

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes October 20, 2020

Present: Jon Ahles, Sue Bemiller, Becky Brewster, Monica Durham, Jeff Hite, Kym Lamb, Jennifer Lemon, Cindy Lewis, Ann Mitchell, and Christina Thompson and Dr. Brett Toward

Excused: Sheila Holloway, Sheryl Groff, and Ron Moton

Unexcused:

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

Guest: Mary Kay Pierce

Cindy Lewis called the Teleconference meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

Roll Call

Prior to starting the meeting Joe introduced Ms. Peggy Anderson, the new President and CEO of Third Street Family Health Services. She took the time to introduce herself and give Board members an idea of her priorities and initial direction for the organization.

1. * Approval of September 15, 2020 meeting minutes – Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve September 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Thompson motioned to approve, and Durham seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with eleven approvals. The motion carried.

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for last half of September and first half of October 2020-

Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for last half of September and the first half of October. Brewster motioned to approve the expenditures and Hite seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken with eleven approvals. The motion carried.

3. Cash Position – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of August 31st, 2020 was \$5,969,429.64. We added a total revenue of \$163,919.50. Total expenditures for the same period were \$617,786.45. Leaving a fund balance on September 30th, 2020 of 5,515,562.69. This is a decrease of \$453,866.95.

4. * Finance Committee Report-Jeff Hite

Hite shared that the Finance Committee met on October 13th. The minutes from the meeting were included in the packet that was emailed to Board members last week. He wanted to focus on the Richland County Calendar Year 2021 Budget. He asked Carey Vogt to discuss the highlights. Vogt shared that the County Operates on a Calendar year, but the Board operates on a State Fiscal Year. Which means that the first half of this budget is based on actual numbers that we anticipate receiving and the second half is an estimate because we have not received those numbers yet. Hite stated that he was please with the budget process because it was based as much as possible on numbers that we know and feel confident in and not based on numbers that we are hoping for.

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Hite made a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve the Calendar Year budget as presented Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with eleven approvals. The motion carried.

5. Presidents Report – Cindy Lewis

Lewis shared with Board members that she is now seeing KnowItB4UNeedIt billboards appearing around town and seeing more discussions on social media. She also pointed out that she is hearing that the CISM teams are getting into and meeting with the schools and she is hearing that people are also reaching out to the agencies more.

6. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian updated the Board that the RFA for the State Opiate Response 2.0 dollars is finally out. He has blocked a couple of days this week to work on the application. They are due by November 20th and the awards will be issued on December 4th.

Trolian stated that they have been obtaining some significant amounts of PPE and providing it to the agencies. He is expecting a couple of more large shipments and they should come in handy with the increase in COVID cases that we are seeing.

Trolian reported that they are currently recording some new spots for the KnowItB4UNeedIt campaign. These will be 90 second spots as opposed to the 30 seconds and will focus on seeking help and providing support for each other during the holidays considering the COVID situation that we are in. He is hopeful that they will begin airing on November 16th.

Trolian shared that the staff from the Board along with several staff from agencies are participating in a program called Demystifying Implicit Bias. This a 5-week process. There is several weeks of online assessments, guidance, and independent study, followed by a 3-hour face to face workshop followed by an online wrap up. This is being funded through the Youth and Family Council and we will hopefully be setting up a second and possibly a third behavioral health cohort to go through this in November and December from other agencies. Several Board members expressed an interest and Trolian said he would check with the facilitators on how others can get involved.

7. Old Business

None to Report

8. New Business

Lamb encouraged Board members to continue to reach out to family and each other. We are now experiencing the impact of COVID on schools and youth that are being quarantined and this is getting scary. People need to support and assist one another when possible.

Durham shared that the campus has received some funds to support more mental and emotional health on campus. She encouraged Board members to reach out to her if they have ideas of activities or other supports that may help that they could implement across the campus.

Thompson shared that OhioHealth is getting ready to kick off and internal self-care programs for their administration and staff to help them deal with the emotional and physical fatigue that they are experiencing during this time.

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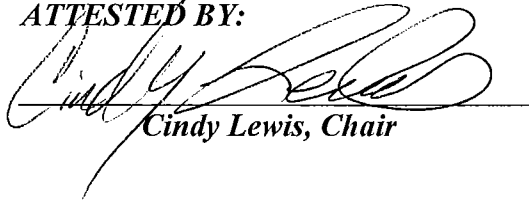
9. Future Agenda Items

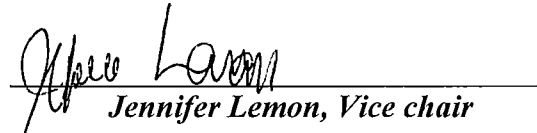
Lamb asked about the new 988 National Suicide Hotline and if will integrate with local, regional, and State supports that have already been established. Trolian stated that they are on a tentative timeline to go live in 2022. They have already begun talks through the Board Association and at the State level to talk about interactivity, especially based on some issues that occurred with the State line that was established during COVID. Trolian will provide updates to the Board as the process moves forward.

10. * Adjournment

Lewis called for a motioned to adjourn the meeting Hite made the motion and Lamb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

ATTESTED BY:


Cindy Lewis, Chair


Jennifer Lemon, Vice chair