

Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2025 4:30 PM

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Carol Henderson, Carl Clark, Tom Harwood, Virginia Cluse, Louise Kline, Laurie Perry, Lance Grahn, Laura Green, Charles Baldwin, John Hugley, Rachel Nader, Maria Placanica, Robert Walton, Julia Wike

Board Members Absent: Kevin Stringer, Teri Lacy

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

<u>Guests</u>: Sue Bancroft*, Valley Health Services; Hope Haney*, NAMI; Renee Klaric*, Valley Health Services; Adria Rovynak*, Glenbeigh; Vince Paolucci*, Alta Behavioral Health; Michael Nyers*, NAMI; Catherine Blankenship*, Coleman Health Services; Matt Kresic*, Cadence Care Network; Tiphanie Polinori*; Joe Caruso*, Compass Family & Community Services; Ava Jessup-Fields, Gloris Counseling Services

*Denotes Virtual Attendees

<u>Preliminary</u>

- 1. President Carol Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
- 2. President Carol Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Vice President Lance Grahn called the roll of members and certified that a quorum was present.
- 4. President Carol Henderson recognized guests and staff.
- 5. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Carl Clark to approve the April 15, 2025 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director

1. State Update – ED April Caraway provided an update on the Biennial Budget and OhioMHAS funding formula process. Director Cornyn, of OhioMHAS, provided funding parameters to Board Directors and asked for their input. The prevailing consensus is that no county board should receive less revenue than was granted in 2025. Additional funding will be determined based on suicide and overdose deaths, per capita, and other issues. Director Caraway described challenges faced by ADAMHS Boards that do not have a levy including not enough staff to write for grants or oversee additional dollars. We will not know what our FY26 allocations are until mid-June.

- 2. Local Update ED Caraway described the staff's budgeting process, which is underway for FY2026. Revenue projections are currently based on what we received last year. Unfortunately, the Board has received \$2 million more in requests than the projected revenue for this coming year. With the money we used to create the Pine Crisis Center for the community, we do not have the reserves to rely on this year. ED Caraway and Lauren Thorp worked with TC Jail leaders to ask the commissioners for \$1 million from their opiate settlement funds, none of which have been allocated. She then shared that she attended a ceremony at Probate Court for Private Kenneth David, from Girard, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor. She shared the program details, along with a summary of his heroic story. At that meeting she spoke with Judge Campbell and he offered \$100,000 in surplus indigent driver funds to assist with substance use services in the TC Jail. Judge Campbell will attend our June board meeting to present the allocation. ED Caraway then updated the Board on the Pine Crisis Center. The furniture has been selected and purchased and onsite visits continue the first Wednesday of every month. September 11, 2025 is still the projected construction completion date. Community Development Block Grant funds will be requested to fund the Urban League staffing for the supportive housing. ED Caraway reported she contacted the commissioners regarding board member reappointments. They reappointed Lance Grahn and Louise Kline for additional 4-year terms. She also stated that there have been several board applications sent to the commissioners but no new appointments have been made. Board officer elections will happen at the June meeting. Board member Carl Clark was then recognized for 9 years of service and Virginia Cluse for 8 years. Mental Health Awareness Month was then discussed and the video segment on WFMJ featuring Katie Cretella and Howland Bean about the green coffee sleeves featuring 988 was played. The Suicide Prevention Coalition is considering doing it again around the holidays. AD Lauren Thorp gave a summary of the ASAP Drug Summit. There were 130 people in attendance, 34 vendors, and the evaluations have been very positive. Board members gave positive feedback also and President Carol Henderson stated that it was a good topic for those "in the trenches" to be reminded to take care of themselves with laughter and self-care practices so that their own mental health is supported while serving the community.
- 3. Finance Reports –Patty Shepherd, CPA explained the HUD grants report for the 2nd quarter, running from January through March. She then reviewed the April 2025 unaudited revenue and expenditure reports.

Committee Reports

- 1. Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee President Carol Henderson reported on the May 6, 2025 meeting featuring Travco Behavioral Health and "We Care More Ohio" with Cindy Kruzel-O'Keefe providing an overview of their companies and programs.
- 2. Budget and Finance Committee President Carol Henderson announced the next committee meeting will be held June 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the upstairs conference room, with the agenda being to review FY2026 budget recommendations from staff.
- 3. Administrative Committee Chairperson Rachel Nader announced the next meeting will be held on June 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM. ED Caraway explained that agenda for this meeting is for the board to complete her annual performance review and consider the renewal of the Executive Director's contract, which ends on June 30th.

Announcements/Community Partnerships/Information

1. OACBHA – ED Caraway drew attention to the report, "Changing the Narrative of Mental Health" that was included in the packet and goes along with May is Mental Health Month.

- 2. ASAP Events 2025- ED Caraway mentioned the upcoming events listed on the ASAP 2025 Schedule that was included in the packet.
- 3. Media ED Caraway discussed the media items that were included in the packet. The Tribune covered ASAP's Operation Empty Medicine Cabinet Day. Nationwide, 10 million pounds were brought in. Our county disposed of 49 pounds. Valley Health Services also held an open house for their grand opening of their expanded services, which the Tribune also featured in an article.

New Business

- 1. Tom Harwood made a motion to approve the April 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report held subject to audit. Charles Baldwin Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 2. Robert Walton made a motion to approve Federal FY25 HUD 2nd quarter income & expense reports. Maria Placanica seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Charles Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Addictions and Mental Health Program Committee to appoint as Health Officers, Jessica Carter, Jennifer Longstreth and Kerrigan Skruck all of Coleman Health Services, upon completion of Health Officer training and the cancelation of Health Officer appointments of Emma Beacham, Tori Lake, and Erin McGee-Hopkins, all formerly of Coleman Health Services, and Jack Breegle, formerly of Compass Family and Community Services, effective immediately. Tom Harwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM on a motion by Carl Clark seconded by Laura Green.

Next Board Meeting - June 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Carol Henderson, President

Lance Grahn, Vice President

6.17-2025

April J. Caraway, Executive Director

Date

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