

**LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD**

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 16, 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	Stacy Kramer
Pam Kurt	Nicole Parker
Marty Phillips	Amber Torres Gonzalez
Matt Sabo	Beverly Schilero
Jeff Taylor	William Wilson

Members Excused:

Mike Hatton

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:

Damir Pavicic	Bridges	Kelli Jo Parr	NBHS
Michelle Bertman	Catholic Charities	Tia Lawrence	Torchlight
Mike Matoney	Crossroads Health	Kim Hearn-Vance	UH/Lake Health
Angi Daugherty	Family Pride	Michelle Giancola	Windsor-Laurelwood
Melanie Blasko	Lake-Geauga	Andrea Gutka	WomenSafe, Inc.
Charles Tong	Lake-Geauga		

Mr. Schick shared that it is the Week of Appreciation for First Responders and Behavioral Health Professionals. He will be on an ice cream truck traveling to over 30 locations throughout the county; handing out ice cream and showing our appreciation to these professionals. He also brought ice cream to distribute this evening for everyone to enjoy.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Mr. Sabo moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dondorfer and the Motion Passed with Ms. Kurt abstaining. (25-011)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,826,724.50
Plus: Cash Receipts for the Month	\$4,187,173.90
Total to Account For	\$8,013,898.40
Minus: Cash Disbursements for the Month	\$1,595,686.91
Ending Period Adjustments	\$ 0.00
Ending Cash Journal Balance	\$6,418,211.49

Mr. Sabo moved to accept the financial report for the month of August as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (25-012)

**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 shared that the Board has been represented at a number of community events over the summer to increase our visibility so that individuals learn how to get connected to services and supports.

Ms. Fraser shared that Milica, our Staff Accountant, is out on maternity leave and Jackie, Carla, and Kelly have picked up all of her duties. In addition, our entire staff has been really busy with the Hometown Heroes event, Overdose Awareness Day, week of Appreciation, and coordination of the FOLA Art Auction and will continue to have additional duties through election day.

Chris Herren from The Herren Project will be coming to Lake County in October to talk to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the county about his experience as a professional athlete and the impact of addiction on his life and career. Funding has been provided through the Lake County ADAMHS Board (SOS 3.2 funding), United Way, and One Ohio Opioid Grant Relief Funds from the Lake County Commissioners.

Ms. Fraser reminded that the Celebrity Art Auction is on Thursday. There will be a full house with lots of wonderful art and raffle baskets. If you are not able to attend and would like to buy raffle tickets, please let her know.

Ms. Fraser gave an update on Board Operations noting that at our previous location safety protocols were in place. New safety protocols have been established at our new location due to some recent incidents. Protocols established include a staff contact protocol, non-violent crisis intervention and a workplace safety protocol; putting the staff's safety and well-being to the forefront.

Ms. Fraser stated that she and Ms. Bruner will be working closely with provider agencies to look at expenditures from last fiscal year and close out SFY2024 contracts. Reconciliations will be presented at the Operations Committee meeting next month.

Ms. Fraser reported that updated by-laws were included in Board packets to be voted on at the October Board meeting. Changes include the increase in Board members as well as minor language changes.

Ms. Fraser reported ADAMHS Boards through the Board Association have been looking at State priorities and for the 2026-2027 biennium having a dedicated line item for ADAMHS Boards. The current line item allows the State to pull funding out for different initiatives.

Ms. Fraser gave an update on the Regional Crisis Response Center (RCRC) stating that the steering group has been meeting and they are making positive progress. The RCRC has received \$500,000 in seed funding via a legislative capital earmark presented by Senator Cirino. Ms. Fraser learned that the state department had been working on writing rules around levels of care for the 23-hour chairs and residential crisis level of care that would have subsequent Medicaid billing codes. The state has hit pause on pursuing these rules which means putting a pause on any Medicaid reimbursement. The steering group is looking at other potential revenue sources for ongoing sustainability and a different billing structure.

Ms. Fraser reported the county's One Ohio Opioid Grant Relief Fund has awarded \$445,000 for a Quick Response Team; Crossroads Health has been awarded \$160,000 for Crisis and Criminal Justice. Both of these awards are over a period of 3 years. One Ohio Region 13 has not made any decisions yet on funding.

