

Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services
Board of Directors' Meeting
Minutes

July 15, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rod Austin
Dennis Butts
Marianne Helmlinger
Jerry Herbe
Terrence Holman
Vicki Hornbeck
Katharine Ketron
George Lovett
Bob Menz
Jason Wagner
Roger Welklin
Marcia Youtz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Velina Bogart
Tom DeVault

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Terri Becker
Norma Frock
Jerry Hill
Jodi Long
Mark McDaniel
Steve McEldowney
Kim McGuirk
Brad Reed
Ian Ridgeway

GUESTS PRESENT

Cynthia Cook, Recovery & Wellness Centers
of Midwest Ohio
Dorothy Crusoe, Community Housing of
Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties
Thom Grim, Miami County Recovery Council
Molly Helmlinger, NAMI of Darke, Miami
and Shelby Counties
Chris Hurr, Goodwill Easter Seals/Shelby
County Counseling Center
Doug Metcalfe, SafeHaven

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services met at the Board office on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 for its Board of Directors' meeting. Dennis Butts called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Board staff member Brad Reed took roll call. Twelve Board members were present; two absent. The Board staff and guests introduced themselves and identified the agency or group they represented.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Terry Holman was appointed secretary to attest to the Board meeting minutes for tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board reviewed the agenda for the evening. It was noted that the Executive Session that had been scheduled will need to be tabled until September's meeting. Jerry Herbe made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Terry Holman. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June Board of Directors' meeting. Bob Menz made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 Board of Directors' meeting. Seconded by Vicki Hornbeck. Vote taken. Motion carried.

BOARD GOVERNANCE –Mark McDaniel

Mark reintroduced Katharine Ketron, who is returning to the Board after a 1-year absence. George Lovett administered the Oath of Office. Katharine is appointed by Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Her term is from 1 July 2015 through 30 June 2019. Katharine has been absent from the Board for more than one year since serving two full terms from June 2007 through June 2014, and is therefore eligible to serve up to two consecutive four-year terms. She previously served from March 1999 through June 2006.

Mark introduced Ian Ridgeway, who has joined the Board as Prevention and Wellness Coordinator.

Copies of the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report were distributed for review. Mark pointed out fiscal trends as illustrated in the report, especially how much more important local levy money is to the system.

In Policy Review, Board policies 111 through 114 were presented. Policy 111 contains a technical and conforming change; 112-114 were presented without changes. Jason Wagner made a motion to approve the policies as presented. Rod Austin seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Rod Austin

Rod reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the full Board meeting. The Board reviewed the finance committee minutes from the June committee meeting. Rod made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2015 Finance Committee meeting as presented. Seconded by Vicki Hornbeck. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements through June 2015, 100% of the way through the fiscal year on a cash basis. Rod reported that FY15 revenue is at 98.7% and expenditures are at 61.6%. Staff will be working over the next couple of months to close out contracts so that the Board can have final FY15 financial statements. Rod made a motion to approve the June 2015 Financial Statements as presented. Seconded by Terry Holman. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Service Reports through May 2015, 92% of the way through the fiscal year. Services are reported at 77.9% overall with Mental Health Services reporting at 69.5% of projections and Alcohol and Other Drug services reporting at 92.7% of projections.

The List of Transactions was presented for the period April through June 2015. Rod made a motion to approve the April-June 2015 List of Transactions as presented. Seconded by Terry Holman. Vote taken. Motion carried.

An email was sent prior to the Board meeting informing the Board that the State Auditor has finished the audit work. Terri Becker reported that we will not need an Exit Conference and the final report should be released so that we can review and discuss at the September meeting.

Current agency monitoring information was included in the packet for review. Both Recovery and Wellness and Shelby County Counseling are current with data submission. The report format has been updated as discussed last month to show aged payables totals.

In previous Board action, Mark was authorized to enter into a contract with The Hodge Group for one year, pending the gathering of additional information. Mark reported that the additional information was positive and helpful. Several of the Hodge Group clients contacted indicated they had no prior experience in philanthropy and that the Hodge Group was very helpful. One client reported that the feasibility report recommended not going forward with a campaign. After some additional negotiations, a contract was agreed upon. Rod made a motion to approve a campaign budget of \$10,000 to be included in the Consultant's Agreement. Seconded by Jerry Herbe. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Current updates for the Allocation Manual this year include removing MACSIS references and switching to more generic Information and/or Billing System language as well as other minor language and format updates. In addition, the sliding fee scale update this year will again be effective August 1, and will expand eligibility for some level of subsidized Board service to 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Rod made a motion to approve amendments to the Tri-County Board Allocation Manual as presented. Seconded by Jason Wagner. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be September 15 2015 at 6:00 PM.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No Report

The next Planning Committee meeting will be September 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the Board offices.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – No Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mark McDaniel

Mark reported that the FY16 state budget is complete. As expected the 507 funds are not in the budget but some have carried over from FY15 to continue some of the services the funds were connected to, such as detox, MAT, and recovery supports. The SAPT (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment) funds will continue at the reduced amount of four quarters of funding over six quarterly payouts for the next two fiscal quarters, then will return to the normal schedule. On balance, with cuts and increases canceling out, the Board is about \$49,000 ahead of last fiscal year. Mark noted that the human services field in general did not fare well in the state budgeting process. The state was about \$5-6 million in the hole for state hospitals so money was diverted from community dollars.

Mark said language in the state budget allows Boards to advocate for Medicaid and non-Medicaid clients. We will have a role for a client advocate, but don't know what that will look like yet. Language allowing local boards to own housing was passed as long as only local funds are used to purchase them. Language requiring county commissioners to hold public hearings about recovery housing was vetoed by the governor.

The march toward managed care and Medicaid is still underway, with some language in the budget about timeframes. Overall we did a pretty good job of anticipating the budget.

The Shelby House Site Manager position has been hired. At the September meeting the Board will receive a request to allocate funds to Community Housing to hire the additional personnel needed to staff Shelby House 24/7 and hire peer specialist/recovery coaches. The goal is to have certified recovery homes in all three counties. The Board will receive a request to remodel the recovery home in Miami County.

The Board will have a table at the Shelby County Chamber Business Expo August 6 at Sidney Middle School. Board members, especially those from Shelby County, are invited to spend some time at the table to meet the public.

With a constitutional amendment seeking legalization of both medical and recreational marijuana approved for the November ballot, Mark recommends that the Board take a formal position on the issue. As the county authority on behavioral health issues, the Board should be on record on an issue that will impact the system. Mark outlined several concerns, including that the language of the proposed amendment takes away local control, it establishes a constitutional monopoly, they promise a windfall of tax dollars that is unlikely to match expectations, and the general amount of misinformation tied to the campaign, especially about so-called medical marijuana. Mark read the OACBHA position statement opposing legalization, and suggested that the Board consider adopting similar language.

Mark closed by commenting on a recent trend of advertisements, many featuring celebrities, with misleading promotions of “recovery cures.” He stated that real recovery is a long and difficult process, and persons in recovery have a hard enough time without “miracle cures” and “painless recovery” being thrown in their faces.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A planned Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director’s contract was tabled until September because Board Chair Dennis Butts suffered an email outage and was unable to get information to or from Board members in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Terry Holman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rod Austin. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Directors’ meeting will be Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the Board office.

Dennis Butts, Chairperson

Terry Holman, Secretary

Brad Reed