

**LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD**

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, August 15, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

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

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Chair -- Matt Sabo

- Kim Collise                      Roberta Kalb
- Pam Kurt                         Curtis Lau
- Andy Meinhold                Nicole Parker
- Joanne Zeroske

Members Excused:

- Dave Enzerra
- Amber Torres Gonzalez

Staff Present:

- Kim Fraser, Executive Director
- Jackie Bruner, Director of Business Operations
- David Schick, Director of Marketing & Communications
- Christine Lakomiak, Director of Quality & Clinical Operations

Guests:

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| Michael Hatton       | Board Member Elect    | Melanie Blasko  | Lake-Geauga Recovery |
| Martin Phillips III  | Board Member Elect    | Carrie Dotson   | Lifeline, Inc.       |
| Damir Pavicic        | Bridges               | Joanna Mannon   | NAMI Lake County     |
| Emily Currie-Manring | Catholic Charities    | Pam Jones       | NAMI Lake County     |
| Jessica Martin       | Cleveland Rape Crisis | Jackie Smith    | UH/Lake Health       |
| Shayna Jackson       | Crossroads Health     | Andrea Gutka    | WomenSafe            |
| Karen McLeod         | Extended Housing      | John Hamercheck | Commissioner         |
| AnnMarie Raddel      | Fine Arts Association | John Plecnik    | Commissioner         |
| Charles Tong         | Lake-Geauga Recovery  |                 |                      |

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Commissioner Hamercheck administered the Oath of Office to Michael Hatton. Michael Hatton was warmly applauded and welcomed.

Commissioner Plecnik administered the Oath of Office to Martin Phillips III. Martin Phillips was warmly applauded and welcomed.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Ms. Zeroske moved to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2022 regular Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kalb and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-001)

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Ms. Bruner read the financial report of Board operations for the month of June, 2022 as follows:

Beginning Cash Balance	.....	\$6,653,254.98
Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month	.....	\$ 38,023.00
Total to Account For	.....	\$6,691,277.98
Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month	.....	\$1,553,612.78

Ending Period Adjustments	\$ 0.00
Ending Cash Journal Balance .....	\$5,137,665.20

Ms. Bruner read the financial report of Board operations for the month of July, 2022 as follows:

Beginning Cash Balance .....	\$5,137,665.20
Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month .....	\$ 335,513.97
Total to Account For .....	\$5,473,179.17
Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month .....	\$1,379,878.56
Ending Period Adjustments	\$ 0.00
Ending Cash Journal Balance .....	\$4,093,300.61

Mr. Meinhold moved to accept the financial report for the months of June and July as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lau and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-002)

**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 introduced David Schick, the new Director of Marketing and Communications. Mr. Schick stated he is happy to be with board and had worked in the Department of Utilities prior. He is familiar with the county and worked closely with the Commissioners staff on the 2020 census. He is excited to get familiar with everyone in the ADAMHS network as he begins this new role.

Ms. Fraser stated the Board has started working with a data architect at the end of last year who will be working to combine data from the GOSH and AdataSol systems. The architect’s contract is underway and she will start gathering information which will be used to drive outcomes and make decisions. We are looking to get some outcomes beginning in January.

Ms. Fraser stated the Board staff is working with OhioMHAS on a new community assessment and plan. The new plan is due in January and staff will continue to prepare the plan as we work through the detail with OhioMHAS as they release them.

Ms. Fraser announced the Board has 2 events coming up. Overdose Awareness Day is an international day recognized on August 31<sup>st</sup>. This day is designed to draw attention to overdose and takes the stigma away. We have partnered with Lake Geauga and Signature Health to have events at 4 different locations in the county in which literature, tree saplings with a message of awareness, and stress balls will be distributed.

The second event is Week of Appreciation which will be held the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally we have recognized first responders to include police, fire, EMS, crisis teams, and residential staff. This year we will also recognize all behavioral health providers in our Network.

