Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2020

Present: Jon Ahles, Becky Brewster, Monica Durham, Jeff Hite, Kym Lamb, Jennifer Lemon,

Cindy Lewis, Ann Mitchell, and Christina Thompson and Dr. Brett Toward **Excused:** Sue Bemiller, Sheila Holloway, Sheryl Groff, and Ron Moton

Unexcused:

Staff Present: Joe Trolian, Sherry Branham, Angie Parker, and Carey Vogt

Guest: Mary Kay Pierce, WMFD

Cindy Lewis called the Teleconference meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call

1. * Approval of October 20, 2020 meeting minutes – Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve October 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Brewster motioned to approve, and Lemon seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with ten approvals. The motion carried.

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for last half of October and first half of November 2020-Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for last half of October and the first half of November 2020. Hite motioned to approve the expenditures and Durham seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with ten approvals. The motion carried.

3. Cash Position – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of September 30th, 2020 was \$5,515,562.69. We added a total revenue of \$594,790.07. Total expenditures for the same period were \$304,907.97. Leaving a fund balance on October 31st, 2020 of 5,805,444.79. This is an increase of \$289,882.10.

4. Presidents Report – Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked Board members to pay special attention to folks in their friends and families that may be isolating at this time. We are entering a unique version of the holidays and this may have a significant impact on many who may be already struggling.

5. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian stated that the Board received the CARES Funding Grant through the Board of Commissioners for the \$94K to purchase telehealth equipment for a number of the outpatient agencies. Trolian stated that the equipment has been ordered and have a tentative arrival date of the 2nd week in December.

Trolian reported that he submitted the State Opiate Response 2.0 grant in the amount of \$1,381,468.00. This will expand on many of the efforts currently underway with SOR 1.0 to include stimulants. We will also add a focus on adolescents, expectant mothers, and parents with children in residential. We will also a tobacco and vaping prevention/cessation component. We

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should hear by December 4th if we will receive the award and get everything implemented by January at the latest.

Trolian reported the KnowItB4UNeedIt campaign has produced two 90 second videos that will begin airing this week on several venues. One focuses on loneliness and isolation during the holidays and another promoting parent and child communication and encourages the use of the family support line.

Trolian reminded Board members that there will not be a meeting in December. He did let members know that he will be having a Finance Committee meeting in January to approve a modified budget and will bring together the Planning and Education in early February to begin working on the Request for Funding Process for SFY 2022.

6. Old Business

None to Report

7. New Business

Lamb supported Lewis statement to reach out to others during this time. She stated that she has been ill the last few weeks (not COVID), but it reminded her that being physically ill can take a toll on people psychologically as well. So, she encouraged members to be especially aware of their friend and family that may have been diagnosed and on quarantine and to touch base with them just to reminded them that someone is thinking about them.

Thompson shared that Faith Poretti with OhioHealth who has been a mainstay with their Chaplin services and the lead on many of their grief support groups will be retiring. Thompson said she will find out how the grief support will be covered in the future, but if anyone want to send Faith a quick note of congratulations, now is the time to do it.

8. Future Agenda Items

None Requested

9. * Adjournment

Lewis called for a motioned to adjourn the meeting Lamb made the motion and Hite seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

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