

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2012

Present: Dr. Laurence Rawls, Cliff Schutjer, Jeff O'Brien, Jan Winbigler, Dick Walters, Lanette Remaley, Andy Medwid, Gerald Bartman, Melodye James, Joann Hipsher, Kelsey Gledhill, Brian Garverick

Excused: Dr. Jay Haar, Dave Krenrick, Bobbi Swank

Staff Present: Joe Trolian, Nancy Kaufman, Sherry Branham

Visitors: WMFD, Mary Kay Pierce, Veronica Groff

Dr. Laurence Rawls called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led members and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member roll call was recorded and a quorum established.

* **Approval of March 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes** – Dr. Rawls

Jeff O'Brien motioned to approve the March 20, 2012 meeting minutes. Dick Walters seconded and the motioned was approved unanimously.

* **Motion to approve expenditures for last half of March and first half of April**– Dr. Rawls

Gerry Bartman motioned to approve the expenditures for the last half of March and the first half of April. Andy Medwid seconded. There were no questions, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Cash Position – Joe Trolian

The cash beginning balance as of February 29, 2012 was \$5,386,917.33. Total revenue for March was \$509,124.08. Expenditures for the same period were \$838,235.54 leaving an ending balance of \$5,057,805.87. This is a decrease of \$329,111.46. Joe noted this is just a little below FY11 figures.

Liaison's and President's reports – Dr. Rawls

Jan Winbigler reported she attended the NAMI board meeting. She said it went well. They are busy planning for the 5K walk/run fundraiser. It was a good meeting. Gerry Bartman went to a NAMI support group meeting. Larry Moore from Veterans Administration was the guest speaker. Gerry said he gave a very informative report and answered a lot of questions.

Director's report – Joe Trolian

Joe began by asking everyone to please participate when they receive an email asking them to advocate.

The mid-biannual review is in the House of Representatives right now, where they have broken the governor's bill into 9 different bills. This is a good thing. We are asking them to put some money behind ODADAS. The State has seen a reduction in opiate use since

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they have been closing pill mills, but now heroin use is up. Because treatment was not made available, people are simply looking for other substances. The treatment facilities were full and people had to wait. We are asking them to put money back into ODADAS to fund these programs.

We are trying to get information to the legislators regarding the fact that some employers are reporting as high as 70% of prospective employees cannot pass the drug test. We need a good stable program in place to work with these companies.

A letter was sent to legislators for HB 386 with regard to the racinos, a race track casino combination. The casinos in Ohio are required to contribute a percentage of their income for addiction treatment, but the racinos are not required to do this. We are trying to get them to contribute toward addiction treatment also.

There is a potential pilot project for ten Boards to improve the use of Suboxone treatment for opioid dependence. The ten Boards would receive training for provider agencies, training for physicians and five Boards would receive coaching on removing barriers to MAT. We will know by mid-May if we are chosen for this pilot project.

We will also be submitting a request for capital funding for expansion of the crisis unit. We would be competing with the larger counties for this money, so our chances are slim. May is Mental Health Month, and a tentative schedule was distributed. Events are being added all the time. There are two more planning meetings scheduled if you would like to help.

Sherry announced there is a Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting at noon on Monday. She will be able to give a better update after that meeting. Sherry will email board members the stats.

Drug Take Back Day is April 28th. There will be four drop off sites in the county.

Mary Kay gave some details about events at the NAMI 5K on May 12th. This is a major event to raise awareness for Mental Health issues. She would like to see a large crowd at the fairgrounds that day.

Anyone interested in serving the Board in an executive role, please let Andy, Jeff or Joe know. They are assembling a slate of officers to be presented at the May meeting.

May 22nd is our annual dinner at Café on Main Kobacker Room with Director Plouck from ODMH as our keynote speaker. It is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. however the Board members are asked to come a little early as there will be a brief Board meeting prior to the dinner.

The intent to purchase packets are due back by April 27th. We have room for two more Boards members to participate in the Board to Board meetings. We will schedule them when Carolyn gets back from vacation.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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Future Agenda Items

None

*Adjournment

Joann Hipsher motioned to adjourn and *Brian Garverick* seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

PRESIDING:

Jan Winbigler, Secretary

Laurence Rawls, President