

LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Zoom

Mr. Enzerra called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chair -- Dave Enzerra

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| Les Beck | Nancy Brown |
| Kim Collise | Roberta Kalb |
| Pam Kurt | Jim McBride |
| Andy Meinhold | Jordyn Paratore |
| Matt Sabo | Karen Sippola |
| Joanne Zeroske | |

Members Excused:

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| Julia McGruder | Joanne Zeroske |
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Staff Present:

Jackie Bruner, Director of Business Operations
Greg Markell, Director of Community/Public Affairs
Christine Lakomiak, Director of Clinical & Quality
Kelly Tuttle, Secretary/Receptionist
Eryn Medved, Staff Accountant

Guests:

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| Damir Pavicic | Bridges | Lisa Falkenberg | Lake Health |
| Carol Casey | Bridges | Carrie Dotson | Lifeline, Inc. |
| Emily Currie-Manring | Catholic Charities | Katie Jenkins | NAMI of Lake County |
| Jessica Martin | Cleveland Rape Crisis | Jonathan Lee | Signature Health |
| Mike Matoney | Crossroads Health | Sara November | Signature Health |
| Shayna Jackson | Crossroads Health | Mary Wynn-Peaspanen | Signature/Family Planning |
| Karen McLeod | Extended Housing | Tim Kehres | Torchlight Youth Mentoring |
| Melanie Blasko | Lake Geauga | Andrea Gutka | WomenSafe, Inc. |
| Charles Tong | Lake Geauga | | |

Ms. Bruner asked that when guests are not speaking to please keep muted to keep out background noise. Board staff have established Zoom meeting protocols and are taking every precaution possible to ensure we do not have anyone attempt to disrupt our meeting; that said, if we do experience any disruption in the meeting, we will immediately end the Zoom session and will ask everyone to disconnect and then rejoin.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Mr. Meinhold moved to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2021 regular Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sippola and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (21-074)

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Medved read the financial report of Board operations for the month of February 2021 as follows:

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| Beginning Cash Journal Balance | \$4,009,656.73 |
| Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month | \$ 299,490.30 |
| Total to Account For | \$4,309,147.03 |
| Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month | \$1,293,550.22 |
| Ending Period Adjustments | \$ 0.00 |
| Ending Cash Journal Balance | \$3,015,596.81 |

Ms. Bruner noted that \$70,947.92 was receipted and posted in the Criminal Justice Innovations court line-item. It should have been posted in the Community Investments line-item. The correction has been made.

Ms. Kalb moved to accept the financial report for the month of February 2021 as read. Seconded by Ms. Brown, the Motion Passed Unanimously. (21-075)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS & INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:

Guests were welcomed and invited to comment on any agenda items.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

There was no report at this time.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

There was no report.

EVALUATION/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Meinhold reported that the Evaluation/Quality Improvement Committee met on March 8th and the following items were discussed:

Quality Improvement Review of Crossroads Health Ms. Rider presented the power point 'Transitions'. Crossroads Health implemented the following trauma informed changes to services alongside the pandemic: SAFETY -- focused on the safe delivery of services for both staff and those they serve.

- Trained staff on best practices in delivering telehealth.
- Adjusted the environment of care to ensure safe social distancing and disinfection practices.
- Offered COVID-19 vaccines to staff, who wanted to receive one

TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY – Mr. Matoney sends daily emails to continue to keep dialogue open. They also have an employee support email so those employees have an opportunity to ask any questions.

COLLABORATION AND MUTUALITY -- They use the mantra that people are doing the best they can.

VOICE AND CHOICE – They continue to involve staff and those they serve in transitions that need to be made regarding service delivery.

PEER SUPPORT -- They have offered informal groups for staff to get together and gain support from one another and have spent time focusing on resiliency building for everyone.

Ms. Thomas presented a power point on Trauma Informed Schools. The new pilot K-12 prevention initiative has expanded to all school districts in Lake County. Every district is an active participant and has seen its' worth. While implementing the initiative they wanted the school districts to understand it was a process and not a program.

Steps to becoming a trauma sensitive school include: focus on resilience and shifting a mindset: What is strong – not what is wrong, understanding trauma as an experience...not an event, establishing a culture of safety,

prioritizing social-emotional skill development, promoting play, fostering connections, collaboration with families and communities, supporting and investing in staff and collecting and utilizing outcome data.

Ms. Thomas stated that the five elements being offered to schools are: guidance for leadership for trauma informed culture change through a series of administrator meetings, development of a core implementation team (CIT) that will assess current state and develop goal for at least one trauma informed strategy, professional development for all staff around trauma sensitive schools, consultation for use of screeners and SOS Program (Signs of Suicide).

Ms. Lakomiak conducted the agency's Contract Compliance Review and found them in full compliance.

On behalf of the Evaluation/Quality Improvement Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved that the full Board accept Crossroads Health's Quality Improvement plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Paratore and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (21-076)

Quality Improvement Review of Extended Housing Ms. Houser shared a video that was informative and included the history, properties and successes of the agency. In 2003 their overall budget was 1 million. Today it is 3.4 million.

Extended Housing offers housing services for the mentally ill, outreach to the homeless, rental subsidy programs, housing loans, and property & voucher programs. They have properties in Willowick, Perry, Madison, Wickliffe, Painesville and Mentor. Extended Housing has 19 properties and 15 rentals totaling 75 units throughout the county.

