

**LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD**

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Lake County ADAMHS Board, 9237 Mentor Ave, Unit B, Mentor

Ms. Kalb called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Chair – Roberta Kalb

- Carl Dondorfer            Mike Hatton
- Pam Kurt                    Curtis Lau
- Marty Phillips            Jeff Taylor
- Amber Torres Gonzalez   Matt Sabo
- Beverly Schilero
- William Wilson

Members Excused:

- Stacy Kramer              Dave Enzerra
- Nicole Parker

Staff Present:

- Kim Fraser, Executive Director
- Jackie Bruner, Director of Business Operations
- Dan Rowles, Director of Quality & Clinical Operations
- David Schick, Director of Marketing & Communications
- Kelly Tuttle, Secretary & Receptionist

Guests:

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| Damir Pavicic    | Bridges            | Matt Selker     | NAMI Lake County |
| Michelle Bertman | Catholic Charities | Jonathan Lee    | Signature Health |
| Shayna Jackson   | Crossroads Health  | Tina Ringenbach | Torchlight       |
| Karen McLeod     | Extended Housing   | Kim Hearn-Vance | UH/Lake Health   |
| Angi Daugherty   | Family Pride       | Andrea Gutka    | WomenSafe        |
| Melanie Blasko   | Lake-Geauga        |                 |                  |

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Mr. Dondorfer moved to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2024 regular Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-092)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Ms. Bruner read the financial report of Board operations for the month of April, 2024 as follows:

Beginning Cash Balance .....	\$ 271,236.70
Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month .....	\$6,710,194.38
Total to Account For .....	\$6,981,431.08
Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month .....	\$1,972,607.16
Ending Period Adjustments	\$ 0.00
Ending Cash Journal Balance .....	\$5,008,823.92

Mr. Hatton moved to accept the financial report for the month of April as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sabo and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-093)

**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 last week the Commissioners passed the first of two necessary resolutions to put the .9 mill levy on the November ballot. They had glowing things to say about our Board and system. The Sheriff also made some wonderful remarks. Ms. Fraser stated this is a great time to start raising more awareness. The board will embark on a yard sign campaign in the next couple of weeks trying to connect the dots from provider agencies to the ADAMHS Board. More to come on the levy and campaigning.

Ms. Fraser shared that Mr. Schick and Ms. Tenkku have gotten the Board lined up for fairs, festivals, parades and farmers markets throughout the summer. There are many opportunities for Board members to help support events and she will get that information to them soon.

Ms. Fraser announced that the Board applied for the Bipartisan Safer Community Project Initiative through OhioMHAS, with Mr. Schick authoring the application, and the board was awarded \$54,350 to develop or enhance existing mental health emergency preparedness and response plans to include focus on behavioral health response to violence, schools and mass shootings events. These dollars will be used to increase compensation for the trauma response team, paid trainings for the trauma response team, Hispanic ad campaign, and crisis text line calming strips for all school districts.

Ms. Fraser stated that the Annual Dinner and Awards will be held on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at LaMalfa at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Cheri Walter, CEO of the Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities will be the keynote speaker. Nominations are still being accepted for the advocate and consumer achievement awards.

Ms. Fraser gave an overview of the SFY25 non-Medicaid Request for Proposals reminding who we serve, goals of the RFP process and the strategic guiding principles. There are 95 programs from 16 provider agencies which were reviewed by staff. All programs are certified by OhioMHAS and all proposals included updated Quality Improvement Plans to reflect adherence to recovery-oriented systems of care principles, Lake ADAMHS Strategic plan, Lake ADAMHS Community plan, safety/confidentiality measures, program monitoring and outcome measures. Staff has spent dozens of hours going through proposals and there was an enormous amount of information sifted through. All providers demonstrated a need for more money but understood we are currently deficit financing and there is a fixed amount of dollars available.

Ms. Fraser presented a power point on funding requests; areas of focus and proposal highlights for the SFY25 Request for Proposal's as follows:

Bridges – no funding changes; 201 Lake County residents served annually.

Catholic Charities – no funding changes; 159 Lake County residents served annually. The agency provides interpretation services for the Lake ADAMHS network.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center – no funding changes; 81 Lake County residents served annually. They are experiencing a change in leadership and are looking for a new CEO.

Crossroads Health – decrease in funding - moving from grant to purchase of service when possible to reduce reconciliations; 6,051 Lake County residents served annually. The MH Day treatment staff was increased due to acuity and they are sun-setting programs that are not needed or are no longer beneficial. School based services will be deferred until the June meeting since some school systems have not chosen which provider they will use.

Extended Housing – no funding changes; 265 Lake County residents served annually.

Family Pride – no funding changes; 264 Lake County residents served annually.

