



Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025

Present: Jennifer Lemon, Susan Lehr, Mike Donahue, Carla James, David Krenrick, Deena Hamilton, Sylvia Jordan, Lonnie McGhee, Crystal Shaffer

Excused: Jeff O'Brien, Elder Ron Moton, Jordon Wurthmann

Unexcused:

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

Guests: Laura Montgomery, Elaine Surber, Nicole Kimble, Robert Meisse

Meeting held at: The Rehab Center
270 Sterkle Blvd Mansfield, OH 44907

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Catalyst Life Services Presentation -

Laura Montgomery, CEO gave an overview of the agency's long history in Richland County along with a comprehensive overview of the services that Catalyst Life Services offers. Catalyst Life Services is a very large service provider focusing on child and adult Mental Health, Substance Use, Vocational services, Audiology and Deaf services, Crisis services and is a District V Forensic Diagnostic Center. At any given time Catalyst Life Services employs between 360 – 380 staff members. In 2024 Catalyst Life Services saw over 6,000 individuals for service delivery.

Nicole Kimble LISW-S, Director of Adult Mental Health Services gave an in-depth explanation of Mental Health and Psychiatric services. Catalyst Life Services has a Behavioral Health Urgent Care that is open 5 days a week. The Urgent Care is a large referral source to ongoing Mental Health and Substance Use services and is a way to streamline clients seeking services with reduced wait times. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) is also available for clients with high need and includes wraparound support. Mental Health Officers are available 24/7 to respond to local hospitals for pre-screening to assess a client's need for hospitalization. Other services offered include a 13 bed Crisis Stabilization Unit for clients who are in crisis but do not meet the requirements for hospitalization and Forensic Psychologists as needed to assess competency in criminal matters.

Elaine Surber LICDC-CS, Executive Vice President and Director of Substance Use Disorder Services presented on Substance Use Disorder services offered at Catalyst Life Services. Catalyst Life Services offers a Withdrawal Management facility equipped with a Medical Director and

Residential treatment for adult males and females. The men's residential facility is named New Beginnings I and the women's facility is named New Beginnings II (Veronica's House). New Beginnings was a non-profit facility that merged with Catalyst Life Services. The standards of care are given by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and consist of different levels. The Withdrawal Management facility is the only one in Richland County. Catalyst Life Services is affiliated with several state organizations as well.

2. **Mid-State Multimedia Presentation** – Rob Meisse

Mid-State Multimedia is the owner of WMFD TV and local radio stations. They are very invested in the local community and graciously willing to volunteer their expertise toward the upcoming levy. Meisse and the Marketing Committee have been meeting regularly to discuss efforts for next year's levy and have several ideas in mind to interest the community, including the concept of the Richland Recovery Network. The ideas presented to the full Board of Directors were a re-branding of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board logo, a specialized website apart from the current website, and a radio jingle.

The Richland Recovery Network is designed to show a relationship between the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and contracted service providers for better public awareness. The re-branding of the current logo is being done for a more modern look consistent with a vibrant color scheme and an image that can be easily recalled. The radio jingle is designed to be uplifting and catchy for those who hear it, and the specialized website has a very specific task. The Richland Recovery Network website is used to filter results quickly based on a client's need. A user on the website will be asked questions to find the best match for a service provider based on need. This is very different from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board's current website, which consists of a much greater amount of information.

3. * **Approval of Minutes** – Jennifer Lemon

Lemon called for a motion to approve the November 19th, 2024 meeting minutes. Donahue motioned to approve the minutes, Jordan seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. The motion carried.

4. * **Monthly Payables** – Jennifer Lemon

Lemon called for a motion to approve the Expenditures for November 2024. Donahue motioned to approve the Expenditures, James seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. The motion carried.

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5. **Associate Director/CFO Report** – Carey Vogt

- **Cash Position:** The beginning balance at the end of October 2024 was \$5,875,428.95. In November, a total revenue of \$358,758.42 was added. Total expenditures for this period were \$877,736.14, leaving the fund balance in our operating fund on 11/30/24 at \$5,356,451.23. This is a decrease of \$518,977.72.

- Cash Position: The beginning balance at the end of November 2024 was \$5,356,451.23. In December, a total revenue of \$633,973.44 was added. Total expenditures for this period were \$430,406.80, leaving the fund balance in our operating fund on 12/31/24 at \$5,560,017.87. This is an increase of \$203,566.64.
- Richland County Single Audit for Calendar Year 2023: The County Audit has been completed which consisted of over 6 months of fulfilling requests. There were some findings for the County, but there were no findings for our department. A link to the entire audit was emailed out to the Board of Directors for more details.
- Finance Committee Meeting Update: We are still waiting on the SOS 4.0 NOSA. Once the NOSA has been received an SFY2025 budget revision will need to be done. Donahue, who chairs the Finance Committee mentioned that the last meeting was in-depth.