Ms. Fraser stated that the Board has received SOR/SOS funding for the past eight years. These dollars are primarily invested in inpatient detox services, liaisons for the courts, housing support services, recovery housing, and medication assisted treatment. This year OhioMHAS is putting out an RFP to have a competitive funding process. Instead of dollars flowing through the Boards they will go directly to the providers RFP's are due on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and OhioMHAS reports they plan to have a decision in 7-10 days. The current funding expires on September 29th. The SOS 4.0 is to start on September 30th. Staff recommendation is to provide sunset funding to bridge services until ~~they~~ agencies find out if they receive funding for this program. A motion will be brought before the board through the Executive Committee.

Ms. Fraser presented levy updates announcing that yard signs will be available at the Celebrity Art Auction for our friends and Board members. Provider agencies will have signs delivered to their locations next week. Three levy mailers have been printed and will be mailed out on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. A 30-second tv commercial will be aired on Spectrum during the campaign 400 times. Numerous speaking engagements have been taking place and will continue. If you have a group you are involved in and would like someone to speak, please contact Mr. Schick or Ms. Fraser. Lapel stickers will be distributed at the October Board meeting. Grassroots will be a huge part of the campaign. Mine plus nine postcards will be replaced electronically via email or social media. Endorsements for the levy so far include all three Commissioners, the Sheriff, Coroner, Representative Troy and Senator Cirino.

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

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

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Ms. Torres Gonzalez moved that the full Board enter into a one-time non-Medicaid contract with the following providers for 60-day "sunset" funding to extend the SOS 3.0 federal funding grant (September 30, 2023-September 29, 2024) through November 28, 2024: Signature Health: not to exceed \$76,000, Crossroads Health: not to exceed \$39,085, Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers: not to exceed \$36,156, Windsor Laurelwood: not to exceed \$20,565 and WomenSafe, Inc.: not to exceed \$7,200. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (25-013)

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

Mr. Taylor reported that the Operations Committee met on Monday, September 9th and the following agenda items were discussed:

Quality Improvement Review of Signature Health Ms. Harrington presented a power point on Signature Health. She stated that they have two outpatient locations in Lake County that include Painesville and Willoughby and an Administrative Office in Mentor. They also have a residential facility, C.H. Everett, that opened in 2023. It is a stepdown facility for someone coming out of hospitalization and the typical length of stay is 30-90 days. Services offered at the residential facility include: behavioral health and primary care assessment, counseling with an emphasis on day treatment groups, case management, peer support, and psychiatry.

Ms. Harrington noted that Signature Health's new location in Willoughby was built from the ground up opened in November 2023. It is approximately 48,000 square feet.

Ms. Harrington shared the following strengths which include: visionary leadership, innovation (integrated intake process linking behavioral and medical health, co-located service at Wickliffe School's Family Resource Center), financial stability, data driven and patient care centered. Weaknesses include: workforce (labor shortage, staff turnover, staff training), growing pains and the learning curve on Epic (health records systems).

Ms. Harrington announced that Signature Health changed their mission statement last year. The new mission statement is "To become the most respected integrated behavioral health organization in the country."

Board members thanked Signature Health staff for their informative presentation.

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 Evaluation/Quality Improvement Committee, Mr. Taylor moved that the full Board accept Signature Health's Quality Improvement Plan. Seconded by Ms. Kurt the Motion Passed Unanimously. (25-014)

Next meeting date: Monday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m. at Windsor-Laurelwood

*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 to bring before the Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Payment of Bills Mr. Sabo moved that the Board approve the September bills totaling \$1,327,877.01 be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (25-015)

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

Ms. Torres Gonzalez stated that in the spirit of appreciating staff at agencies the Executive Committee would like to recognize Board staff members and all the good work they are doing. As an effort from our Board to extend gratitude and appreciation they discussed bringing in gift cards to recognize a staff member each month as part of a wellness incentive. Board members interested in donating cards can give them to herself or Ms. Fraser.

As there was no further business, Mr. Phillips moved for adjournment at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sabo and the Motion Passed Unanimously. (25-016)

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Kalb  
Chair

Nicole Parker  
Secretary