Fine Arts Association – no funding changes; 833 Lake County residents served annually. They recently opened a location in Painesville and have partner with multiple Lake ADAMHS network providers.

Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers – slight decrease in funding based on service demand and alternative funding; 704 Lake County residents served annually. There is an increased demand for family support services, grief support services and psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Lifeline, Inc. – slight increase in funding based on service demand and line-item changes; 97 Lake County residents were served (excluding 211). 34,156 residents served annually via 211. The Volunteer Guardianship program has grown significantly.

NAMI of Lake County – slight decrease in funding; 1,151 Lake County residents served annually (excluding school presentations). 5,763 Lake County residents served annually via school-based presentations. They are sunsetting Ending the Silence Family and Staff based on utilization. Ending the Silence Students will continue and they are starting a new pilot program Survivors of Suicide Support Group.

Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare – no funding changes; 23 Lake County residents served annually. Capacity is consistently at 90%.

Signature Health – increase in funding; 9,059 Lake County residents served annually. The Everett Center and Juvenile Court Liaison program have been annualized and an increase was requested in core clinical services based on increased demand and Medicaid redetermination. The request is consistent with decreasing waiting lists and improved access to care. School based services will be deferred until the June meeting since some school systems have not chosen which provider they will use.

Torchlight Youth Mentoring – no funding changes; 153 Lake County residents served annually. There is a continued high demand for mentors.

University Hospitals/Lake Health – increase in funding; 1,124 Lake County residents served annually. UH Concord inpatient expansion will improve local access to adults and the new relationship with CAPU (child and adolescent psychiatric at Rainbows) will improve access to children. The addition of child/adolescent and adult inpatient care will be funded via a state grant.

Windsor-Laurelwood – decrease in funding; 114 Lake County residents served annually. The reduction in mental health and SUD inpatient bed days utilized resulted in the decrease in funding.

WomenSafe – slight decrease in funding; 112 Lake County residents served annually. Line item changes and an overall slight decrease based on service demand and alternative payor sources.

After backing out pass through funding, Board operating expenses, and system-wide operating, the projected net non-Medicaid revenue available for contracting is \$12,038,999.00. The staff recommended funding amount is \$12,235,953.00 (which does not include school-based funding). Ms. Fraser stated that if proposals are accepted as recommended by staff we would be deficit financing in the amount of \$196,954.00. She noted the amount is conservative and she was comfortable going forward with that amount. FY2024 contracts will be underspent and we anticipate reconciled dollars.

Mr. Sabo thanked Board staff and provider agency staff for the work that has been put into this process.

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

Ms. Kalb reported that the Executive Committee met prior to the Board meeting and the following agenda items were discussed:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Kurt moved the full Board approve the 6-month calendar of Board meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-094)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Torres Gonzalez moved the full Board approve the 2024 Health Officers as recommended by the Director of Quality and Clinical Operations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-095)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Sabo moved the full Board Motion to enter into FY2025 Non-Medicaid Contracts with 16 providers, as outlined on the SFY2025 MH SUD Non-Medicaid Contract Proposals, and as recommended by Board staff, in an amount totaling \$12,235,952.77. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dondorfer and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-096)

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Kurt moved that the full Board approve SFY2025 Pass-Thru funds, pending awarded funding as follows: Extended Housing: PATH - \$137,530.00; Extended Housing Shelter Plus Care - \$620,046; Lake-Geauga Recovery: Women's Set-Aside - \$63,349.00; Lake-Geauga Recovery: Gambling Addiction Prevention & Treatment - \$75,350.00; Lake Geauga Recovery: BH&CJ Linkage Program - \$150,000.00 and Lake-Geauga Recovery: Recovery Housing - \$45,900.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hatton and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-097)

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

Mr. Taylor reported that the Evaluation/Quality Improvement Committee met on Monday, May 13th and the following agenda items were discussed:

Quality Improvement Review of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Ms. Martin presented a power point on the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. Their mission is to support survivors of rape and sexual abuse, promote healing and prevention and advocate for social change. The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center serves anyone affected by rape or sexual abuse no matter how long ago the assault occurred to women, men, children, loved ones and people of all ages, gender identities and walks of life.

Ms. Martin stated that the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center provides short term individual counseling, support groups, crisis safety counseling, 24-hour crisis hotline, hospital and police station support, human trafficking services, professional training and community education and justice system assistance. All services are provided at no cost to the survivor.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center's priority populations include: the Spanish speaking community, LGBTQ+ and hearing impaired. The agency is Safe Zone certified.

Ms. Martin shared that in FY2023 1022 services were provided; serving 116 Lake County residents.

