

LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 19, 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 Dave Enzerra
Mike Hatton Roberta Kalb
Curtis Lau Andy Meinhold
Nicole Parker Martin Phillips
Amber Torres Gonzalez Joanne Zeroske

Members Excused:

Pam Kurt

Staff Present:

Kim Fraser, Executive Director
Jackie Bruner, Director of Business Operations
Christine Lakomiak, Director of Quality & Clinical Operations
David Schick, Director of Marketing & Communications
Kelly Tuttle, Secretary/Receptionist
Milica Radivojevic, Staff Accountant

Guests:

Janet Fetzer	Anchor Counseling	Robert Kramer	Guest
Stacy Kramer	Board Member Elect	Charles Tong	Lake-Geauga Recovery
Jeffrey Taylor	Board Member Elect	Melanie Blasko	Lake-Geauga Recovery
Damir Pavicic	Bridges	Joanna Mannon	NAMI Lake County
Emily Currie-Manring	Catholic Charities	Meghan Zielinski	Signature Health
Shayna Jackson	Crossroads Health	Jackie Smith	UH/Lake Health
Karen McLeod	Extended Housing	Andrea Gutka	WomenSafe
Angi Daugherty	Family Pride	John Hamercheck	Commissioner

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Commissioner John Hamercheck administered the Oath of Office to Stacy Kramer. She was warmly applauded and welcomed.

Commissioner John Hamercheck administered the Oath of Office to Jeffrey Taylor. He was warmly applauded and welcomed.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Mr. Meinhold moved to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2022 regular Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lau and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-010)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Beginning Cash Balance	\$4,093,300.61
Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month	\$5,346,881.71
Total to Account For	\$9,440,182.32
Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month	\$2,065,706.29

Ending Period Adjustments	\$ 32,198.46
Ending Cash Journal Balance	\$7,406,674.49

Ms. Kalb moved to accept the financial report for the month of August as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meinhold and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-011)

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 the past several years all of the Boards across the state have recognized a week in September as Week of Appreciation for First Responders and Behavioral Health Professionals. In the past we have done things such as cookie trays and different promo items. This year we decided to treat all of our First Responders and Behavioral Health Professionals to ice cream. Today, tomorrow and Wednesday an ice cream truck is traveling to over 30 locations throughout the county; handing out ice cream and showing our appreciation. This is an opportunity to say thank you to those partners and there will be a raffle for a few different prizes at the end of the week. Ms. Fraser thanked Mr. Schick, our new Director of Communications, for his efforts throughout this initiative.

Ms. Fraser stated board staff is creating an elected official’s guide that will be published two times per year; highlighting things that are happening in our system and resources for constituents.

Ms. Fraser noted that every year the Board sponsors one fundraiser for each provider agency. We do ask Board members to participate in one fundraising event each year. You are welcome to bring a guest and the Board will cover the cost for the tickets. It is a great opportunity to represent the Board and to engage with our provider agencies. Please contact Ms. Tuttle if you are interested in attending any events.

Ms. Fraser advised that name tags have been ordered for Board members who do not have them. They can be worn to events or anywhere you want to represent the ADAMHS Board.

Ms. Fraser provided an update to the Board on the opiate abatement ruling and the OneOhio settlement. OneOhio is the result of lawsuits nationwide filed against pharmaceutical companies. The pharmaceutical companies entered into a national settlement. OneOhio is Ohio’s participation in this national settlement. Ohio will receive approximately 881 million dollars over the next 18 years. This is settlement money and these dollars are paid out by the pharmaceutical companies. As settlement dollars, there is a good deal of flexibility on how these dollars can be used. Dollars are coming into the state three ways; 15% will go to as a direct share to the state; 30% is direct pay to local governments (so far in Lake County 22 of our cities, villages and townships have received approximately 1.2 million and Lake County government has received approximately 1.8 million in first installments) and 55% is part of the OneOhio Foundation. These dollars will sit in the foundation. The state has been divided into 19 regions and will make recommendations on how dollars are invested. We are in region 13 with Geauga, Ashtabula, and Portage counties. A regional group will make recommendations to the foundation in Columbus on how the region’s share of dollars could be distributed. The opiate abatement dollars come out of the joint litigation involving Lake and Trumbull counties ~~had~~ against the pharmacies themselves. We are a bell weather county in this; suing pharmacies for their role in the opiate epidemic. We were the first full jury trial in the United States to be found in favor of the plaintiff. The abatement ruling was decided by a federal judge. This is also the first time in US history a single federal judge has been charged with making an abatement based on such litigation. The judge after several months determined Lake County should receive 306.2 million dollars in abatement funding. This is different than settlement. The guardrails regarding appropriate use are stricter. These dollars can broadly be used for prevention of further damage and treatment to individuals and families who have been impacted by

the Opiate epidemic. The dollars have not yet been received. The pharmacies will likely appeal this and it could take a couple of years to settle this. We are already working with the Commissioner's office and partners in our community to look at how we can invest these dollars to make a meaningful difference to Lake Countians and to turn around this epidemic and create a healthy Lake County. The ADAMHS Board has a seat at these conversations and is seen as a valuable partner. We have a very comprehensive abatement plan as part of litigation.

Mr. Lau recognized how hard Ms. Fraser worked on the lawsuit and shared some numbers that demonstrated how much effort she put into this litigation; 18 plus hours deposition, 7 weeks in court and 100's of hours of prep time. Mr. Lau shared from a Commissioner how crucial she was to the litigation. Ms. Fraser was warmly applauded. Mr. Sabo also noted that this is reflective of the staff that work here and supported Ms. Fraser while she was doing that. A strong staff makes a big difference.

