

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF WOOD
COUNTY**

**APRIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2022**

ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Baer, Matthew Battiato, Karen Baron, Tonya Camden, Judy Ennis, Scott Kleiber, Brandy Laux, Frank McLaughlin, Leslie Miller, Rachel Moore, Jason Morris, Dan Lambert

ABSENT: Cary Wise (E), Hallie Nagel, Corey Speweik (E)

BOARD STAFF: Deanna Chase, Laura Fullenkamp, Julie Launstein, and Kathryn Shackleton

GUEST: Kyle Clark, Deb Bailey, Jessica Schmitt, Kathy Mull, Melanie Vandyne, Sydney Falk, Alicia Boreman, Danielle Kutan, Caitlin Schissler,

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Lambert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Kathryn called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS:

CRC: Alicia Boreman presenting for CRC (presentation attached). Alicia provided an overview of CRC's MRSS, IMH (Infant Mental Health), and RU Programs, as well as success stories for each. Overview included goals for these programs moving forward. Alicia also explained the difference between Crisis and MRSS. She provided current budgets, with data, highlighting totals. The increase in the MRSS budget of \$189,000, is to hire 1 additional therapist and a peer support personnel, and to increase wages. CRC has submitted OMHAS certification application to allow MRSS to be billable through Medicaid. Alicia reported that occupancy in the RU is up in quarter 3, and the low numbers in quarters 1 and 2 were due to staffing issues. They have incorporated a Leadership Model, to include a shift-lead to support staff. They have had some challenges in regard to food in the RU. CRC is also asking for funding for a new program: Infant Mental Health (IMH). There is support for this program from Perrysburg Pediatricians. Allan clarified if they are asking for \$99,000 or \$139,000 more in funding? They are asking for \$99,000 more, combined with other programs. This program works with mothers to teach them how to care for their infant and form healthy attachments. This program is not SOR funded and is not currently running. Matt asked if, in the RU, the 24-hour nurse is new. Melanie answered that this is not new, it is a requirement but had previously been across other programs, and they have recently shifted it to a RU position. There will be a nurse on staff, who will be on-call to triage children as they come into the RU. Dan stated that there has been an emphasis on transportation, but looking at the projections for the year, they are anticipating spending half of the allocated funds, but the request is remaining the same for next fiscal year. Melanie stated the request is also based on mileage, and they anticipate the group sizes to increase. Julie also informed that we are still coming out of the pandemic and that group had been virtual. Judy stated that Alicia did a great job for 11 days of employment. Frank asked, with all of the talk surrounding the RU, we see a major increase in cost: what does this do, what we will see with this increase? The biggest piece of this ask is for staffing. Sydney stated that last year they increased wages to \$14/hour but were unable to recruit and retain staff. In November, wages were increased to \$16/hour, and have seen a substantial increase in retention. They do still have young staff that work while in school, but they are working up to staff that are in it for the long haul.

OhioGuidestone: Caitlin Schissler, Clinical Manager of the BG office, presenting for OhioGuidestone. Caitlin provided a success story for the Peer Support program. In March, the peer support worked with 20 clients from different agencies. Caitlin informed that Rapid Access (clients who come in day of and want to get on Suboxone) did not take off as well as hoped, due to staffing issues with medical personnel. They are currently offering Rapid Access 1 day a week and would like to increase this to 3 days a week. Deb Bailey commented that so many private practices have this type of program, and because the requirements are different (no meetings, no counseling), they have seen a decrease in SUD services in their Perrysburg office. They are using a Medical Model, meaning they see medical first, and the clinician for assessment after. These funds allow them to have the medical team sit there and wait for a client to show up, and they are hoping to increase this to 3-days a week. Caitlin explained the roles of the Criminal Justice Liaison and Screener. They will see people while incarcerated, completing an assessment, and assisting with re-entry (housing, essentials, clothing for job interviews, etc.). The team is currently working to increase data collection to identify areas that are lacking. The goal is to schedule individuals with a provider prior to release. Last quarter they worked with 96 individuals. PDL (Project Direct Link), is a program for individuals to receive the Vivitrol injection while incarcerated or in the SEARCH Program. PDL has been expanded to include clients that are out of county residents but located in our jail. Matt asked what PDL was, and Deb answered that it is a Vivitrol injection for opioid addicts, who are more likely to overdose, and the goal is to give the first injection prior to release, and the second within 28-30 days. Matt asked what caused the increase in the request, and Deb answered that the position has really grown, to include additional case management duties, and they would really like to grow this program, by following these clients once they are released. The DBT program currently includes 4 therapists, and they are looking to expand this program. They have recently started the book study for new staff and utilize TIC consultant every 2 weeks. Currently, the BG group has 6 clients, with 2-3 clients waiting to join. Leslie asked why we weren't getting outcome reports consistently (based on information in a Board created spreadsheet). Deb answered that it is the way data is collected. Laura also indicated that the Peer position was unfilled until November. Frank stated that for many years, this Board has had an interest in criminal justice, and he wants to see this continue and grow. Three of the programs in their proposal are SOR funded currently, and this is approximately \$300,000 of this budget. Julie indicated that we do have some funding carryover, so we have some funds to prop up the programs. Also expressed the importance of using State or Federal funds for the PDL Program, due to the residency of the inmates.

Dan opened the floor for discussion following the presentations. Allan stated if these are SOR funded it is a potential increase of \$400,000, not just \$81,000, and it is hard for us to look at the budget and decide what program to cut. He feels the agencies should have input on which programs of theirs to cut. Dan feels we are involved in this because the Provider's are too close to the programs, and it may be saying "you aren't meeting outcomes, so this has to go." Judy feels some of these programs are duplicated across agencies. Leslie asked if we have a list of SOR funded programs, Julie stated we could get a list emailed out. Jason asked if the DBT funding was for training. It is for consultation and training, and we are expecting updated proposals. Deb Bailey stated she would like a chance to find the outcomes before programs are decided. She also was not aware SOR was going away. Dan asks, are we moving forward like it is being discontinued? Julie answered that we don't know any other way to do it, also reminded that we did not get award letters this year until March. Dan, being fiscally responsible, we know we have a fund balance, and part of this is insurance against an unknown future. Can we fund with reserves in a wait and see? Julie: yes, this on the agenda Wednesday, for the Finance Committee meeting. Frank states that we are not at a point where we know enough to make decisions. Some of these programs we will have to try and continue, but doesn't necessarily want to get into a position where we give everyone a 10% cut. Julie mention that with OhioOne (Opioid Settlement), there might be money coming down.

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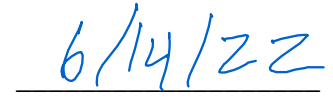
Judy mentioned that she will have ballots next month for Board officers. Please contact Judy or Tonya with nominations

ADJOURNMENT: Leslie motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Approved by



Dan Lambert, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Wood County



Date

Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Executive Assistant