

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021

Present: Jon Ahles, Becky Brewster, Monica Durham, Jeff Hite, Jennifer Lemon, Cindy Lewis, Ann Mitchell, Christina Thompson, and Dr. Brett Toward.

Excused: Sue Bemiller, Sheila Holloway, Kym Lamb and Ron Moton

Unexcused:

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

Guest: Mary Kay Pierce

Cindy Lewis called the Teleconference meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Roll Call

1. * **Approval of February 16th, 2021 meeting minutes** – Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve February 16th, 2021 meeting minutes. Hite motioned to approve, and Brewster seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with seven approvals and two abstentions from Thompson and Toward. The motion carried.

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

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for last half of February and the first half of March 2021. Brewster motioned to approve the expenditures and Mitchell seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with eight approvals and one abstention from Toward. The motion carried.

3. **Cash Position November and December 2020** -- Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of January 31st, 2021 was \$5,340,357.49. We added a total revenue of \$235,428.75. Total expenditures for the same period were \$543,591.75. Leaving a fund balance on February 28th, 2021 of \$5,032,194.49. This is a decrease of \$308,163.00.

4. **Finance Committee-** Jeff Hite

Hite reported that the Finance Committee met on March 8th and that the minutes were included in the Board packet. He stated that the status of both the Board and Full budgets are expending as predicted. He asked Trolian to elaborate on a couple of items. Trolian shared that we will be replacing servers which we be a cost of approximately \$18,000, but we have several lines that are currently being under expended in the Board budget, so it should not require adding dollars to the budget. Trolian also stated that he was contacted by OHMAS regarding the State Recovery Housing Fund. Richland County is underutilizing this fund because of COVID protocols as well as SOR funds that overlap. Trolian said that he authorized the State to redistribute to other Counties the 3rd and 4th quarter allocations, which will still leave \$29K for Richland to use.

Hite reported that they reviewed the County Audit for Calendar Year 2019. The Board staff have implemented some additional changes and added a procedure for all agencies to address two findings in the Management Letter.

No action is need by the full Board.

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5. Planning and Education Committee- Christina Thompson

Thompson reported that the Planning and Education Committee met on March 15th. She stated that Trolian initially provided the committee with an update on the timeline for the Request for Funding process. Trolian also shared clarifying information that will be available on the Website regarding agency status as a Contract Agency, Affiliate Agency, or Partner Organization.

Thompson stated that Trolian provided a presentation on a Pilot Project: Behavioral Health Urgent Care. The Pilot project will be open for current contract treatment agencies to apply for. Thompson asked Trolian if he wished to add any addition information from his meeting with Agency Directors today.

Trolian shared that he and his staff had a great discussion with Catalyst and Family Life and they both seemed very positive about applying for this Pilot and implementing this innovative practice. Trolian stated the proposals will run on the same timeline for application as the standard RFF process.

Thompson shared that the committee discussed the Annual Dinner and agreed that it would be best to move it to September and since it would be the first one in two years, maybe look to do something in a larger venue or potentially outdoors. Thompson stated that the committee wrapped up with a discussion of May is Mental Health Month and plans moving forward for this year.

No action is need by the Full Board.

6. Presidents Report – Cindy Lewis

Lewis encourage Board members to do what they can to support the Be a Good Neighbor initiative especially if they have neighbors or relatives that more susceptible to shut-in behavior. She also stated that as May is Mental Health comes together to see if there are events (virtual or live) that we can support the organizations that we work with even by sharing links or just passing along positive messages.

7. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian updated the Board on the status of some to the language amendments being request by the Board Association for the SFY2022-23 Biennial Budget Bill. He also discussed updates that we may be seeing in several federal allocations that were increased in the 2nd and 3rd COVID Relief Bills. He stated that they have not received any official guidance yet to see how these funds will come to the local communities but based on the two bills it appears to be increases that should last for about 4 year.

Trolian talked about a new program that will be on WMFD called “Sparking the Conversation.” This will be hosted by Jeff and Donna Heck from 33 Forever and the Board will be one of four sponsors of the program. This comes with a 30 second tv spot that we will be able to use to promote “Know It Before You Need It”, the “Be A Good Neighbor” initiative and hopefully the new Urgent Cares over the summer. The program will also highlight different Behavioral Health and Wellness programs available in the community.

Finally, Trolian shared that The Opiate Conference will take place on May 11th, 12th, and 13th. It will be totally virtual this year. He stated that he has one complimentary registration for a Board member, if anyone is interested and if more than one person is interested, the Board has traditionally picked up the cost for registration for Board Members.

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7. Old Business

None to Report

8. New Business

Dr. Toward shared that he was intrigued by the Urgent Care Models and that he would love to see if there would be a way that Third Street Family Health Services could support the agencies with possible medical services to enhance the program. Trolan said that he would set up some time soon to discuss the whole program with Dr. Toward and discuss how and when the organizations could work together.

Dr. Toward also shared that he may be interested in the registering for the Opiate Conference.

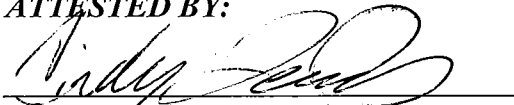
9. Future Agenda Items

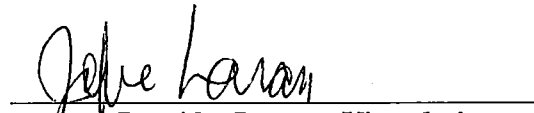
None Requested

10. * Adjournment

Lewis called for a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hite made the motion and Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

ATTESTED BY:


Cindy Lewis, Chair


Jennifer Lemon, Vice chair