Ms. Fraser gave an update on performance tracking. Every year when we issue RFPs we ask providers to complete program summaries; summarizing who they intend to serve, how many people, how much money it is going to cost and what their projected outcomes are. When an agency is submitting a proposal in April they are asked how many people they think they will serve by the end of June. We now ask them to submit a new form in August with actual clients served so we can better align with what is happening and use the information to make informed decisions on current contracts. Mr. Rowles reviewed 110 program summaries to track outcomes, which drive FY23 investment decisions.

Ms. Fraser reported that Ms. Lakomiak and her team track wait lists at each provider agency on an ongoing basis. Moving forward, these numbers will be benchmarked against national averages and state data. Also tracked are referrals made to other organizations and alternative services offered. While recognizing wait lists are due in part to the workforce issue, we still need to insure appropriate access to care.

Ms. Fraser shared that POWER BI licenses have been secured for the data architect who now has access to GOSH and Filemaker data. More information will follow in the upcoming months.

Ms. Fraser stated that the Board undergoes a peer assessment process, Culture of Quality, designed to improve the quality of the statutorily mandated functions of the Boards. This happens every three years and the Board is assessed on 42 standards including operational, fiscal and clinical. The board is again undergoing the 3-year accreditation process and will be bringing updated standards to the board in the coming months.

Ms. Fraser noted that Ms. Bruner and her team are conducting year-end reconciliations to close out SFY22 POS and grant contracts. These will be presented at the October Operations Committee meeting. The Long-Range Planning Committee will also be meeting in October to review the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Fraser reported that tonight's data spotlight was on Recovery Ohio. She reviewed the following areas the Board has been working on:

1. Stigma and Education
 - a. Every opiate presentation addresses stigma associated with Behavioral Health
 - b. The Overdose Strike Team has distributed over 1,000 doses of Naloxone and installed Naloxone into the community.
 - c. QRT continues home visits to reduce overdoses.
 - d. National Overdose Awareness Day was held on August 31st. The Board partnered with Signature Health and Lake-Geauga to distribute information, memorial tree saplings, NARCAN Nasal Spray and Detera Drug Deactivation.
2. Workforce Development

- a. Providing over \$1,000,000 in funding to network providers for bonuses, wage increases, health insurance and wellness programs.
3. Prevention
 - a. Partnered with Lakeland to increase wellness for students.
 - b. Enhance and promote Crisis Services and Crisis Text Line.
 - c. Crossroads Health facilitates the OhioRISE and Multisystemic Therapy for Juveniles programs.
 - d. Lead the Suicide Prevention Coalition.
 - e. Distributed Deterra Drug Deactivation System Pouches.
 - f. Ohio K-12 School Program, programming sustained through local investment.
4. Harm Reduction
 - a. Continue with harm reduction practices.
 - b. Participate on the local suicide and overdoses fatality review committees.
 - c. Participate in the monthly Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center meetings.
5. Treatment and Recovery Supports
 - a. Oversee the Multi-System Adult funds.
 - b. Assist individuals with rent/security deposits, clothing, hygiene products, hotel stays, storage units, medications, and home appliances.
 - c. Peer supports in the two hospital EDs to meet with individuals who present with a substance use disorder.

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, Ms. Kalb moved that the full Board enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contract with Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers for Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Funding was awarded as pass through from OhioMHAS. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zeroske and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-012)

Ms. Fraser noted those dollars are to be used for drug court programs.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Zeroske moved that the full Board approve the following budget neutral line item adjustments to Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers SFY2023 non-Medicaid contract: decrease Nevaeh Ridge grant \$72,000; decrease Residential Ancillary Grant \$13,333; increase Workforce Development Ancillary Grant \$85,333. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kalb and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-013)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved that the full Board enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contract with Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers for capital improvements in an amount not to exceed \$68,508. The capital improvements include Recovery House Eight Forty-One (roof tear off and replacement), Recovery House Horvath House (remodel bathroom handicap accessible), Residential Treatment Facility Nevaeh Ridge (roof insulation) and Residential Treatment Facility Oak House (replace handicap accessible shower). The motion was seconded by Ms. Parker and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-014)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Collise moved that the full Board enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contract with Lifeline for Community Transition Program (CTP) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The funding was awarded as pass through from OhioMHAS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meinhold and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-015)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Kalb moved that the full Board enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contract with Mentor Municipal Court in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for MH and SUD Court Program. The funding was awarded as pass through from OhioMHAS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hatton and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-016)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Zeroske moved that the full Board enter into a SFY2023 non-Medicaid grant type contract with Willoughby Municipal Court in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for Veterans Court Program. The funding was awarded as pass through from OhioMHAS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-017)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Meinhold moved that the full Board enter into a non-Medicaid purchase of service type contract with Western Fire Supply for an amount not to exceed \$610,000 for decontamination units. The funding is from State Opiate Response (SOR) 2.0. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parker and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-018)

Ms. Fraser noted that these funds will allow for cleansing/sanitizing of fire gear after entering a scene where fentanyl or other hazardous material has been encountered. It is a great partnership with fire departments and all have expressed interest in participating.

*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 **OPERATIONS 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. Lau moved that the Board approve the September bills totaling \$1,864,633.48 be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meinhold and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-019)

GOOD OF THE GROUP:

Mr. Lau advised that he went to Signature Health and Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers during the Opiate Awareness day event. He was impressed with the event and found the passionate staff to be impressive.

As there was no further business, Mr. Hatton moved for adjournment at 6:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (23-020)

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Sabo
Chair

Kim Collise
Secretary