



## Board Meeting Minutes May 21, 2024

**Board Members Present** – Carol Henderson, Rachel Nader, Lance Grahn, Louise Kline, John Hugley, Laura Green, Charles Baldwin, Virginia Cluse, Carl Clark, Thomas Harwood, Larry Pavone, Laurie Perry, Kevin Stringer, Julia Wike

**Board Members Absent** – Teri Lacy, Maria Placanica, Deborah Tominey\*

**Staff Present** – John Myers, Carol Holmes-Chambers, Carie Garris, Kim Walker, Katie Cretella, Valdeoso “Bud” Patterson, April Caraway, Patty Shepherd\*, Laura Domitrovich

**Guests** – Joe Caruso of COMPASS Family & Community Services\*, Joe Shorokey of Alta Behavioral Health\*, Matt Kresic of Cadence Care Network\*, Catherine Chudakoff of Coleman Health Services\*, & Adria Rovnyak of Glenbeigh\*

\*denotes those attending virtually

### **Preliminary**

1. Call to order – President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:31PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call – Secretary Louise Kline called the roll of members and certified that there was a quorum present.
4. President Carol Henderson recognized guests & staff present.
5. Lance Grahn made a motion, seconded by Tom Harwood, to approve the April 16, 2024 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Report from the Executive Director**

1. State Update – ED Caraway shared an update on the OneOhio Foundation/Region 7 Committee. The next public meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> at Direction Home on Meridian Rd. There will also be a state-wide training for those reviewing the grant applications. After the training, the reviewers will have access to the portal to begin reading the applications. No deadline has been set as to when applications need recommended to the foundation. ED Caraway also discussed the new Board restrictions to access Medicaid data. She will be in Columbus tomorrow at the OACBHA meeting where it will be discussed further. Boards need the data to meet match requirements for grants to ensure that they are the payer of last resort and to meet their statutory duties of planning, evaluating and supporting community services.
2. Local Update – ED Caraway gave an update on the Pine Crisis Center. Abatement of asbestos is finished. Remote meetings with the two lowest and best bidders, the architects, and the Board consultant occurred. The architects will put together the new information acquired from these meetings, and the lowest and best bid from the six applicants will be accepted. The OhioMHAS

Capital Grant Officer commented that our project has moved quickly and smoothly. ED Caraway reported that we continue to use hotel rooms for overflow from the Christy House, which is always full, so we need the supportive housing completed as soon as possible. She also shared the idea from board member Rachel Nader to change the name of the Pine Crisis Center to honor Sr. Jean Orsuto as she played a pivotal role in helping unsheltered people throughout her life. ED Caraway shared that a name change would not impact state or federal funding. There will be a Coleman Access Center sign on one side of the building and a sign on the supportive housing side. A discussion ensued among Board members about getting permission from the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown if we move forward. Other discussion included making sure we are not promoting one religion over another since she was a Catholic nun. ED Caraway encouraged members to think of name options such as Sister Jean's Lighthouse, Orsuto's Sanctuary, or others that can be considered at future meetings.

ED Caraway informed the board that FY25 funding requests have been reviewed and staff recommendations will be made to the Budget and Finance committee meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. She then announced that Zackary Gran has resigned as Special Projects Accountant. The job has been reposted and applications have been received. A temp has been acquired from Robert Half and will be in place until we hire a new accountant. ED Caraway then reminded members of the upcoming golf outing, which will be on July 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for prize donations and volunteers. Kim Walker then shared that we had around 200 participants and 33 vendors at the ASAP Drug Summit. Kim thanked everyone who volunteered to make the event a success. The consensus from those who attended was that people left with hope.

Katie Cretella shared information about the partnership the Suicide Prevention Coalition created with some of the local coffeehouses for Mental Health Awareness Month. The coalition provided cup sleeves with the slogan, "No stigma, No shame," and included QR code and sharing their selfies. She also reported on Unmute the Uncomfortable and CIT/CISM trainings. Unmute the Uncomfortable had 262 attendees, and she reported that the evaluations were positive. Katie also shared that the Board received a grant for the CIT training program which made it possible to facilitate a refresher course. Two trainings were held at the jail specific for correction officers. The interactive simulation about schizophrenia was added to the curriculum. The CISM training for first responder had 33 participants.

3. Finance Reports – Patricia Shepherd, CPA, reviewed the April 2024 Reports. She shared a correction to the original report sent in the packet which stated that 75% of the budget had been used. The correct percentage is that 83% of the budget has been used. She confirmed that we received our levy deposit and also confirmed that we are financially solvent.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee – Lance Grahn, chair of the committee, gave an overview of the meeting held on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Meeting minutes were provided in the board packet.
2. Budget and Finance Committee will meet June 5, 2024 at 4:00 PM.
3. Administrative Committee – Rachel Nader said that there was no meeting to report on.

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

1. ED Caraway referred members to the board packet information regarding OACBHA. There will be a leadership transition from Cheri Walter, due to her retirement, to Elizabeth Heinrich, who has worked at OACBHA for 18 years. ED Caraway reminded the board that her term on the Executive Committee ends on June 30, 2024. A Board levy guide was included in the

packet and ED Caraway reported that we are awaiting a commissioners' motion to approve the levy renewal before we can begin promoting it.

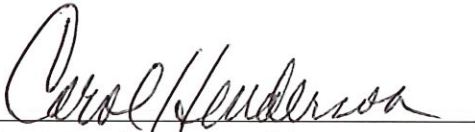
2. A flyer was included in the packet for the ASAP Summer Track Meet, which will be held on July 13, 2024. Extra flyers were available at the meeting for anyone to take.
3. A registration form was included in the packet for the golf outing, which will take place on July 26, 2024.

#### **New Business**

1. Charles Baldwin made a motion to approve the April 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Kevin Stringer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Tom Harwood reminded the board that, in June, some officer terms will end, and he asked board members to consider running for one of the open officer positions. ED Caraway stated that Louise Kline will have served two years, so the position of secretary will be open. The other officers are eligible for an additional one-year term.

**Adjournment** - With no further business to discuss, Charles Baldwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Stringer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

#### **Next Board Meeting – June 18, 2024 at 4:30 PM**



Carol Henderson, President



Louise Kline, Secretary



April J. Caraway, Executive Director



Date

