

# Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

## Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023

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**Present:** Susan Bemiller, David Krenrick, Jay Wachs, Mike Donahue, Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Cindy Lewis, Carla James, John Ahles, Jordon Wurthmann, Jennifer Lemon, and Ronald Moton

**Excused:** Sylvia Jordan

**Unexcused:**

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

**Guest:** Mary Kay Pierce, Paul Lintern, Nicole Fuhrhop and Kym Lamb

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

Swearing in of 1 New Board Members – Carey Vogt

Jordon Wurthmann

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**1. \* Approval of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes - Susan Bemiller**

Bemiller asked if there was a motion to approve June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. Donahue made the motion to approve the minutes, Wachs seconded the motion. There was no discussion, Bemiller called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

**2. \* Motion to approve expenditures for June 2023 -Susan Bemiller**

Bemiller called for a motion to approve expenditures for June 2023. Moton motioned to approve, and Ahles seconded. There was no discussion, so Bemiller called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Cash Position – Sherry Branham**

The cash position beginning balance as of the first of June 2023 was \$6,584,098.84. We added a total revenue for June 2023 of \$562,684.68. Total expenditures for the same period were \$504,174.11. Leaving an end of June fund balance of \$6,642,609.41. This is an increase of \$58,510.57.

**4. President's reports – Susan Bemiller**

Bemiller encouraged all Board members, if they have not had an opportunity to view all the Artwork that is in the display boxes on the square, to do so. This is part of the Faces of Hope Campaign and the artwork that was collected was fantastic and very inspiring.

**5. Executive Director's report – Joe Trolian**

Trolian yielded the floor to Paul Lintern to provide and update on the Jericho wall. The wall development has progressed with a new parking lot and fence repair. The Banner will be going up in the next few weeks. He invited all to take part in a dedication/Overdose Awareness Day event on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. Trolian added that they have a quote for an information pavilion/shelter at the site, that he is working with the agencies to share the cost of construction and hopes to have the structure completed by the August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Trolian discussed the CORSA Liability Insurance that the Board receives through the County. He explained that all the Board owned buildings are covered, and this provides us with \$1Mil/\$3Mil coverage with a \$25,000 deductible. He stated that this renews every year in May. He explained that since we are a single county Board, the Commissioners vet and approve the carrier. Trolian did share that there has been the start of discussions at the Board Association as to the benefit for Boards

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to carry their own Directors and Officers Insurance. So, this may be a discussion to revisit at a later date.

Trolian turned his section over to Branham to discuss the upcoming fair. Branham explained the Fair Booth Coverage and encouraged any Board Members who wish to, to sign up for a 2-hour slot. Trolian shared that two of the Capital Projects, the First Street Permanent Supportive Apartments and the First Street Transitional Facility are beginning to move. We were able to obtain the additional lots, so now the challenge is the right positioning of the parking lots based on required setbacks. He is hopeful that the bidding process for a contractor will start soon and will give the option of bidding on one or both projects with preference given if a bidder is able to do both. He stated that he participated in a tour of the Century Link building with the Commissioners today. They need to give final approval on the Developmental Disability portion of the purchase, but as soon as they do, that project will start moving again.

Trolian announced that they are still waiting to hear about the ARPA Crisis Grant, but the biennial budget was approved and there was an additional \$6M in the 421 Line over last biennium, so they are anxious to see if those additional funds will be pushed out as part of the community line, or how the department will distribute them.

Trolian asked Board Members to complete their Committee Preference Form for SFY 2024. He stated that he does not anticipate any Subcommittee meetings in August but does want to have the Strategic Planning and potentially a Finance Committee in September. He stated that members can email their preference form, or can complete them tonight and turn them in.

Trolian called on Mary Kay Pierce to discuss NAMI's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner. Ms. Piece shared that on August 3<sup>rd</sup> they would be hosting an Annual Dinner at Kingwood Center from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The dinner is free to attendees, but people need to pre-register. Loree Vick is the Keynote Speaker, and they will also be giving out some awards. Trolian stated they will also be giving out the Brinkerhoff award for SFY 2022 at this event.

Trolian stated that for Recovery Month this year, we will be doing the planning via email. We have noticed a dwindling number of participants over the year and much of the meeting is reviewing the calendar and seeing if there is anything we have missed.

Trolian reminded everyone that we will not meet in August, which is one the two months that we do not have a Board meeting.

### **6. Old Business**

Thompson asked if we will be doing an Annual Dinner this year? Trolian stated that they were informed by OACBHA that an Annual Dinner or meeting is not required in statute as previously believed. Therefore, we can plan events as needed. Since NAMI was doing their Dinner in August, we are going to do our award at that event and may look to do something else in SFY 2025.

### **7. New Business**

Lehr asked if we have heard anything definitive about the Medicaid rates for services going up. Trolian shared that he has heard that they are slated to adjust on January 1, 2024, but has not heard what services will go up? Or if all services will see an adjustment? He said he was told they are still fleshing that out.

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### 8. Future Agenda Items

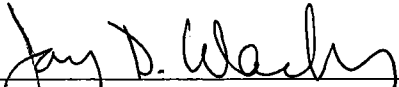
None Discussed

### 9. \* Adjournment

Bemiller called for a motion to adjourn. Moton made the motion and James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm

### ATTESTED BY:

  
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*Susan Bemiller, Chair*

  
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*Jay Wachs, Secretary*