

MINUTES
MH&R BOARD OF ERIE & OTTAWA COUNTIES
APRIL 18, 2017

PRESENT:	Gerhard Gross Sam Artino Charles Murray Bob Geib	Ron Guerra Jim Olson Craig Stahl Connie Cornett	John Fletcher Connie Kendrick Anthony Setley Keith Newton
OFFICE STAFF:	Jody Demo-Hodgins	Lisa Crescimano	Patty Notestine
EXCUSED:	Tim Betton	Betsy Wilber	Kayleigh Snyder
ABSENT:	<hr/>		

THE MHRB MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2017, WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:15 P.M. AND THE ACTING CHAIR NOTED THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM, RON GUERRA, ACTING CHAIR, PRESIDING.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (*Minutes of March 21, 2017 meeting*); approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM PROPOSALS: No additions made.

Interim Executive Director's Report: (*hand-out provided*)

- 1) April was busy with visits from Tracy Plouck, OhioMHAS Director, Gary Mohr, Director from the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and Lance Himes, Interim Director for the Ohio Department of Health. Numerous discussions took place around the opioid epidemic. Ample discussion centered around changes in sentencing, for example, those having a *Felony 5*. Instead of going into the state prison system, a review is being performed as to the benefits of keeping them locally and receiving resources to provide offenders with the opportunity for success.

The Erie County Health Department arranged a meeting to discuss their concept of inpatient and recovery programming, and creating another level of care for individuals who are addicted to opioids. Mr. Murray noted that there are 79 people in the Erie/Ottawa/Huron County who might qualify for *Felony 5* and have an obvious connection with mental health and addiction. Consideration needs to be given to creating more of a center for those needing recovery services. Additional discussions will be needed with a lot of community supporters as well. A presentation was given by Tom Stuber from LACADA Way in Lorain County and Chuck Craft from the Primary Purpose Center.

Ms. Demo-Hodgins visited the Primary Purpose Center to discuss their program in further detail. The program is based on the AA 12 Steps and provides housing only and no treatment. They provide a lot of support through an extensive network of volunteers – persons in recovery.

Director Plouck and Director of Medicaid, Barbara Sears, participated in a roundtable discussion with persons in recovery from both addiction and mental illness, hosted by Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services. Erie Shore Network hosted lunch served by their program and other community partners. The day ended with a visit to Genesis by the Lake. Once again, consumers were present and provided their feedback and stories of recovery.

- 2) A meeting was held to discuss the 21st Century Grant and reviewed the initial template we developed to map out the process and discussed a variety of questions around continued treatment for individuals after they leave the jail. Total allocations have not been awarded yet, and we should know more by May 15th.
- 3) Opiate Resolution: The Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities drafted the Opiate Resolution presented to the Board. Mr. Murray read the resolution aloud. *All members in favor of stated resolution: Responding to Ohio's Opiate Epidemic.*
- 4) The April Planning and Finance committee meetings allowed each provider agency to present their budget and program information. Director Demo-Hodgins asked for the Board's feedback on what kind of things they would like to have next year concerning the budget process. Final allocation decisions will be made at either May or June board meetings.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

TREASURER'S REPORT (MOTIONS REQ. ACTION ETC), reviewed by Ms. Crescimano.

Item #1 –Approval of monthly Bills to Be Paid in April **Resolution No. 04-2017-01**, Whereas the attached **April Financial Transaction Report** has been reviewed for appropriateness, and compliance with Board Policies; therefore Mr. Guerra resolved that the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties approve the business contained in the April Financial Transaction Report, seconded by Ms. Kendrick. Total Amount Approved \$577,251.03. Roll call vote taken; Mr. Artino, yes; Ms. Cornett, yes; Mr. Fletcher, yes; Mr. Geib, yes; Mr. Gross, yes; Mr. Guerra, yes; Ms. Kendrick, yes; Mr. Murray, yes; Mr. Newton, yes; Mr. Olsen, yes; Pastor Setley, yes; Mr. Stahl, abstain, resolution carried.

- It was noted that we do have a certificate of insurance and workers' compensation from the new handyman.

Item #2 –Approval of **Amended Appropriations of \$91,327** moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Fletcher. All members in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 –Authorization for Interim Executive Director to **increase** the FY17 9-month **Purchase of Service Contract** with **Bayshore Counseling Services** by **\$52,818** increasing the contracted amount from \$682,286 to **\$735,104** due to board staff **mathematical error** when calculating agency budgets, moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Olsen. All members in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 –Authorization for Interim Executive Director to **increase** the FY17 9-Month **Purchase of Service Contract** with **Erie Shore Network** by **\$2,000** increasing the contracted amount from \$123,263 to **\$125, 263** for WRAP (Wellness Recovery and Prevention) training, moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Artino. All members in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 –Authorization for Interim Executive Director to **amend** the contract with the law firm **Connelly & Collier LLP**, Janine Avila for legal services in an amount **not to exceed** from \$10,000 to **\$25,000** moved by Pastor Setley, seconded by Mr. Murray. All members in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 –Authorization for Interim Executive Director to enter **shared funding** with the **Ottawa County Board of Job and Family Services** and the **Ottawa Board of Developmental Disabilities** in an amount **not to exceed \$46, 020** at a cost of **\$1,180 a month**.

Additional discussion/comments:

- Apparently, the initial request was made to the former director.