Ms. Houser shared an additional video of a testimonial from a client and how Extended Housing has turned his life around for the better since living in one of their properties.

Ms. Houser reported that during pandemic they were met with the following challenges/successes:

- Clients lost jobs/incomes
- New staff were trained virtually and built relationships with clients by phone/mail
- Learned new ways to provide homeless outreach
- Learned new ways of doing recertification's
- The agency has grown during the pandemic and is stronger
- Vaccines were offered to those who wanted them

Ms. Lakomiak thanked both agencies for their informative presentations.

Ms. Lakomiak conducted the agency's Contract Compliance Review and found them in full compliance.

On behalf of the Evaluation/Quality Improvement Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved that the full Board accept Extended Housing's Quality Improvement plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (21-077)

Next meeting date: Monday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Sippola reported that the Program Committee met on March 8th and the following items were discussed:

First Responder Wellness Program – Crossroads Health Mr. Parkin, First Responder Liaison, gave a progress report on the new program stating that twenty-two officers have invested in becoming peer supporters across

eleven departments. They are waiting to hear back from four departments. All Chiefs are open to the training their first responders would receive.

Ms. Jackson stated the wellness program will meet behavioral health and wellness needs by establishing a peer support program, classroom trainings / on demand coaching for physical health and behavioral health/substance use. First responders will be able to receive the training in person, via Zoom or a hybrid of both. There will also be videos of the training that can be watched virtually. Lake-Geauga, Lake Health and Crossroads Health are meeting monthly to share ideas on how best to provide the program. The first peer support training will be held at the end of March and the first week in April.

Mr. McBride noted that several departments have part-time officers who do not have health insurance. Will they be able to access this program? Yes, Ms. Bruner stated that there are funds available for individuals who do not have insurance.

Problem Gambling Program – Lake-Geauga Recovery Center Ms. Spada presented a power point on Problem Gambling Awareness. She provides gambling prevention through screenings, education, community events, social media and local/statewide coalitions. She is also involved with the Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Re-Entry program to make sure local partners are aware of services. Gambling has the highest suicide rate of any addiction.

Roughly 1% of the adult population in Ohio meets the criteria for a gambling disorder. High risk populations for gambling are: 18-24 year olds, senior citizens (including those on medication for RLS and Parkinson's), Veterans, athletes, incarcerated individuals and those with SUD disorders or a family history of gambling. Young people are at a higher risk for gambling addiction due to brain development. Any formalized gambling is illegal for youth including scratch off lottery tickets.

Ms. Spada reminded that sports' gambling in Ohio is illegal. Several bills are being organized to legalize sports betting. There is also a bill that would authorize electronic gaming machines (more commonly known as slot machines) for organizations, including veterans and fraternal clubs throughout Ohio.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Ms. Bruner stated that each year the Board publishes the RFP. The work of the Board happens when Board Staff present the proposals to the Board. The instructions consists of when and how to submit the proposals. Proposals are due back on May 3rd and cannot be considered if they are turned in after the deadline. It also states how the Board analyzes and evaluates the proposal and that contracting will occur no later than the annual board meeting on June 21, 2021. Guiding principles are outlined stating the Board will be guided by lowest cost and best quality. The Board will also consider issues of service quality, costs, and outcomes. The Board reserves the right to reject any proposal. A Proposer's meeting is held a week or so after publication of the RFP to discuss changes and answer questions. This year it will be held via Zoom. Proposals are analyzed by Board staff and discussed with agencies before they are presented to the Board.

The Request for Proposal has a content page that seeks information in the order listed from proposer's such as the agencies organizational overview, administration operations, fiscal guidance, clinical/quality guidance, and program narratives.

Lastly, the Request for Proposal includes FY22 Service Specifications. This details all services available and broken down by Mental Health (MH) Only Treatment Services, Substance User Disorder (SUD) Only Treatment Services, MH and SUD Treatment Services, Crisis Services, Prevention, Intervention/Support/Advocacy, Care

Coordination, Wellness, Housing, Criminal Justice, and Peer Services. All services must include a complete narrative for the program. This was informational and no committee action was required.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

*As the **ALLOCATION COMMITTEE** did not meet since the last full Board meeting,
the Board moved on to the next agenda item*

*As the **LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** did not meet since the last full Board meeting,
the Board moved on to the next agenda item*

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of Bills Mr. McBride moved that the Board approve the January bills totaling \$1,219,085.76 be paid as presented with the understanding the bills will be emailed after the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. After discussion the Board voted and **the Motion Passed** with Ms. Collise abstaining. (21-078)

Ms. Kalb moved that the full Board authorize the Executive Director to publish the Lake County ADAMHS Board SFY2022 Request for Proposal. The motion was seconded by Ms. Collise. After discussion the Board voted and **the Motion Passed Unanimously**. (21-079)

Ms. Bruner noted that the RFP updates were provided in the Program meeting report. Proposals are due on May 3rd and recommendations will be brought before the Board for their approval at the June Board meeting,

GOOD OF THE GROUP:

Mr. McBride asked if there is room in the budget for part-time police and fire to receive services at provider agencies. Yes, there are areas in the budget for anyone who is not financially able to pay for services. Chiefs can reach out directly to Board staff for information on hardships. Or Mr. Markell also suggested directing them to the Compass Line.

As there was no further business, Ms. Sippola moved for adjournment at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown and **the Motion Passed Unanimously**. (21-080)

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Enzerra
Chair

Roberta Kalb
Secretary