



# Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Special Meeting Minutes June 28, 2024

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**Present:** Sue Bemiller, David Krenrick, Mike Donahue, Susan Lehr, Christina Thompson, Jennifer Lemon, Carla James, Elder Ron Moton, Lonnie McGhee

**Excused:** Cindy Lewis, Jordan Wurthmann, Sylvia Jordan, Deena Hamilton

**Unexcused:**

**Staff Present:** Sherry Branham, Carey Vogt, Angie Parker, Scott Basilone, Mike Sizemore

**Guests:** Jeff O'Brien, Crystal Shaffer

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## CALL TO ORDER:

Bemiller called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board member roll call was recorded, and a quorum was established.

### 1. Review of Catalyst Proposal – Sherry Branham

- **Mental Health Officer / Prescreen**

- Service Description – covers prescreens at Ohio Health and Avita 24/7

Branham described prescreen services to the Board in detail, including their necessity to the community and their requirement by the Ohio Revised Code. Branham commented that there has been no issue with service delivery that the agency provides. One agency currently employs the Health Officers who provide this round the clock prescreen service.

Parker explained to the Board that prescreens had been funded through the Crisis Continuum, which was instituted by the former Executive Director, and mentioned that Crisis Service lines were encompassed in the Continuum as well. The Crisis Continuum during SFY2024 was stood up as a pilot program and part of the allocation funding was a one-time grant which is not available in SFY2025.

- **Prescreens are a requirement for indigent residents**

Vogt mentioned that the former Executive Director made an exception and shifted available funding from Crisis Stabilization Beds to Crisis Prescreen and Liaison services to help cover those costs in SFY2023. This was not initially included in the SFY2023 Approved Budget. This was a one-time budget neutral shift of dollars and not a historically funded line.

Branham further commented that Indigent Hospital Services are of no cost to indigent clients in need.

- **Request is \$47,424 for service**

This request would be paid as a 1/12<sup>th</sup> allocation and would be utilized for on-call staffing and other expenses related to prescreens.

- **Hospital Liaison**

- Service Description – Provides linkage for individuals coming out of Ohio Health, Avita and Heartland Behavioral Health hospitals

Branham explained to Board members that this service is critical to our community. It helps connect hospitalized clients to ongoing services and supports once they are stabilized and discharged.

- **Request is \$52,000 for service**

- **Urgent Care Psychiatric**

- Service Description – The Board previously approved funding for Urgent Care assessment and psychotherapy services. Assessment and psychotherapy were the original components of Behavioral Health Urgent Care.

Urgent Care Psychiatric was an addition to the Urgent Care model that the previous Executive Director approved. This service was added and was a wider range of care than the initial walk-in concept. Urgent Care Psychiatric was not originally funded as part of the Urgent Care model.

- **Request is \$40,560 for service**

- **Medical Mobile**

- Service Description – Provides nursing services in the community including medication injections. The data indicates that over a 5-month period Medical Mobile only served an average of 4.75 individuals per month.

This was never independently funded. This service was added to the SFY2024 Crisis Continuum pilot program for the purposes of data collection.

- **Request is \$20,280 for service**

2. **\*Vote on adding Mental Health Officer / Prescreen Funding to SFY2025 Budget**

Bemiller called for a motion to approve funding for prescreens at an allocation of \$47,424. Donahue made a motion to approve, Moton seconded this motion. Krenrick abstained and there were 8 yes votes. The motion carried.

3. **\*Vote on adding Hospital Liaison Funding to SFY2025 Budget**

Bemiller called for a motion to approve funding for the Hospital Liaison service in the amount of \$52,000. Moton made a motion to approve, Lemon seconded this motion. The Board voted unanimously to fund Hospital Liaison.

4. **\*Vote on adding Urgent Care Psychiatric to SFY2025 Budget**

After thorough discussion and consideration, Bemiller called for a motion to not fund this line for the new SFY2025. Lemon made a motion to deny, Lehr seconded

this motion. The Board voted unanimously to not fund the psychiatric component of Urgent Care as it was an addition based on the one-time ARPA funds and is a higher level of care than designed under the original brief intervention urgent care model.

5. **\*Vote on adding Medical Mobile to SFY2025 Budget**

After thorough discussion and consideration, Bemiller called for a motion to not fund this line for the new Fiscal Year. Moton made a motion to deny, Lemon seconded this motion. There were no abstentions. The motion to not fund carried.

6. **SUD Underwrite**

Catalyst Life Services operates three Residential Treatment housing facilities that are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These facilities provide a wide variety of treatment services including recovery services and withdrawal management. An underwrite process has been in place which was based on reported expenses and revenue generations. This established a target (break-even) amount. If the target was not achieved, the Board provided an underwrite amount that would make up the difference of the assigned quarterly "target dollar amount" to make the agency whole.

An updated expense report was submitted by Catalyst Life Services on June 7<sup>th</sup> which was discussed by staff and Board Members. Parker presented an estimated forecast cost analysis for SFY2025 based on their newly reported expenses for the 3 houses.

7. **\*Vote on increasing SUD Underwrite Reserve for SFY2025 Budget**

Bemiller called for a motion to approve an increase of \$170,000.00 to the previously approved SUD Room & Board underwrite amount for SFY2025. Donahue made a motion to approve, Moton seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. **\*Adjournment**

At 1:14 PM Bemiller called for a motion to adjourn. James made the motion, seconded by Donahue. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
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Susan Bemiller, Chair

  
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Jennifer Lemon, Vice Chair