



Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025

Present: Jennifer Lemon, David Krenrick, Carla James, Deena Hamilton, Jordon Wurthmann, Susan Lehr, Sylvia Jordan, Bret Snavely, Attorney Heather Cockley

Excused: Jeff O'Brien, Crystal Shaffer, Elder Ron Moton, Lonnie McGhee, Mike Donahue

Unexcused:

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

Guests:

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. * Approval of Minutes – Jennifer Lemon

Lemon called for a motion to approve the March 18th, 2025 meeting minutes. Wurthmann motioned to approve the minutes, Krenrick seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

2. * Monthly Payables – Jennifer Lemon

Lemon called for a motion to approve the Expenditures for March 2025. James motioned to approve the expenditures, Cockley seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and no discussion. The motion carried.

3. Associate Director/CFO Report – Carey Vogt

- Cash Position: The beginning balance at the end of February 2025 was \$5,513,836.50. In March, a total revenue of \$105,886.24 was added. The total expenditures for this period were \$863,629.79, leaving the fund balance in our operating fund on 3/31/2025 at \$4,756,092.95. This is a decrease of \$757,743.55.

- Other financial updates: The SFY2024 040 Actual Report has been submitted to the State. We are waiting on the remainder of the return of SFY2026 RFP's from the contract agencies. The 2024 County Audit has begun, and the Board of Commissioners have requested specific financial reports from the Board prior to going on the ballot. The second Capital Project reimbursement request has been sent to OhioMHAS for reimbursement of construction cost on the upstairs project. The next Finance Committee meeting will take place in early May, prior to the May Board Meeting.

4. **Director of Information Technology Report** – Angie Parker

Budgeting will soon begin for the new State Fiscal Year. Ongoing maintenance and contract work is underway with other hosted Board areas.

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

- Mansfield Senior High Springfest: Springfest was well attended and was very productive. It was a combination of students and parents. Superintendent Jefferson and Principal Beasley shared their positive feedback around the School Wellness Program.
- ARPA Non-Capital Report: This report is composed of data collected from the Urgent Care, Crisis Stabilization Unit and Crisis Prescreens that are within the Crisis Continuum. There were 1,208 program recipients served in the first two quarters of State Fiscal Year 2025.
- SOR/TOR Report: Program instrument protocols for this report collect data from all SOS 4.0 and SOS 3.0 No Cost Extension providers. There were 81 GPRA (Government Performance and Results Act) clients seen in the second quarter Federal Fiscal Year 2025 which included drug and alcohol assessments. This was a 3-part report submitted by providers containing demographic and other progress information.
CACY is a Non-GPRA Prevention service provider. During quarter 2 of the Federal Fiscal Year, they served 14 participants in their Quit Smoking program, and 48 participants within the first two quarters. Catalyst Life Services served 169 clients within the first two quarters as well. A success story was shared with the Board of Directors.

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

- Levy Renewal/Renewal Plus/Replacement/New: Amongst much discussion, Director Branham emphasized the necessity of a levy renewal. Other levy options such as new and renewal plus may dissuade voters because of additional taxes included. These conclusions were drawn after consultation with other Board Directors. A draft document of the formal process for how to put a levy on the ballot was shared with the Board of Directors and was reviewed and discussed.
- Medicaid Expansion Update: Director Branham asked the Board of Directors if they had any comments to provide about changes to Medicaid Expansion.

Krenrick has been following this very closely and stated that according to the US House of Representatives, major financial cuts will still have to take place. Krenrick also mentioned reporting from the Kaiser Family Foundation who has done a thorough analysis of Medicaid Expansion. With this analysis, 7% of those who receive Medicaid were shown to be unemployed or disabled.

Director Branham mentioned to the Board of Directors that our legislators understand the risk of cutting an entire population for Medicaid eligibility and the cost of a cut like that to other systems.

- Proposed HB58: Board Licensing Recovery Housing Liability and Cost Concerns: There has been no new activity on this House Bill since the Board of Directors met last. This House Bill focuses on ADAMH Boards being responsible for Recovery Housing licensures, certifications, response to incident reports and other tasks that increase liability and workload. OACBHA is scheduling a stakeholder meeting with State Legislators to further discuss this.
- Proposed HB28: Levy Renewal vs Replacement passed in House of Representatives: A document on House Bill 28 Elimination of Replacement Levies was shared with the Board of Directors. If we opt to do a renewal this will not impact our upcoming levy. This House Bill passed in the House of Representatives and is now before Senate.
- Intent to Purchase: The Intent to Purchase letters went out to contract agencies on March 21st and are RFP's are due back no later than April 25th at 4:00 PM. One has been returned already.
- Contracts: There was discussion last year about adding requirements for contract agencies to provide quarterly financial reports. Under ORC agencies in contract with the Board who receive federal, state or local funds can be audited. Contract language revisions will be made to include this section of law. The Richland County Prosecutor's Office approves agency contracts but is backlogged. Director Branham asked the Board of Directors for support in asking the Prosecutor again permission to outside legal counsel who specializes in ORC 340. The Board of Directors verbalized support to approach the Prosecutor.
- Marketing Committee Update: The Richland Recovery Network website is being developed by DRM. The development is going well, and they have spoken with all the agencies for their input on the website. A QR code for the website has also been developed.
- Mental Health and Recovery Conference – Advancing Care in Communities: Conference dates for this year are June 9th – June 10th and will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. There are scholarships available for the conference and are on a first-come first-served basis. If Board members are interested in attending, please let Branham know.
- Portfolio Assessment Estimated Completion Date: The architect may complete this a bit later than anticipated. We are waiting to hear back from him.

7. **President's Report** – Jennifer Lemon

By Laws for the Board of Directors are being reviewed and will need updated signatures from new Board members. Wurthmann asked about adding an Ad Hoc Governance Committee to better review the existing By Laws.

8. **Old Business**

None discussed

9. **New Business**

Tentative – May 20th at 5:30 PM, Spero Health presenting to the Board of Directors at the Board office.

10. **Future Agenda Items**

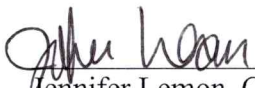
Krenrick asked about when the next Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting was going to be held. Basilone is planning the next meeting and recently attended a training about this.

Lehr reported officer ballots will be handed out at the next Board meeting for a vote in June.

11. ***Adjournment**

Lemon called for a motion to adjourn. Wurthmann made the motion, James seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

ATTESTED BY:



Jennifer Lemon, Chair



Carla James, Secretary