

**LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD**

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Lake County ADAMHS Board, One Victoria Place, Suite 201, Painesville

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Chair -- Andy Meinhold

Kim Collise	Dave Enzerra
Roberta Kalb	Pam Kurt
Curtis Lau	Jim McBride
Nicole Parker	Joanne Zeroske

Members Excused:

Nancy Brown	Matt Sabo
Julia McGruder	Amber Torres Gonzalez

Staff Present:

Kim Fraser, Executive Director  
 Greg Markell, Director of Community and Public Relations  
 Jackie Bruner, Director of Business Operations  
 Christine Lakomiak, Director of Quality and Clinical Operations  
 Kelly Tuttle, Secretary/Receptionist  
 Eryn Medved, Staff Accountant

Guests:

Carol Casey	Bridges	Melanie Blasko	Lake-Geauga
Emily Currie-Manring	Catholic Charities	Charles Tong	Lake-Geauga
Shayna Jackson	Crossroads Health	Lisa Falkenberg	Lake Health/UH
Karen McLeod	Extended Housing	Mary Wynn-Peaspanen	Signature Health

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Mr. McBride moved to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zeroske and the Motion Passed with Ms. Kurt, Mr. Meinhold, Ms. Collise and Ms. Kalb abstaining. (22-018)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

Beginning Cash Balance .....	\$7,129,742.13
Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month .....	\$ 781,513.14
Total to Account For .....	\$7,911,255.27
Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month .....	\$1,132,590.26
Ending Period Adjustments	\$ 0.00
Ending Cash Journal Balance .....	\$6,778,665.01

Ms. Kalb moved to accept the financial report for the month of September 2021 as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lau. After discussion the Board voted and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-019)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS & INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Fraser reported that staff continues to work in a 60/40 pattern and suspects this will continue through November as flu season approaches. Meetings that take place in the Board office will require guests to wear a mask to help keep everyone safe.

Ms. Fraser advised that she has been representing Lake County at the Opioid Litigation against four named pharmacies for Lake and Trumbull counties at the Federal courthouse. She and Mr. Boyd from the Lake County Commissioners have been attending. The trial is anticipated to last seven weeks and is in week three.

Discussion: What are the four named pharmacies? Walgreens, CVS, Giant Eagle and Walmart.

Ms. Fraser stated that the new Project Manager position was reposted. As with many other organizations, we are still looking to find applicants to fill the position.

Ms. Fraser noted that Bridges clambake was a success this past weekend and it was nice to see friends face to face again. She reminded Board members that they are welcome to attend provider agency fundraisers and bring a guest.

Ms. Fraser stated that the Spaulding fest was held this past weekend in Willoughby. The funds that were raised will go to Crossroads Health for their First Responders Initiative; making sure that behavioral health services are received by both part time and full time fire fighters and law enforcement regardless of insurance.

Ms. Fraser reminded that the state-wide Stepping Up Initiative led by retired Supreme Court Justice Stratton will be reconvening in late October looking at mental health in the criminal justice system and where we can develop more comprehensive services addressing behavioral health needs of those in the criminal justice system. Local law enforcement, community partners, courts, provider agencies and ADAMHS Board staff will be participating.

Ms. Fraser shared that the Director from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will be visiting Lake County on November 12th. She will be attending the ribbon cutting for the Lake-Geauga Recovery Center's women's recovery house and visiting a local school to learn more about the trauma sensitive school (TSS) programming provided by Crossroads Health. A roundtable will also be held to discuss our system. It will include Board members, family members, and provider agency staff who will share their perspectives.

Ms. Fraser reported that tonight's data spotlight will be on System-Wide Program stats. With the amount of data it could not be distilled into a one page document but the power point will be able to be accessed on the Board member portal on our website for further review. The following programs were reviewed:

Victim Advocate Program – responds to individuals who are victims of sexual assault brought to the emergency department. Lake Health provides after hour care. Since COVID, the numbers have decreased which was also seen in domestic violence cases. The numbers are starting to rebound and individuals are seeking out help.