Mr. Rowles has reviewed the agency's QI plan. It is in compliance with their certification through OhioMHAS and it is his recommendation that we approve their plan.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Taylor moved that the full Board accept the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center's Quality Improvement Plan. Seconded by Ms. Kurt the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-098)

Quality Improvement Review of Family Pride of Northeast Ohio Ms. Sullivan presented a power point on Family Pride. Their mission is to provide support and inspire our community's well-being through highly qualified, engaged staff, providing responsive and flexible behavioral health services to individuals and families.

Family Pride is a community based behavioral organization that services northeast Ohio (Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties). Services that they provide include counseling, therapeutic behavior support services, parent & education supports, school-based services, trauma specific services, access support services, senior support services and reentry program.

Ms. Sullivan reported that 21% of the services provided by Family Pride are in Lake County. 169 hours of services was provided in schools that include: Hershey Concord, Perry, and Madison.

Ms. Daugherty stated that the Lake County ADAMHS Board provides funding for their Senior Support Services Program which provides specific, measurable, and individualized mental health services to Lake county seniors in the community and home-based settings. The purpose of the program is to increase access to care, reduce the impact of individual mental health symptoms and improve quality of life. In FY2024 55 seniors have been in the program to date with 685 hours of services provided with case management, mental health assessment and therapy.

Ms. Daugherty was excited to share that the Lake County Commissioners awarded funding to Family Pride to help support older adults in Lake County through housing assistance, family caregiver groups, and food insecurity.

Mr. Rowles has reviewed the agency's QI plan. It is in compliance with their certification through OhioMHAS and it is his recommendation that we approve their plan.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Taylor moved that the full Board accept Family Pride of Northeast Ohio's Quality Improvement Plan. Seconded by Ms. Schilero the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-099)

Quality Improvement Review of Torchlight Youth Mentoring Ms. Lawrence presented a power point on Torchlight. She reviewed the mission and history of Torchlight Youth Mentoring. Torchlight offers the following programs: community based, after school, foster care, and COUL Club. Over the past year they have served 177 clients to date.

Ms. Lawrence stated that their community-based program is the "traditional match program" where a volunteer adult is paired with a child of the same sex. They try to match specific needs and interests.

Currently there are 46 kids on the wait list which has gone up slightly from last year. While on the waitlist kids are able to participate in the COUL Club which stands for Club of Unmatched Littles. Volunteers are needed to supervise activities

The after-school program takes high school volunteers and match them with younger students one day a week in a supervised setting. Younger students in the program are referred by teachers and sign up through parents or guardians.

Ms. Lawrence stated that the Foster Care Program is unique in that they provide mentors to youth in foster care. Adult volunteers work with their program coordinator to provide a group setting to learn life skills, identify resources and promote a path to a successful future.

Ms. Lawrence reported that in all of their programs youth either improved or maintained positively in their self-confidence, relationships with peers and relationships with their families.

Mr. Rowles has reviewed the agency's QI plan. It is in compliance with their certification through OhioMHAS and it is his recommendation that we approve their plan.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Taylor moved that the full Board accept Torchlight Youth Mentoring's Quality Improvement Plan. Seconded by Mr. Sabo the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-100)

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lake County ADAMHS Board

*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*

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr. Hatton reported that the Nominating Committee met on April 15th to determine a SFY25 Slate of Officers. The SFY25 Slate of Officers that will be brought before the Board are: Roberta Kalb (chair), Pam Kurt (vice-chair), Amber Torres Gonzalez (Treasurer), Nicole Parker (Secretary) and Matt Sabo (past-chair).

Mr. Hatton will confirm with candidates their willingness to serve. If all accept, this slate of officers will be presented for consideration and vote before the full Board at the Annual Board Meeting (June 17, 2024) at which time the Board Chair will also accept nominations from the floor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to bring before the Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Payment of Bills Mr. Dondorfer moved that the Board approve the May bills totaling \$1,271,662.84 be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-101)

#### **GOOD OF THE GROUP:**

Mr. Hatton shared his appreciation to Mr. Schick for the ADAMHS Board having a table at the Stars & Stripes 5K with the Lake-Geauga Recovery Center which was part of the veteran's collaboration.

Mr. Taylor complimented Crossroads Health on their Soaring Hearts event. It was a fantastic atmosphere. Ms. Jackson stated they were still looking at drone footage from the event to see how many kites were flown.

Ms. Torres Gonzalez gave kudos to Mr. Lee for personally reaching out to one of his staff members with a health issue.

Everyone thanked Mr. Taylor for bringing in the ice cream.

As there was no further business, Mr. Sabo moved for adjournment at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hatton and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (24-102)

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Kalb  
Chair

Nicole Parker  
Secretary