

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023

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

Excused: Jay Wachs and Mike Donahue

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

Guest: John Roby, Darrell Banks, and Mary Kay Pierce

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 February 21, 2023, meeting minutes.

Hite made the motion to approve the minutes, Moton seconded the motion.

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

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for February 2023 -Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for February 2023. Moton motioned to approve; Carla seconded. There was no further discussion. Thompson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Cash Position – Carey Vogt

The cash position beginning balance as of January 31, 2023, was \$6,651,728.21. We added a total revenue for February 2023 of \$86,983.13. Total expenditures for the same period were \$604,474.59. Leaving a February 28, 2023, fund balance of \$6,134,236.75. This is a decrease of \$517,491.46.

4. Finance Committee – Dave Krenrick

Krenrick reported on the Finance Committee meeting that took place on March 13th at 10:00am. We reviewed the current fiscal year budget. The Board seems to be on track with its spending at 53%. We have also received approximately 61% of anticipated funding. The committee went through the first draft proposed budget for SFY 2024. It included funding for the Crisis Continuum, expansion of the Wellness Teams in the schools and a line for \$70K specific to multi-system youth, these are the funds that were typically sent to the Youth and Family Council. They will be used for the same purpose just managed from the Board as opposed to the Council.

Trolian took the committee through more details related to the Crisis Continuum. Krenrick reported that at the time of the Finance Committee, Catalyst had not yet committed to move forward, he stated that Trolian was meeting with Catalyst on Wednesday. Krenrick also stated that Trolian notified the Committee that an agreement had been reached and then put some details in his memo and would let Trolian discuss it further in his report. The Finance Committee adjourned at 12:35pm.

5. Planning and Education Committee Report- Susan Lehr

Lehr reported that the Planning and Education Committee also met on March 13th at 3:30pm. The initial part of the discussion was surrounding the crisis continuum, the current proposal that was submitted by Catalyst and the changes that Trolian will be requesting on Wednesday morning. He also provided the committee with a draft MOU that showed how the program would come together and the outcomes that the Board would be collecting and analyzing along the way. We also talked

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about the expansion of the Wellness Teams in each of the public school districts and that there would be two additional MOUs, one for Catalyst and one for Family Life to provide funding for similar services in the parochial and charter schools.

Lehr stated that additional time was spent discussing the Faces of Hope Campaign and what all that would entail. She stated Trolian was trying to set up interviews but was having some difficulties getting names of willing participants. Trolian stated that since the meeting he as take a different approach and now has 14 confirmed interviews, so things are moving. Lehr stated that Lamb was spearheading an art component of the campaign. Lamb stated that they will doing a call for art and collecting pieces for display at multiple locations and will also post on the KnowItB4UNeedIt website for any digital art submissions.

Lehr said the meeting wrapped up with discussion of May is Mental Health Month. She stated that Branham has scheduled three noon meetings March 28th, April 12th and April 25th to do planning. Lehr said if Board members are not in Planning and Education, but want to participate in the meeting or know of people in the community that may be interested, they should reach out to Sherry Branham and get on the distribution list. Lehr said the meeting adjourned about 5:00pm.

6. President's Reports – Christina Thompson

Thompson stated that she wanted to thank all Board members that were part of the Crisis Continuum proposal. There was a lot of correspondence and 4 hours of meeting on the March 13th, to get this project to the finish line. She recognized the Board members are voluntary and all have private lives, but it was a true display of dedication to see how everyone dedicated what time they could to supporting the Board in its endeavor to find a compromise with the agency.

7. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian shared the good news that we now have a signed memorandum of understanding to move forward on the Crisis Continuum Pilot starting July 1st. Trolian stated that this will move the entire crisis system away from variable funding options including purchase of service, grant funding, and underwrites to a single fire house model. This will include the crisis stabilization unit, HELpline, Warmline, outreach teams, urgent care, indigent crisis, after hour hospital prescreens and a new mobile crisis unit all under a single funding line for a total of \$1,447M and will pay out as a 1/12th grant. Rather than tracking billables we will track outcomes to determines success. This will also allow the agency to bill third party payors for individual services. The mobile team will operate seven days a week from 4pm to 12am. The team will respond in tandem with Mansfield Police Department. The pilot will run for one year. There will be a Crisis Committee that will meet quarterly to review outcomes and determine how and when to begin expansions of either times of operations or number of teams with the target of expanding to additional law enforcement offices during year 2.

Trolian shared that there have been a number of potential funding streams for capital programs that have surfaced over the past few weeks. He said the negotiations for the Century link building are once again moving and that there may be a potential to move the both the youth crisis unit as well as the 2nd floor day treatment program forward at the same time. There is a grant call Youth Resilience that requires only a 25% match that could be used for the day treatment space. The state also provided \$90M in ARPA funds to be used for the crisis continuum. \$45M will be going to the 6 hospital regions to establish crisis transitional programs which typically have 60 to 90 days stay. We may be able to use the space that we were developing as transitional housing above the Board office for a hybrid version of what the State is looking for, by having 4 of the apartments be short-term stay (up to 90 days) and the other 3 for longer transitional stays (up to 18 months). This will

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be negotiated over the next few months, but the State would like to have proposals from the regions in by the end of May. This funding would only require a 10% local match.

Trolian stated that the Board opened the Contract period on Friday the 17th. Agencies will be working on requests for funding and all proposals are due in by 4pm on April 28th. Trolian said that most services will remain fairly level, but we will be expanding the structured Wellness Teams from 2 to 8 and hoping for 9 and moving involvement with school districts from the current 7 plus some work with parochial and charters, to all of the districts. This will be a big expansion, but due to all of the federal funding that has been coming for treating addictions, it has left the more flexible local dollars available to do some creative programing like the wellness teams.

Trolian reiterated the involvement in May is Mental Health Month planning as that the Faces of Hope will actually run from April 1 through June 30, and encompass Mental Health Month. He stated that if people have events in May that are family friendly activities we would be happy to add them to the calendar.

Finally, Trolian discussed an upcoming Health Fair that will take place in Lucas on May 18th. He again encouraged Board members who work for a health organization to consider participating.

8. Old Business

No Old Business

9. New Business

No New Business

10. Future Agenda Items

Joe stated that he working on a quarterly report for the Board members for suicides, overdoses, opiate response and homeless response team data. Will present in April.

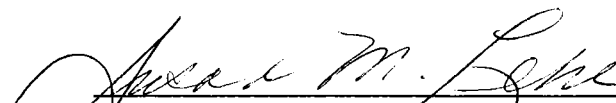
11. * Adjournment

Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Hite made the motion and Ahles seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

ATTESTED BY:


Christina Thompson, Chair


Susan Lehr, Secretary