

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023

Present: Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Sue Bemiller, Michael Donahue, David Krenrick, Sylvia Jordan, Jeff Hite, Kym Lamb, John Ahles, Carla James, Jay Wachs, and Ron Moton

Excused: Jennifer Lemon, Cindy Lewis

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

Guest: Mary Kay Pierce

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1. Approval of May 16, 2023, meeting minutes - Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve the May 16, 2023, meeting minutes.

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

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

2. Motion to approve expenditures for May 2023 -Christina Thompson

Thompson asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for May 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 April 30, 2023, was \$7,371,620.80. We added a total revenue for May 2023 of \$66,158.13. Total expenditure for the same period was \$853,680.09. Leaving a May 31, 2023, fund balance of \$6,584,098.84. This is a decrease of \$787,521.96.

4. Joint Finance and Planning & Education Committee- Michael Donahue

Donahue stated that the Finance and the Planning & Education committees met separately to review the agency proposals for SFY 2024 and to develop any questions that still needed to be answered. The committees then met jointly to review the agency responses and finalize the recommendation for the full Board. Copies of the minutes were included in the Board packets which provide more detail. Donahue then made a motion on behalf of the joint Finance and Planning & Education Committee to approve the Board operation budget of \$911,753, the Agency Contracts for at total of \$7,411,384 and the Community and Passthrough Budget of \$3,200,752 for a total of \$11,523,889. Dave seconded the motion. Thompson asked if there was any further discussion. Trolan shared that there are a few funds that have not been confirmed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. This is all part of the timing of a new biennial budget. There is still approximately \$2.3M that is tentative. The Board can approve a higher budget and then there is language in the contracts that address the timing issue and allow for adjustments to be made due to changes or elimination of funding lines. Trolan stated he does not anticipate any major changes in the funding based on what is budgeted, but if there is, we vote on a budget correction at the July Board meeting. Hite acknowledged that the budget seems higher than last year and Trolan agreed and said last year we started with a budget of \$8.5M. Between the State issuing \$90M in ARPA grants to the System and several other enhanced funding pots to we have applied for several grants to cover on-going costs. In addition, we have been told that all Boards will be level funded for SOS starting in October and last year we did not include a new year of SOR grant funds, because no decision had been made for continuation at that time. This is \$1.3M.

Thompson called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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5. Nominating Committee-John Ahles

Ahles stated that on behalf of the Nominating Committee he would like to present the following slate of Board members to serve as officers for State Fiscal Year 2024:

Sue Bemiller-Chair

Dave Krenrick-Vice Chair

Jay Wachs-Secretary

Mike Donahue-Treasurer

Ahles then asks if there were any other nominations from the floor that would like to be considered for an office. There were no additional responses, so Ahles made the motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. James seconded the motion, Thompson called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Personnel Committee: Executive Session- Sue Bemiller

Bemiller made a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section G, sub section 1, to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. James seconded the motion. Thompson Call for a roll call vote that passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 5:41pm.

At 5:59pm Bemiller made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Moton Seconded the motion. Thompson called for a roll call vote that passed unanimously.

Bemiller stated that she would like to make a motion that minutes reflect that Executive Director Joe Trolian has satisfactorily executed his duties during fiscal year 2023. As compensation his annual salary will be increased by 3.25% effective the pay period including July 1, 2023. Moton seconded the motion. Thompson called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

7. President's Reports – Christina Thompson

Thompson took a few minutes to thank the Board for all its hard work over the past years. She also thanked Trolian and the Board staff for all their hard work in keeping the Board running smoothly. She stated she has enjoyed her time as chair.

8. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian Recognize two Board members who are completing their terms and will not be back on the Board for SFY 2024. Kym Lamb served from 2015 to 2023 during her time she served as the Board secretary for two years and the Board Chair for 2 years. Jeff Hite served from 2019 to 2023 and served two years as the Board Treasurer. Both individuals received plagues and the full appreciation of the Board staff and Directors for their commitment.

9. Old Business

Trolian resumed the discussion that started last month regarding teleservices. Each Board member was provided a copy of the Surgeon General's advisory regarding an epidemic of loneliness and isolation. In this document there were two pillars that were identified: Pillar 2: Enacting Pro-Connection Public Policy and 4: Reform Digital Environment. From this area significant discussion ensued as to the potential benefits and the potential difficulties that could occur by restricting teleservices. After much discuss a motion was made by Hite to for group services (including Group Psychotherapy 90853, Group Counseling H0005, Intensive Outpatient (IOP) H0015, and Multi-Family Group Psychotherapy 90846) funded by Board Discretionary Funds the agency would like to provide through teleservices, pre-authorized by the Board must be obtained prior to service

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provision. Donahue seconded the motion. Thompson called for the vote, and it passed unanimously. Trolan stated that he will add language to the agency contracts for the services restriction as well as definition of teleservices and Board Discretionary funds.

10. New Business

Lamb updated the Board on the Faces of Hope and that it will extend into the summer. She also stated that as soon as the vinyls arrive she will be hanging them up and if anyone would like to help, she will provide the details and date through email once it is confirmed.

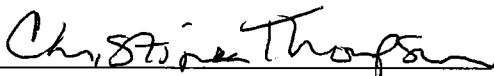
11. Future Agenda Items

No Future Agenda Items

12. Adjournment

Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Hite made the motion and Lamb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

ATTESTED BY:



Christina Thompson, Chair



Susan Lehr, Secretary