

# Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

## Meeting Minutes May 16, 2023

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**Present:** Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Sue Bemiller, Michael Donahue, Cindy Lewis, David Krenrick, Sylvia Jordan, Jeff Hite, Kym Lamb, John Ahles, and Ron Moton

**Excused:** Carla James, Jennifer Lemon, and Jay Wachs

**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

**1. \* Approval of April 18, 2023, meeting minutes** - Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve the April 18, 2023, meeting minutes.

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

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

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

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

**3. Cash Position** – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of March 31, 2023, was \$5,715,261.19. We added a total revenue for April 2023 of \$2,319,224.18. Total expenditures for the same period were \$662,864.57. Leaving an April 30, 2023, fund balance of \$7,371,620.80. This is an increase of \$1,656,359.61.

**4. Nominating Committee**-John Ahles

Ahles stated that the Nominating Committee established the following slate of officers to present to the full Board:

Chair: Sue Bemiller

Vice Chair: Dave Krenrick

Treasurer: Mike Donahue

Secretary: Jay Wachs

Ahles asked if there were any nominations from the floor to add to these nominees. Hearing none, he stated that this list will be voted on, during the June 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**5. President's Reports** – Christina Thompson

Thompson encouraged all Board members to continue to keep an eye on the May is Mental Health Month Calendar. There are still many events that can be attended, especially on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, there are events starting at 9am and going through the evening. She encourages Board members to bring family members and attend these events.

**6. Executive Director's Report** – Joe Trolian

Trolian started with presenting a potential resolution to restore the 421 Line in the Biennial budget back to the "as Introduced" level. Hite asked how the budget was looking post COVID and are dollars tight. Trolian stated that there was no discussion during the start of the budget process or at

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any point up to now discussing a need to make cuts to make sure the budget expenditure balanced with the projected revenue. Moton asked why the house made reductions to the line. Trolian stated that there was an increase in the line with the as introduced over previous year's allocations. The line was reduced, but overall is still more than what we currently have. The problem is, so many earmarks have been introduced to this line, that the amount that came to local boards for discretionary use, has been reduced by \$11M. A motion to adopt was requested, Moton made the motion and Lamb seconded the motion. Thompson called for a vote, and it passed unanimously. Trolian stated that he was meeting with Senator Romanchuk on the 17<sup>th</sup> and would hand it to him personally.

Trolian pointed out that each of the Board members has a copy of the approved 2023 to 2025 Community Assessment and Plan. This will also be available on our website and will become the document that will be used with future grant proposals. It dovetails nicely with the Strategic Plan and the goal will be to keep these two documents working in tandem.

Trolian updated the Board on the local contracting process. He stated there will be a meeting with the Planning and Education Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> to develop questions for the agencies to help clarify the agency requests. A similar meeting will take place with the Finance Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, after these meetings, the questions will be submitted to the agencies, and they will have 2 weeks to respond. The two committees will meet jointly in June to review the responses and develop a proposal for the full Board to approve on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trolian updated the Board on several grant proposals that will be submitted over the next 30 days totaling \$2.3M if they are all approved. The first was submitted today, another will be submitted on May 19<sup>th</sup> and a third by June 16<sup>th</sup>. All are supposed to be approved and accessible by July 1<sup>st</sup> if accepted.

Trolian wants to have some discussion next month regarding placing restrictions on the use of Board discretionary funds for use with teleservices. Trolian stated that he has been hearing increasingly that the post COVID issue that is causing the most concern is loneliness and isolation, and it seems that the constant use of teleservices may be exacerbating the problem. Medicaid is continuing to allow it, but he would like to see language in the contract that services need to be face-to-face and that any teleservices for assessments, individual or group psychotherapy would need to have prior authorization from the Board if the service is to be paid with Board discretionary funding. Trolian stated that he would rather look for solutions to transportation as barrier than support individuals doing these critical services over the phone or over zoom.

### **7. Old Business**

No Old Business

### **8. New Business**

No New Business

### **9. Future Agenda Items**

Bemiller passed out copies of Trolian's annual narrative of accomplishments that will be discussed during the June 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in executive session as part of his evaluation.

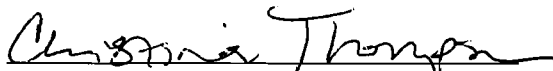
### **10. \* Adjournment**

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Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Hite made the motion and Moton seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
Christina Thompson, Chair

  
Susan Lehr, Secretary