6. **Manager of Clinical Programs and Services Report** – Scott Basilone

- SOS 4.0: Work is being done to revise and itemize the budget forms for SOS 4.0. This past Friday, a meeting was held with the State to get pre-approval for this.
- OhioMHAS Reports: All required State reporting is being completed ahead of schedule.
- Community Assessment Plan (CAP) due February 17th, 2025: The Community Assessment Plan is being re-written and is due on February 17th, 2025.
- Wood Pointe Data and Updates: Case Management services at Wood Pointe are going well with a focus on life skills and daily activities. There have been positive results.

7. **Executive Director's Report** - Sherry Branham

- Legislative Day January 28th, 2025: The Mental Health Board of Director's and Staff meet with Senators and State Representatives along with OACBHA.
- House Bill 257 Virtual Meetings: An amendment was made to HB 257 to allow for virtual meeting attendance in times of need. A copy of the Bill was given to the Board of Directors. Director Branham wishes to keep all meetings in person as much as possible.
- Portfolio Assessment for Remodel of Dalton Place, Alpine Apartments and Service Enriched Housing: Dalton Place, Alpine Apartments and Service Enriched Housing are in vital need of repairs and upgrades. Project architect Todd Wroblewski visited these locations. A quote is being gathered for a portfolio assessment on these properties for repairs and upgrades. Chris Mazzolla from OhioMHAS spoke to Director Branham about the Permanent Supportive Housing facility that was scheduled to begin and said that funding could be re-directed toward these upgrades and repairs. The Permanent Supportive Housing facility can be revisited in the new biennium and if we opt to move forward we can apply for a capital grant to build the new facility. Director Branham

believes that it's vital to make the much needed upgrades to the buildings we currently own before building a new facility.

- Transitional Housing Program: Furnishings for the Transitional Housing Program are being looked at now. Conversations are being held with a consulting agency about the initial management of the program. This agency will have to bid on the program, but they are OhioMHAS certified and are experienced in managing programs like this. Recently it was discovered that the program will have to carry a Class 1 certification which has stringent requirements for service delivery. The program is now pending inspections.
- Marketing Committee Update:
 - Budget Recommendation – Mike Donahue
\$90,000 is budgeted for 2025. This is being used with reason and intent. A budget sheet was handed out that is broken down by quarters.
 - *Logo: Donahue motioned to approve the addition of the new logo, Lemon seconded the motion. There was no discussion or abstention. The motion carried.
 - *Jingle: Donahue motioned to approve the radio jingle, James seconded the motion. There was no discussion or abstention. The motion carried.
 - *Website: The website will be hosted by DRM and is considered a weblet, which is a small website with a basic but powerful purpose. Donahue motioned to approve the development of the Richland Recovery Network website, Hamilton seconded the motion. There was discussion or abstention. The motion carried.
- Affiliate Agency: Director Branham and Basilone visited the adult and adolescent psychiatric unit at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital on December 6th, 2024. The visit was very impressive. The units and their staff are very committed to their patients.

8. President's Report – Jennifer Lemon

Nothing to report

9. Old Business

None discussed

10. New Business

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 2025 at 5:30 PM at CACY in the Buckeye Room of the Longview Building, 1495 West Longview Ave.

The March Board meeting is scheduled to be held at the Boards main offices and NAMI will be presenting on the services they offer to the community.

Spero Health is scheduled to present to the Board of Directors at the April meeting.

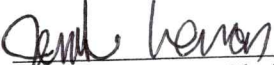
11. Future Agenda Items

None discussed

12. *Adjournment

Lemon called for a motion to adjourn. James made the motion, Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

ATTESTED BY:



Jennifer Lemon, Chair



Carla James, Secretary

Richland County Suicide Losses

Individuals Lost

Date	Individuals Lost
12/31/2003	21
12/31/2004	9
12/31/2005	13
12/31/2006	16
12/31/2007	13
12/31/2008	16
12/31/2009	14
12/31/2010	11
12/31/2011	12
12/31/2012	17
12/31/2013	11
12/31/2014	11
12/31/2015	22
12/31/2016	16
12/31/2017	15
12/31/2018	23
12/31/2019	9
12/31/2020	16
12/31/2021	24
12/31/2022	31
12/31/2023	21
12/31/2024	20
12/31/2025	0
12/31/2026	0
12/31/2027	0

2024 Suicide losses through 12/20/24 FINAL

Individual Suicide Losses

