

# Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

## Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023

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**Present:** Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Sue Bemiller, David Krenrick, Jeff Hite, Jennifer Lemon, Kym Lamb, John Ahles, Jay Wachs and Mike Donahue

**Excused:** Carla James, Cindy Lewis, and Ron Moton

**Unexcused:** Sylvia Jordan,

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

**Guest:** Mary Kay Pierce

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Introduction of Guests

1. \* Approval of March 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes- Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve the March 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Krenrick made the motion to approve the minutes, Ahles seconded the motion. There was no discussion, Thompson called for a vote and the motion was carried unanimously.

2. \* Motion to approve expenditures for March 2023 – Christina Thompson

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

3. Cash Position March 2023– Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of February 28, 2023, was \$6,134,236.75. We added a total revenue for March 2023 of \$57,662.00. Total expenditures for the same period were \$476,637.56. Leaving a March 31, 2023, fund balance of \$5,715,261.19. This is a decrease of \$418,975.56.

4. Planning and Education Committee-Susan Lehr

Lehr advised that the committee met on March 28, 2023 and that minutes are in the Board packet. She asked Branham to touch on the discussion. Branham reviewed the draft of the Calendar of Events for May which is Mental Health Month. Branham advised a copy of the document is in the Board packet.

5. President's reports – Christina Thompson

Thompson did not have a report this evening.

6. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian advised the Board on several issues. We are upgrading the Fiscal Accounting System because our current system is at a point where it has reached its maximum benefit. We have begun the Faces and Journey's of Hope campaign and are looking for people who would like to submit artwork based on what hope means to them. Artwork can be submitted electronically or in print. Videos of people's recovery stories are being produced and dropped on social media every 3 days or so. Some of these recovery stories are from individuals who now work in our system. Trolian recorded Focus on North Central Ohio highlighting May is Mental Health Month. Trolian gave an update on the State of Ohio's Biennial Budget. He highlighted our visit

to the Statehouse advocating for an increase to the Medicaid rate, but the increase did not occur as requested. Lehr stated that because of this she is concerned that people will not stay in treatment because they can't afford the services. Trolian advised that Contact Proposals are due April 28, 2023. This will allow Board staff in the month of May to put contracts together. Trolian provided an update on the capital projects. Trolian gave an update on the Opiate Response Team, Suicides, the Crisis Unit and Withdraw Management.

7. Old Business

Krenrick discussed a study that charted the impact of negative language, trauma events and that black people experience great as compared to whites. The outcome is that this presents as mental illness when they are not truly mentally ill. Donahue state he believes culture plays a huge role and that this needs address as related to diagnosing mental illness.

8. New Business

None.

9. Future Agenda Items

None.

10. \* Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Hite and seconded by Ahles. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

***ATTESTED BY:***

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***Christina Thompson, Chair***

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***Susan Lehr, Secretary***