Trauma Response – the Trauma Response team go out on calls that impact the community through traumatic events such as suicide, unexpected deaths or disasters. They debrief and offer support to those affected and provide referrals. In FY19 there were several suicides which made the number of callouts more. Since COVID the numbers have decreased. In FY2020, the team was able to respond virtually to a call successfully. Team members include staff from Crossroads Health, Signature Health, Extended Housing and Lake Health.

Ambulance – the ADAMHS Board funds ambulance rides for the community from their home to the emergency room or the emergency room to a hospital when their insurance does not cover the cost. Due to COVID the walkway between Lake West and Windsor Laurelwood was closed so ambulance transports were required between the two locations. Although rides increased, clients were able to be transported with no interruption in service.

Pink Slip – Health Officers in our system undergo a significant amount of training to be able to write a pink slip for involuntary hospitalization. It is for someone who is at substantial risk of physical harm to their self or others if allowed to remain in the community.

Probate – An individual can only be probated for mental health. After an individual is pink slipped and involuntarily hospitalized, the Board receives notification they are in the hospital. In the three subsequent days after the individual either signs themselves in, no longer meets the criteria to be hospitalized or is unwilling to be hospitalized and a probate hearing is held. The number of probates has spiked during COVID. While probate is intended to be utilized exclusively for individuals with severe mental illness, at times a person might present with psychotic symptoms brought on by use of methamphetamine, be hospitalized, and then as the drug dissipates a SUD diagnosis is unveiled and the individual is discharged prior to a probate hearing.

Quick Response Team(QRT) – the QRT interdisciplinary team follows-up with overdose survivors in the hopes of linking an individual to treatment during the critical period following an overdose. Numbers declined in FY2020 and FY2021 due to COVID. The biggest challenge of this population is oftentimes they lack stable residence and are transient. The quicker they are able to respond, the more likely clients are home and open to treatment. We continue to do outreach in the community on the benefits of this program and always receive good feedback.

Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs) – these reports are completed by provider agencies and sent to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. There was a spike in FY2021 due to agencies having to report if someone tested positive for COVID.

Grievances -- these reports are complaints against a provider agency. Grievances have risen to the Board level on a couple of occasions and we work with the provider organization to get them resolved at the lowest level

Overdose Deaths – spiked in FY2020. They have come down in FY2021 but there is still a lot of work to be done.

Suicide Deaths – there has been an increase across the state and the number is on track to exceed FY2019 and FY2020 numbers. There is a campaign aimed at white males between the ages of 40 and 60 where firearms are used more than any other subset.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) – the CIT training is comprehensive mental health training for first responders and cadets. The training is held two times per year. ADAMHS, Crossroads Health, NAMI and other providers help with this 5-day training. 66 officers were trained in FY21. This is an area of focus in our county.

Transportation – the ADAMHS Board provides rides to clients for appointments through LakeTran. The most rides are provided to appointments at Crossroads Health along with Signature Health, Bridges, Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers, Mental Health Court and Extended Housing. Signature Health also provides their own independent rides. A good number of rides are provided to those in need.

Compass Line – the Compass Line provided the most referrals for Mental Health Assessment, SUD, counseling, and housing. This line is accessed by a number of people in the community and is a good resource.

Discussion: Mr. Enzerra stated that he liked the data and there is a lot of information in the numbers. It is helpful in some cases to see where the numbers are going up.

Apart from the COVID part of the MUI's; when they do occur, do we look at the root causes? Ms. Fraser stated she would be happy to dig deeper and provide more information.

In regards to the CIT training; about 200 officers are trained. How many of the first responders are trained percentage wise? Is there a specific target? This data is tracked by Crossroads Health. Feedback was received back from 19 departments. There is not a specific target at this time. Those trained are having an impact when going out on calls. Going forward maybe an assessment can be done to compare what investments are made in other counties and look at how we can keep up the trend going upwards of officers trained.