Ms. Fraser announced the Data Spotlight this month is Key Collaborations. We partner with 15 contracted provider agencies in Lake County to provide services to the community. Eleven out of our 15 agencies are in multiple counties. We partner with over 30 other community agencies in Lake County to help them provide important services to the community. Our partnerships encompass multiple programs providing services to all ages. The services are multifaceted and include populations at greater risk which includes the LGBTQ youth. The Lake County ADAMHS Board partners with LGBTQ+ Allies in order to provide education and support. Seniors are another population at greater risk. 20% of folks over the age of 55 suffer from mental illness. The

Lake County ADAMHS Board (the Board) has begun funding the Senior Support Services Program, a new program in conjunction with Family Pride that will provide case management and therapy services to adults age 60 and above in their home and community. The faith and community leaders are often the first point of contact when individuals and families face mental health problems or traumatic events. The Board has provided trainings within the faith-based community around mental health and suicide prevention, held faith-based events for church groups to get to know community resources, and is an active member of the Lake County Opiate Alliance, an initiative founded by LC Treasurer Michael Zuren, aimed at uniting the faith based community and the clinical treatment community in addressing Lake County's opiate epidemic. The Board has partnered with first responders throughout our county and state in the areas of CIT, First Responder Wellness program, peer program, data collection on behavioral health calls, present at the Ohio Police Juvenile Officers Association statewide conference, and purchase of SURVIVR© for training. The Board will be working with Dress Right Dress and other Veteran-serving agencies to identify gaps and create more opportunities to connect with and serve our Veterans. We have been working and collaborating with higher education including Lakeland Community College on the Rise and Thrive grant for student wellness. We have also had conversations with Lake Erie College who would like to have ADAMHS have a greater presence on campus.

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

Mr. Sabo reported that the Executive Committee met prior to the Board meeting and the following item was discussed:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved that the full Board approve the CY2023 Lake County ADAMHS Board budget for submission to the county as recommended by the Executive Director. Seconded by Ms. Zeroske and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-003)

Ms. Fraser stated she has the budget printed if anyone would like to review.

#### **EVALUATION/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ms. Kurt reported that the EQI Committee met on August 8th and the following items were discussed:

Quality Improvement Review of Lake Health Ms. Smith stated that the Emergency-Based Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Team provides assessments 24/7 to all patients who enter the Lake Health Emergency Departments who are in a behavioral health crisis. The crisis team consists of 20 mental health professionals with experience in crisis intervention, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment.

Last year Lake Health joined University Hospitals Health System. They continue to offer enhanced healthcare services close to home for residents of Lake County.

Ms. Smith stated that accomplishments this year include: two full-time advanced practice providers (nurse practitioners) available to the ED and inpatient units; a successful Joint Commission survey in July 2021; recertification by OHMAS until 2022; in the 3rd year of initiatives for the Workplace Violence Committee; a multi-department team attended the Zero Suicide Workshop.

Ms. Smith reported that in FY21/22, 97% of patients were seen within 60 minutes of arrival. 49% had a discharge disposition in less than 180 minutes. 16% were in the ED 12 hours or more. She noted that it is often difficult to find psychiatric beds available at other hospitals. At times, a bed cannot be accessed and the staff will work with the family and collaborate with provider partners to come up with an outpatient solution.

Moving forward the committee asked that agencies provide total numbers and percentages. UH/Lake Health will provide total numbers and Ms. Lakomiak will forward to committee members.

Mr. Lau inquired if University Hospitals contributes financially to the crisis program. After multiple questions/answers, it was determined that staff did not have the information to answer the questions.

After much discussion, Mr. Lau moved to recommend to the full Board to table University Hospital/Lake Health's Quality Improvement Plan until there is a review of their funding with more detailed information. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parker and the Motion Passed with one abstention (Ms. Kurt) and one dissention (Ms. Torres Gonzalez).

Ms. Lakomiak stated that she will follow up with requested information prior to next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lake Geauga Recovery Centers

#### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

Ms. Kalb reported that the Operations Committee met on August 9th and the following items were discussed:

Federal Updates Ms. Fraser provided an update on Federal funding; approximately 14% of the board budget comes from federal dollars. Medicaid has been expanded due to COVID which means approximately 1.2 million clients were on Medicaid pre-COVID and now 3 million are on Medicaid as a result of COVID expansion. There has been additional funding on the provider level due to COVID as well as ARPA funding available. Board SAPT and MH block grant dollars have been expanded to include COVID funding. All of this funding could be risk depending on the results of the November elections.

