<sup>st</sup> CIT training. Results indicated a growth in attendee knowledge and positive instructor and site reviews. This information will be used to plan the next CIT training. AD Lauren Thorp reported on overdose statistics. In 2023, Trumbull County was 7<sup>th</sup> in the state for rate of overdose deaths. In 2024 we experienced a significant decline in overdose deaths and Fentanyl-related overdoses dip below 90%. Unfortunately, the percentage of toxicology reports including Methamphetamine increased. Katie Cretella reported Suicide Statistics for 2023 and 2024. She noted a decrease in deaths by suicide among Veterans. She also shared that the coalition is revisiting the "Man Therapy" campaign. The Suicide Coalition's PSA contest has wrapped up and judging for the top three will take place at the end of January. The coffee sleeve program at local coffee houses will take place again in May.
- 3. Finance Reports –Patty Shepherd, CPA reviewed both the November 2024 and December 2024 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports as there was no board meeting in December. She explained the changes between the two reports that are a result of the board-approved budget revision going into effect in December. She also explained that, starting with December's report, expenditures and grant funding for the Pine Crisis Center project will be reported separately.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee Vice President, Lance Grahn reported on the January 7, 2025 meeting. The program presenter was Lisa Ross, Re-entry Case Manager of Catholic Charities.
- 2. Budget and Finance Committee No meeting to report.
- 3. Administrative Committee ED April Caraway reported on the January 14, 2025 meeting in the chairperson's absence. She highlighted the policy changes, which include remote work, protected health information, non-exempt employees and social media. The committee also discussed ED Caraway's request for staff salary increases and coverage for the county's insurance increase. The committee recommended approval of these items to the full Board.

## Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

- 1. ED Caraway drew attention to the OACBHA report, "How to find Help" that was included in the packet and encouraged everyone to read it.
- 2. ED Caraway also mentioned two articles from the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation: "Grief After Suicide Loss" and "Addressing Suicide in the Construction Industry".
- 3. ED Caraway shared the thank you card received from the Salvation Army for the Angel Tree presents.

#### **New Business**

- 1. Robert Walton made a motion to approve the November 2024 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 December 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Laurie Perry Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Kevin Stringer made a Motion to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Committee of the Board to grant employees 4% cost of living increases and to cover 100% of

- health insurance cost increases, effective January 1, 2025. Teri Lacy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 4. Lance Grahn made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Committee of the Board to approve policy revisions as submitted by the Executive Director. Kevin Stringer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# **Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM on a motion by Kevin Stringer seconded by Teri Lacy.

Next Board Meeting – February 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Carol Henderson, President

Teri Lacy, Secretary

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April J. Caraway, Executive Director

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