

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

Present: Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Mike Donahue, Sue Bemiller, Cindy Lewis, David Krenrick, Sylvia Jordan, Jeff Hite, Carla James, Jennifer Lemon, Kym Lamb, John Ahles, and Ron Moton

Excused: Jay Wachs

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

Guest: Paul Lintern, John Roby, Keith Cawrse and Seth Byrd-WMFD

Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Introduction of Guests

1. * Approval of January 17, 2023, meeting minutes - Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve the January 17, 2023, meeting minutes.

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

There was no discussion, Thompson called for a vote and the motion was approved with one abstention from Hite. Motion carried.

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for December 2022 and January 2023 -Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for December 2022 and January 2023. Moton motioned to approve; Ahles seconded. There was no further discussion. Thompson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously. The motion carried.

3. Cash Position – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of November 30, 2022, was \$7,418,703.07. We added a total revenue for December 2022 and January 2023 of \$871,983.06. Total expenditures for the same period were \$1,638,957.92. Leaving a January 31, 2023, fund balance of \$6,651,728.21. This is a decrease of \$766,974.86.

4. Community Presentation: The Jericho Wall- Paul Lintern

Rev. Paul Lintern gave a presentation on an initiative to turn a parking lot wall near the five point stop light between Park and Third in to a work of art. The art would focus on depictions of recovery and the wall itself could include names of individuals who have died from overdoses and create a place for families to memorialize their loved ones.

The project is in the planning stages, and he ask for volunteers to serve on a short-term planning committee, Trolan volunteered and said he could help target some additional key people in the community. Rev. Lintern stated that the timeline is to have a dedication and revealing of the wall during September's Recovery Month.

5. *Planning and Education Committee Report- Susan Lehr

Lehr provided a summary of the Planning and Education Committee meeting that took place on February 13th. She stated that Trolan presented a detailed description of the Crisis Continuum that was presented to Catalyst. This would move crisis services to a firehouse model and bring all of the crisis services under one program umbrella and funding line. Trolan said that Catalyst decided that they would not be able to implement due to the staffing requirements. Trolan said that he provided an MOU demonstrating that full staffing was not required on day one, but they still declined the

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proposal. Trolan said that he submitted a scaled down version just focused on Mobile Crisis and Laura Montgomery has not responded to this proposal yet.

Lehr stated that they also reviewed the 120-day notices that will need to go out to the agencies on February 24th. She asked Trolan to go through them. He described each letter pointing out specifics in Catalyst letter that there will be a change to crisis continuum and how services are funded, a letter for Youth and Family Council informing them that The Board does not intend to renew the MOU for funding for SFY 2024. The letter does provide conditions that must be met by the Administrative Agent, Job and Family Services, to be reconsidered for funding.

Lehr made a motion on behalf of the Planning and Education Committee to approve the 120-letters for CACY, NAMI, UMADAOP, Family Life, Catalyst and Youth and Family Council. Lamb seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. President's Reports – Christina Thompson

Thompson stated that she did not have a prepared report for tonight.

7. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolan

Trolan congratulated the two Catalyst board members present for another excellent Rehab Telethon where they raised over \$111K for services.

Trolan announced that the Request for Funding and Request for Proposal period will commence on March 17th. The process will close on April 28th. In preparation we will have a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss a tentative budget as well as Program and Planning Committee to look at the new programs prior to the 17th.

Trolan has scheduled three more Townhall meetings. an Opiate Townhall will be at Madison schools on April 6th and Lucas on May 18th. Lexington would like to have a Behavioral Health Townhall and Joe will be working with Aubrie Hall from NAMI to pull this together. They are looking at the 2nd or 3rd week in March potentially.

Trolan announced that The Board will be entering into contract with Todd Wroblewski for the design, bid and build architect services for the new 1st Street Permanent Supportive Apartment project. He hopes that in the next 30 to 45 days we will develop a reasonable timeline to push the project forward. He also said that he has not heard an new information on the Century Link Building. He has heard that they want a little more time to discuss the offer amongst themselves and then will meet with the Board and DD.

Trolan announced that The Board has a meeting with key staff at North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) to start discussing the best way to survey the community for health information. The North End has never had good responses to surveys and therefor the information gleaned during health assessments tend to lead to more questions rather than answers. It is clear however that the paper and pencil or online surveys are not going to get the community to good information.

8. Old Business

No Old Business

9. New Business

Krenrick made a motion for the Board to re-commit to Declaring Racism and Discrimination as a Public Crisis. He stated that in July of 2022, the Board voted in this declaration based on events occurring in the country that brought glaring focus on the issues of institutionalized racism and discrimination. Again, in response to recent events and in recognition of some of the efforts that the Board has made to address racism and discrimination, Krenrick felt it would be a great time to

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demonstrate to the community our continued commitment to focus on these issues. Moton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ahles stated that there is an upcoming event at Altitude Trampoline Park where the police will be providing IDing services for kids and if a child participates, they will get two dollars off admission. Ahles stated that all Police Departments will be participating.

10. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items presented.

11. * Adjournment

Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Hite made the motion and Donahue seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.

ATTESTED BY:


Christina Thompson, Chair


Susan Lehr, Secretary