State Updates Ms. Fraser stated OneOhio has been formed to help with distribution of the funding as a result of the Federal settlement of the opioid drug manufacturers and distributors. Smaller pots of funding have already been distributed to local municipalities. The bigger pots of funding have not come through yet. Lake County is part of Region 13, which includes Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula and Portage. A committee including three people from each county are assigned to come up with a recommendation regarding how regional dollars should be invested. Lake County representatives include Commissioner John Hamercheck representing the Commissioners, Carl Dondorfer representing the townships, and Judy Moran representing the cities. Committee members requested that Ms. Fraser draft a letter to the committee offering ADAMHS assistance in identifying our county's needs as it relates to the opiate epidemic. She also stated OneOhio is not yet formed as a 501 3(c), so this is likely to be a long process.

Ms. Fraser reviewed HB523 introduced by Representative Swearingen to update ORC 340 language. ADAMHS Boards across the state have been passing resolutions supporting the bill, as have many Commissioners and provider agencies. Ms. Fraser stated she will be sharing this information with the provider agencies in case they are interested in passing a resolution as well. Ms. Fraser highlighted areas of changes in HB523, including board composition, contracting, data and certification. Language dictates that Boards have the ability to change the board composition but are not required to do so. It removes 120-day notices but states boards must have due process put in place for early termination of contract. It allows data to be shared with boards for clients who live in-county but go to various counties to get services or see a provider agency that does not contract with the board for services;

this provides boards with a thorough picture of local needs. Finally, language dictates that Boards will get notified when an agency gets certified in their county.

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Ms. Zeroske moved to recommend to the full Board to adopt the resolution on behalf of the Lake County ADAMHS Board, calling on the Ohio General Assembly to pass HB523 to make needed changes to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kurt and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-004)

Local Updates Ms. Fraser stated board staff has met with the data architect. Information is being gathered and all permissions are in the process of being signed in order for data to be accessed.

Ms. Fraser introduced the Fine Arts Association who has submitted a request for funding for a pilot creative arts therapy program. The program has recently been certified by OhioMHAS. Ms. Raddell of the Fine Arts Association gave an overview of the program stating the project would be for Lake County residents referred through the Lake County ADAMHS Board network of providers. The program has 7 full time music therapists and 3 art therapists (1 full time and 2 part time). The program currently works off site with the Juvenile Detention Center as well as University Hospitals/Lake Health geriatric psychiatry unit in Lake County.

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Ms. Zeroske moved to recommend to the full Board to enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contract with The Fine Arts Association for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for Creative Art Therapy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lau and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-005)

Other Ms. Fraser stated the Lake County ADAMHS Board was awarded funding from OhioMHAS for Multi-System Adult (MSA) funding. Staff recommendation is to contract with Signature Health.

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved to recommend to the full Board that they enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contracts with Signature Health in the amount of \$114,391 for Multi-System Adult Funding (MSA). The motion was seconded by Mr. Lau and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-006)

Ms. Fraser stated Signature submitted a request for a budget neutral line item to continue Workforce Development funding into their current contract.

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved to recommend to the full Board to make the following budget neutral line item adjustments to Signature Health SFY2023 non-Medicaid contract: decrease Residential Treatment \$22,992; increase Workforce Development \$22,992. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parker and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-007)

Next meeting date – Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

*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. Lau moved that the Board approve the August bills totaling \$980,996.15 be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meinhold and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-008)

**GOOD OF THE GROUP:**

Ms. Gutka from WomenSafe handed out a newsletter outlining the services provided to Lake County residents.

Ms. Dotson on behalf of Lifeline and Signature health thanked the board for sponsoring Dancing Under the Stars and Mr. Sabo for participating in the event.

Ms. Collise asked about the status of the 988 line. Ms. Fraser explained the line is available but it often takes several minutes to be routed to the correct place and the expectation is to help 80% of the calls. The Lake County hotline has a 100% expectation that folks are connected. It is still available and we continue to encourage folks to use that line for a quicker response. We are hopeful in the future the 988 line will be easy for people to get access to help.

Ms. McLeod on behalf of Extended Housing stated they had a successful picnic at the ballpark and thanked the board for sponsoring and those who attended.

As there was no further business, Mr. Lau moved for adjournment at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parker and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-009)

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Sabo  
Chair

Kim Collise  
Secretary