In the Coroner's report for suicides do we know of Lake County residents who commit suicide in other counties such as Geauga, Ashtabula or Cuyahoga counties? The Lake County Coroner's report includes those who died in our county. We do reach out to other counties and some counties do give us this information.

The Victim's Advocates at the Prosecutor's office do a great job. Do we have the data for the number of clients they engage with? No, the numbers we have are for after hours. Ms. Fraser will follow up on getting the numbers from the Prosecutor's Office.

Do students who go to the administrators at Lake Erie or Lakeland still receive advocacy services if they do not file a police report? Yes, they can still receive advocacy services. Cleveland Rape Crisis Center has done outreach throughout the county.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr. Meinhold reported that the Executive Committee met prior to the Board meeting and the following items were discussed:

Mr. Meinhold recognized Les Beck for his years of service on the ADAMHS Board. Mr. Beck was a real asset to the Board and believed in our system. He served as Board chair in FY20 as well as serving on many other committees such as: Executive, Allocation, Program, EQI, and Long Range Planning. He was warmly applauded for his service.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Kalb moved that the full Board enter into a one-time non-Medicaid grant contract with Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers for Additional Recovery Housing funding for an amount not

to exceed \$45,900. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBride. After discussion the Board voted and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-020)

Ms. Fraser stated that these are pass-thru dollars from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to help fund recovery housing for women and their children.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Zeroske moved that the full Board enter into a one-time non-Medicaid grant contract with Lifeline for Community Transition Program (CTP) for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBride. After discussion the Board voted and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-021)

Ms. Fraser stated that these are pass-thru dollars from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to reintegrate those in the prison system back into the community.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Enzerra moved that the full Board approve the Executive Director to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for on-going and one-time funding for Workforce Development. This RFP is available to any Lake County agency that completed the FY2022 Workforce Development Survey. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kalb. After discussion the Board voted and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-022)

Ms. Fraser reminded that last month Board staff was discussing with provider agencies the challenges faced in the behavioral health system on workforce and a survey was sent out. Responses varied in the surveys. The recommendation is that \$950,000 be used for ongoing funding which is an annualized number. In FY2022, we intend to contract for 6-months to increase pay for entry level, salary equity, health insurance costs and non-health related benefits. Outcomes for ongoing funding will be required. The ongoing funding required is planful and dollars are in the current budget. Reconciled dollars will be used for one-time investments and is a conservative number. The recommendation is that \$300,000 would be for one time investments for consultative services.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Zeroske moved that the full Board invoice Crossroads Health for Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funding forgiven in the amount of \$464,229. Payment due by 11/18/2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kalb. After discussion the Board voted and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-023)

Ms. Fraser noted that Crossroads Health was able to receive funds from PPP which enables ADAMHS Board funding to be the payer of last resort. Crossroads Health is aware these dollars are to be paid back.

*As the **EVALUATION/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** did not meet since the last full Board meeting, the Board moved on to the next agenda item*

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

*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 Ms. Zeroske moved that the Board approve the October bills totaling \$1,372,735.83 be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBride. After discussion the Board voted and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-024)

Mr. McBride asked why this month the amount was \$400,000 more than last month. The amount included a quarterly SOR allocation.

**GOOD OF THE GROUP:**

Ms. Fraser stated that the footballs at Board members seats were distributed at the Spaulding event and to first responders.

Ms. Fraser congratulated Ms. Bruner on completing 24 in 24 for the Special Wish Foundation. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year she has completed this feat. She was warmly applauded and congratulated.

Ms. Collise shared that the DEA is holding a "Take Back Day" for prescription drugs on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As there was no further business, Mr. Enzerra moved for adjournment at 7:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zeroske and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (22-025)

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Meinhold  
Chair

Joanne Zeroske  
Secretary