- It was asked of the Board of DD to put in writing, before any agreement is signed, that no additional funding will be requested once the client in question turns 21, if approved by the Board.
 - Why are we being asked to pay if client is in the custody of Job & Family Services? Because of the excessive cost from someone of that age (18), above and beyond traditional costs.
 - Being no different from any other child under the custody of Job & Family Services they should cover the cost.
 - The DD Board is kicking in \$2,000 a year.
 - Looking at funding for next year, we have four addition agreements for clients in Erie county for shared funding. We're looking at approximately \$119,000 for these four clients total.
 - Agreements signed by the former director were not made available to us.
 - Stop paying immediately for those four clients who we do not have a contract for.
 - What would be the consequences of not paying? It would fall back to Job & Family Services.
 - Being familiar with this client, Ms. Cornett is curious as to why the excessive costs.
 - The psychological evaluation requested has not been received.
 - A more formal request made at the May Planning Committee was agreed upon by the Board.
 - Our responsibility is to provide housing up to what we have available to do so.
- *Mr. Newton moved to table Item #6, shared funding agreement, seconded by Mr. Murray. All members in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

Item #7 –Approval of Resolution No. 04-2017-02, **Then and Now Certificate: \$5,000.00** for **Reminger Co., LPA** and **\$831.25** for **Huron County ADAMHS** moved by Ms. Kendrick, seconded by Mr. Newton. All members in favor, motion carried unanimously.

March Revenue and Expense Reports – reviewed by Ms. Crescimano.

- The additional entry for Projected Board Unbudgeted Cash Balance was well received. A cash flow line item will also be added.
- The new financial program will help with the State required submissions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- Finance: No additional report.
- Planning & Oversight: No report.
- Audit: The special audit has not been completed as previously expected but should be completed soon.
- Nomination Committee: There are three openings for board members who would be appointed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Two of those vacancies would be for Erie County Residents and one for an Ottawa County Resident. With four applications from which to choose, it was agreed by the Board to submit all four applications and let OhioMHAS appoint three from the list. *It was stated that this is a subject you cannot go into executive session to discuss.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Vice-Chair Nomination: Mr. Olsen nominated John Fletcher for Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Cornett. All members in favor. Thank you, John!
- 2) Erie jail tour – no update.
- 3) Ottawa jail tour: We will be touring the Ottawa County jail at 4:30 p.m. before the May board meeting on the 16th, as well as, the 911 facility. The board meeting is being held at the Light House Sober Living facility in Port Clinton, OH.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Murray noted that the meeting previously held at the Erie Health Department concerning a facility to house opiate addicts could entail a hotel in the area. Another thought would be to partner with Habitat to allow consumers to learn new job skills. The City of Sandusky, County Commissioners, Erie Health Department and the Director of Habitat are all interested. Any unoccupied properties, duplex's, former hotels, etc., would all be open for discussion.
- Mr. Artino stated there is the need for a "master plan" with goals, objectives, long-term plans, input from providers, and stakeholders in the community. The Board agreed but noted this is something they need to define with the assistance of the new executive director, along with the implementation of board participation strategic planning. *Ms. Wilber, Mr. Stahl, Mr. Olsen, and the Interim Executive Director will be conducting the initial interviews for the Executive Director position.*

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Beth Wade-Jones, BCS, provided information on the Reentry Resources Event May 19, at the Light House Sober Living facility in Port Clinton, OH.

Joey Supina, SARCC, reminded and invited everyone to the Wellness & Advocacy Symposium at the State Theatre on April 26, 9 to 4 p.m., as well as, the Art Sale and closing ceremony at Sandusky Artisans from 4 to 7 p.m.

Marsha Mruk, FCRS, stated they will be opening a suboxone clinic in early May.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Gross moved to exit the open board meeting and enter executive session to consider the appointment of personnel, and pending or imminent litigation, seconded by Mr. Artino. Roll call vote taken; Mr. Artino, yes; Ms. Cornett, yes; Mr. Fletcher, yes; Mr. Gross, yes; Mr. Geib, yes; Mr. Guerra, yes; Ms. Kendrick, yes; Mr. Murray, yes; Mr. Newton, yes; Mr. Olsen, yes; Pastor Setley, yes; Mr. Stahl, yes; motion approved unanimously.

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Gross moved to exit the executive session and enter back into the regular board meeting, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll call vote taken; Mr. Artino, yes; Ms. Cornett, yes; Mr. Fletcher, yes; Mr. Gross, yes; Mr. Geib, yes; Mr. Guerra, yes; Ms. Kendrick, yes; Mr. Murray, yes; Mr. Newton, yes; Mr. Olsen, yes; Pastor Setley, yes; Mr. Stahl, yes; motion approved unanimously.

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. Murray moved that the Board accept the offer presented by Council that we "walk away" from litigation and settle the subject matter 1030494 CKG v. Mental Health and Recovery Board, in agreement to dismiss our claims against CKG in exchange for CKG to dismiss claims against the Mental Health and Recovery Board, seconded by Mr. Artino. All members in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- ✓ Reentry Resources Event
- ✓ Recovery Resource Fair

THE MHRB MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2017, WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M. WITHOUT OBJECTION BY RON GUERRA, ACTING CHAIR.

Minutes taken by Patricia J. Notestine
Secretary of the Board