

# Mental Health and Recovery Board

Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2020 4:30 PM via Zoom

**Members Present:** Charles Baldwin, Jane Boutwell, Carl Clark, Virginia Cluse, Lance Grahn, Cindy Klein, Jeffrey Goodman, Thomas Harwood, Carol Henderson, Virginia Pasha, Larry Pavone, Vincent Peterson, Maria Placanica, Deborah Tominey, John Wilson

Members Absent: David Spies, Judith Toles, Nancy Werner

**Staff Present:** April Caraway, Laura Domitrovich, Ilona Roth Cohn, Lana Hennings, John Myers, Linda Parise, Lauren Thorp and Patricia Shepherd

Guests: Tammy Weaver, Coleman; Joe Caruso, Compass

#### **Preliminary**

1. President Tom Harwood called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

- 2. Secretary Debbie Tominey called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
- 3. Cindy Klein made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lance Grahn, to approve the April 22, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was completed by ED Caraway, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### Report from the Executive Director

- 1. State Update ED Caraway received informational COVID-19 posters from the state for our agencies, recovery houses and adult care facilities and are being included in the PPE distributions. Potential state budget cuts for FY2021 are concerning to mental health and recovery boards across the state as is a potential change to Medicaid eligibility, which could affect our most vulnerable behavioral health population. The budget cuts for FY2020 announced by the Governor were absorbed by OhioMHAS in that they returned unallocated funding to the state.
- 2. Local Update ED Caraway reported that staff of the TCMHRB will be returning to the office June 1, 2020. All staff temperatures will be taken daily upon entering the office and masks are required in all common areas, both in our office suite as well as throughout the TMHA building. ED Caraway reviewed the COVID-19 expenditures document, which was included in the Board packet. Staff has been distributing PPE to recovery houses, adult care facilities and treatment centers. The EOC has been generous in supplying Personal Protective Equipment. Board staff are reviewing submitted RFIs by the agencies and will discuss recommendations at the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Discussion regarding the annual Levy Golf Outing led to the consensus to cancel this year because of the concern of social distancing. Attorney Goodman suggested a letter be sent to our golfers and sponsors regarding this year's cancellation, thanking them for their past support and letting them know of next year's date. ED Caraway discussed the anticipated budget cuts for FY2021. She stated that it would not be fair to pass on all cuts to the agencies. So that as many community services could continue as possible, she recommended the board eliminate the position of Program Coordinator at the board. A long discussion ensued about other reductions that could be made. ED Caraway responded that other administrative funding reductions include the cancelation of

- the proposal to rent an additional TMHA office for the Family and Children First Council and the hiring of an FCF clerical person.
- 3. Finance Report Patricia Shepherd, CPA reviewed the April 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Reports. She indicated that three agencies had already reached their upfronted funding from the final quarter. She also encouraged board members to attend the FY21 Budget committee meeting next Tuesday. Board members had no questions about the financial reports.

## **Committee Reports**

- 1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee Chairperson Jeff Goodman referred members to the May 5, 2020 minutes contained in the Board packet.
- 2. Administrative Committee Chairperson Virginia Cluse indicated there was no meeting.
- 3. Budget and Finance Committee Treasurer Maria Placanica reminded members of the upcoming meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

## **Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information**

- 1. The ASAP Track Meet and ASAP Recovery Rally are cancelled.
- 2. Lauren Thorp and Jill Lewis have scheduled a Zoom ASAP meeting on June 16, 2020 at 9:00 am.
- 3. ASAP Drug Disposal will be held in partnership with law enforcement. A flyer with information will be sent out shortly.
- 4. ED Caraway recommended that everyone look at our TCMHRB website and agency websites to keep current with changing information. Help Network is sending requests out weekly to agencies to receive current information. It is needed for 211, when the public calls for help.

### **New Business**

- 1. Cindy Klein made a motion to approve the April 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Carl Clark seconded the motion. President Harwood asked ED Caraway to do a roll call vote. One was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2. John Wilson made a motion to approve the March 19, 2020 Administrative Cost Reductions, Dr. Lance Grahn seconded the motion. ED Caraway did a roll call vote. The motion passed with 13 yes votes and 2 no votes.

## **Adjournment**

Carol Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM. Carl Clark seconded the motion.

The next Board Meeting is June 16, 2020 at 4:30 PM via Zoom.

Tom Harwood, President

Debbie Tominey, Secretary

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April J. Caraway, Executive Director

Date