

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

Present: Jon Ahles, Sue Bemiller, Becky Brewster, Jeff Hite, Kym Lamb, Jennifer Lemon, Cindy Lewis, and Ron Moton.

Excused: Monica Durham, Sheila Holloway, Ann Mitchell, Christina Thompson and Brett Toward.

Unexcused:

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

Guest:

Cindy Lewis called the Teleconference meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

Roll Call

1. * Approval of January 19, 2021 meeting minutes – Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve January 19th, 2021 meeting minutes. Moton motioned to approve, and Bemiller seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with seven approvals. The motion carried.

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for last half of January and first half of February 2021- Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for last half of January and the first half of February 2021. Brewster motioned to approve the expenditures and Moton seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with 7 approvals. The motion carried.

3. Cash Position November and December 2020 – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of December 31st, 2020 was \$5,364,263.62. We added a total revenue of \$639,094.92. Total expenditures for the same period were \$663,001.05. Leaving a fund balance on January 31st, 2021 of 5,340,357.49. This is a decrease of \$23,906.13.

5. Presidents Report – Cindy Lewis

Lewis again asked Board members to pay attention to those who may be isolating or having difficulties coping. She stated that she has reach out to schools and professionals as things start to pick up with the new year. One school's reaction was they would love to have assistance from behavioral health, they just do not have time to slow down to figure out how they can help.

6. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian thanked the Board for their support of the Rehab Telethon, Catalyst raised \$115K this year. After a year like we have had, this was quite an accomplishment.

Trolian shared that the Board will be issuing the 120-day notices on February 26th. He informed the Board members that in other areas of the State agencies have been filing lawsuits against Boards due to language and procedures involving the 120-day notice and trying to limit the contracting ability of the Boards. The Association feels that these may just be some warning shots for larger lawsuits soon. The Association feels that we may see some new lawsuits after Boards issue the 120-day notices this year. Trolian assured Board members that the 120-day notices that we issue are not

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“boiler plate” and include all appropriate language. He has not heard that any of the local agencies are currently disgruntled with the 120-day notice or the contracts, so he does not anticipate any suits filed against Richland County. He stated that he will keep the Board updated on any changes along this front.

Trolian informed the Board that Behavioral Health has been, for the most part, level funded for in the “As Introduced” Biennial Budget. Considering the times, level funding is pretty good and a great place to start negotiating from. The K-12 Prevention line was eliminated, and these are the funds that are being used to place the CISM teams in the school. We are circulating the idea of asking for moneys to be earmarked from the \$100M that was added to Education for Student Wellness and Success to continue these programs for the next two years. Trolian stated that he may need to call on some Board members to reach out to legislators as the budget progresses.

Trolian asked Lamb to update the Board on the latest KNOWITB4UNNEEDIT effort the “Be a Good Neighbor” campaign. Lamb gave an overview of the planning to date. We are looking at a progressive campaign that encourages people to first define their “neighborhoods” beyond houses and streets. Then begin to craft ways to reach out to and check in on those people in your neighborhoods. We are looking at media and other forms of outreach to get the process started but are looking at the campaign running through the end of the fiscal year and into the 1st half of fiscal 2022. Lamb encouraged Board members to get involved and share ideas as they have them.

Trolian wrapped up stating that he will be having a Finance and a Planning and Education Committee meeting before the next Board meeting to get ready for the Request for Funding Period to open on March 19th.

7. Old Business

None to Report

8. New Business

None to Report

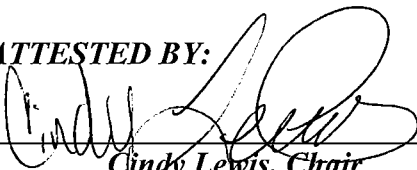
9. Future Agenda Items

None Requested

10. * Adjournment

Lewis called for a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hite made the motion and Lemon seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

ATTESTED BY:



Cindy Lewis, Chair



Jennifer Lemon, Vice chair