

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022

Present: Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Mike Donahue, Cindy Lewis, David Krenrick, Jennifer Lemon, Jay Wachs, Kym Lamb, John Ahles, and Ron Moton

Excused: Sylvia Jordan, Sue Bemiller and Jeff Hite

Unexcused: Carla James

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

Guest:

Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1. * Approval of October 18, 2022, meeting minutes - Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve October 18th, 2022, meeting minutes.

Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes, Ahles seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, Thompson called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried.

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for the last half of August, all of September and all of October 2022 -Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for the last half of August 2022 through the end of October 2022. Donahue motioned to approve, and Ahles seconded. There was no discussion so Thompson call for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. The motion carried.

3. Cash Position – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of August 31, 2022, was \$6,976,350.07. We added a total revenue for September and October 2022 of \$1,525,413.07. Total expenditures for the same period were \$1,305,727.05. Leaving an October 31st, 2022, fund balance of \$7,196,036.09. This is an increase of \$219,686.02.

4. *Finance Committee Report- Mike Donahue

Donahue provided highlights from the October 31st Finance Committee meeting. He referred to the minutes that were provided in the Board Packet. He stated that a lot of time was spent discussing and reviewing the Calendar Year Operating and Housing Budgets that will need to be passed and accepted by the full Board tonight. Donahue, on behalf of the Finance Committee made the motion to accept the calendar year operating and housing budgets as written for submission to the Board of Commissioners. Wachs seconded the motion. Trolan addressed the difference with this budget as compared to our Fiscal Year budget, is that the last half of the calendar year is currently just speculative. Especially with a new Biennial Budget coming up in 2023, this will most likely need to be revised in June or July. Thompson call for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Donahue also shared that Trolan gave updates on other funding lines such as Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) and State Opiate and Stimulant Response Grant (SOS).

5. President's reports – Christina Thompson

Thompson reminded board members that in this time of holiday celebration to be sure to reach out and stay in touch with those that may not be able to attend events and those who may be more susceptible to feeling lonely.

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6. Executive Director's report – Joe Trolan

Trolan reminded Board members that we do not meet in December. The next full Board meeting will be on January 17, 2023. He stated that he will be holding a Finance Committee Meeting in January to revise the budget with the new State Opiate and Stimulant Response (SOS) grant added, because it will cause a 10% or more change in the budget. He also said that there will be a Strategic Planning Committee, so the committee can review the 23-25 Community Plan which will need to be adopted at the January board meeting.

Trolan stated the new SOS grant will be level funded over the first year of the grant. He stated that it will be a combination of State Opiate Response 2.2 No Cost Extension and new SOS 3.0, but the total will be \$1,381,468 the same as last year. It will be placed in both fiscal years 23 and 24, to accommodate the Federal Fiscal Year.

Trolan report that there has been very little movement in the “lame duck” session in Columbus, but legislators were just starting to report back this week. He has heard that what will move are issues with little pushback, so he is not confident that the 340 modernization issues will get any traction, because the Ohio Council has voiced opposition. He did state that if there is need for some grassroots initiatives, this can typically be handled through emails, so he encouraged Board Members to watch their emails, as these initiatives typically have a short turnaround time.

Trolan stated that the Help and Hope for the Holidays campaign has launched, that there will be spots on radio, tv, billboards and social media that will run through November and December and then we will switch over to “The Season of Hope” for January, February, and March. Lamb stated that we made sure to add the Helpline number to this promotion as well.

Trolan finally shared that during December, he would be sending Board Members an 8 question Survey Monkey to get their feedback on the actual board meetings. This is an area of correction from our Culture of Quality (COQ) survey. Despite not having met this standard, he did share that Richland County will officially receive their 3-year renewal on November 30th for COQ.

6. Old Business

No Old Business

7. New Business

Ahles shared that several police departments will be doing a “Cram the Cruiser” event to collect food for the holidays on November 19th and 20th from 11am to 3pm at the Kroger on Lexington Avenue.

Wachs shared that on Thanksgiving November 24th, Gravity Ohio will be offering a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who wants one from 11am-2pm. People can eat the meal there or get it to go. November 26th they will have Small Business Saturday and the Richland Academy will be providing some youth carolers that will carol at many of the business and will eventually wind up at the Gazebo for the lighting of the tree. On December 17th, from 2-4pm, also at DLX, the Armed Forces will be collecting toys for kids in need.

Lehr asked if there is someplace where information about finding food and clothing assistance can be found or where people can go to get help for their families. Trolan stated that Richland County has an excellent 211 that stays up to date on events and resources. Branham stated that if you contact the library, you can get on the mailing list for the calendar that provides on meals and food assistance. Moton asked if the schools are involved. Trolan shared that he will be meeting with the Superintendents on Friday and will be providing up to date information about what we are doing regarding the schools. He also shared that most of the school systems have also established several liaisons that help identify the students in need and make sure they have food, clothing an shelter even when the schools are on break.

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8. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items presented.

13. * Adjournment

Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Moton made the motion and Lamb seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

ATTESTED BY:


Christina Thompson, Chair


Susan Lehr, Secretary