



**Butler County  
Mental Health & Addiction  
Recovery Services Board**

**Board Meeting  
March 15, 2017**

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The Butler County Mental and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 6:00 PM at the Board offices located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

Board President Barbara Desmond called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Pat Deis-Gleeson, Barbara Desmond, Christine Hacker, Benjamin Heroux, Mathew Himm, Dr. Theodore Hunter, Patricia Irwin, Wayne Mays, Kim McKinney, Dr. Cricket Meehan, Rev. Gary Smith, Deborah Stanton, David Swigonski, Lonnie Tucker and Dr. Ken Willman

Staff members present at the meeting were: Scott Fourman, MS, LPCC-S; Cassandra Kiesey, Esq.; Julie Payton, LISW-S, LICDC-CS, OCPSII; Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC-S, IMFT; Marion Rhodus, MPA; Nikki Sandor

**Recognition of Guest**

Guests present at the meeting were: Deanna Proctor, Chief Executive Officer of Access Counseling Services; Pauline Edwards, Associate Executive Director of Access Counseling Services; Christa Carnahan, Interim Executive Director of YWCA; Bill Staler, CEO of LifeSpan; Carrie Hampton, Managing Director of Business Operations for St. Aloysius; Pam Shannon, Executive Director of St. Aloysius; Lori DeVinney, Director of Finance of St. Aloysius; Julie Himm, Consumer; Sharon Bartels, Executive Director of Transitional Living, Inc.; Carrie Parsell, Clinical Director of St. Joseph Orphanage; Randy Allman, CEO of Butler Behavioral Health Services; Brian Wlodarczyk, Director of Mental Health, Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio; Lori Higgins, President of Envision Partnerships; Alyssa Louagie, Associate Director of NAMI; Scott Gehring, CEO of Community Health Alliance; Laura, Sheehan, Vice President of Community Behavioral Health; Lauren Marsh, Director of Butler County Coalition of Health and Safe Drug Free Communities

**Agenda Review**

*-No changes*

**Public Comments: Agenda**

*-No comments*

**1. COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE, TRANSITIONAL LIVING AND SOJOURNER RECOVERY SERVICES PRESENTATION**

Scott Gehring, Chief Executive Officer for Community Health Alliance, provided an overview of Community Health Alliance and the programs/services for Butler County residents that are

offered at TLC and Sojourner Recovery Services. The Community Health Alliance organization reflects the merger of TLC and Sojourner.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Board President Report**

Ms. Desmond, Board President, provided an overview of what the Board and Board staff have accomplished in the last month. See page 5 for a full report.

**B. Executive Directors Report**

Dr. Rasmus presented an Executive Director Report and provided an overview of the following topics:

- a. Budget Revisions – Final opportunity for providers to submit a budget revision for this fiscal year is in April, 2017.
- b. BH Redesign Update
- c. Overview of the article: USA Today - *The best medicine doctors don't tell you about*
- d. Overview of the article: Knowridge Science Report - *Marijuana use associated with increased risk of stroke, heart failure, research shows*
- e. Seneca County Visit to Butler County Probate Court
- f. Reminders:  
Oxford Counseling Center Tour  
March 30, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Board Training with Dr. Jeffrey Goldsmith  
March 23, 2017, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**3. MINUTES**

**February Board and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and March ARS and MH Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the February Board and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and the March ARS and MH Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

**4. ARS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Willman provided an overview of the March Addiction Recovery Services Committee meeting that was held on March 7, 2017

**5. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Mr. Mays provided an overview of the March Mental Health Committee meeting that was held on March 8, 2017. See the minutes for more details.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Budget Revision Suspension Removal**

Dr. Rasmus indicated that it was time to rescind the budget revision protocol suspension so that budget revisions will only be accepted in the months of September, October and April for the rest of the fiscal year. Also the policy was corrected to have the merged Board name on it.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the removal of the budget revision suspension and the corrected name change on the policy. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **B. December Financial Report**

Mr. Rhodus provided an overview of the December financial report which showed that with 50% of the fiscal year expired we have received 45% in revenues and have used 44% of board administration funds through expenses.

*Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the December Financial Report. Ms. Irwin seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **C. Lumiere Contract**

The Board staff would like to increase the existing Lumiere contract from \$20,000 to \$60,000 because most of the \$20,000 has been exhausted at this point. Of the six clients that have been treated using the funds, five have successfully transitioned into treatment. The additionally \$40,000 would come from unallocated detox funds.

*Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the increase of \$40,000 to the Lumiere contract. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **D. Talbert House**

Dr. Rasmus & Ms. Payton requested that \$40,000 in adolescent treatment funds be moved from Sojourner, who is no longer using these funds, to Talbert House for residential adolescent treatment.

*Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the increase of \$40,000 to Talbert House for residential adolescent treatment. Ms. Irwin seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **E. Peer Supporter Services**

Sojourner is requesting \$9,925 to provide two part time support specialists to serve Butler County clients in their Women's Recovery Housing program. Community Behavioral Health is requesting \$10,000 to hire a full time peer support specialist to provide peer support services in Butler County. Butler Behavioral Health Services is requesting \$8,569.18 to support the startup of a new Peer Support Service for Butler County clients. Two part time Certified Peer Supporters will staff services.

*Mr. Himm motioned to approve the funding for Community Behavioral Health, Butler Behavioral Health Services and Sojourner as outlined in their proposals to provide peer supporter services with the caveat that it be suggested that CBH hire two part time staff support instead of one full time staff. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **F. Yellow Sheet and Budget Revisions**

The yellow sheet reflects an increase to Sojourner in the amount of \$9,925 and a decrease of \$40,000, an increase Talbert House in the amount of \$40,000, an increase to Community Behavioral Health in the amount of \$10,000, and increase to Butler

Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$8,569.18 and an increase to Lumiere in the amount of \$40,000.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the changes in the yellow sheet. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **G. Tuition Reimbursement Section of Personnel Policy Manual**

Dr. Rasmus indicated that after thorough research the Board will not pay for licensures and certificates for Board staff. The tuition reimbursement section of the personnel policy has been updated to specifically reflect this decision.

*Ms. Stanton motioned to approve the changes in the tuition reimbursement section of the personnel policy manual. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

#### **H. Evaluation of February Board Meeting**

15 Board Members (100% of attendants) completed the February Board Meeting Evaluation. The February evaluation had two new questions and the results were very positive for question #5 and were neutral for question #7. There were 34 responses to the open-ended questions with some positive feedback and some improvements suggested.

#### **I. State Hospital Report**

Mr. Fourman reviewed the February State Hospital report and noted that there were 5 civil beds and 9 forensic beds used by Butler County residents in state hospital for the month of February 2017. These statistics were under the 3 year average targets the Board tries to meet. Discussions ensued around the importance of addressing the state hospital bed capacity concerns. Ms. Deis-Gleeson suggested sending a letter to the state, signed by all board members, to emphasize the importance of state to promptly address the state's bed day capacity problems.

#### **J. Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction**

Listed were all of the Voucher Approvals and Direct Deductions for the months of February. An adjusted was made to correct the total of the mental health direct deductions to bring it down to \$75,767.86

*Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments made by Direct Deduction in the month of February. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.*

### **7. GUEST/BOARD COMMENTS**

Ms. Higgins from Envision Partnerships spoke of the need for data collection for the Working Partners Drug-Free Work Force Community Initiative and requested that attendees fill out the survey.

On another topic, Mr. Tucker thanked Mr. Staler for the great kickoff event for the Steering for Success Initiative and Mr. Staler explained what the program is and who it is geared towards.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

### President's Message 3/15/17

I am very proud of our Board. Some boards are only minimally involved in what the community needs but ours is different. Our consumers, agencies and staff have a working board. The MH and ARS Committees have developed agendas that get things done.

They have:

- Successfully educated and help merge the two boards into one.
- Work product from the two committees thus far includes:
- Creating Position Statements on Marijuana and Violent Behavior
- Worked with Julie Payton critiquing the MHARS Opiate Business Plan which is paving the way for more funding to serve Butler County.
- Shared new information from Columbus keeping us informed along with Dr. Rasmus' collaboration statewide on funding and programs.
- Created and sent the Transportation Survey to our agencies and compiled the data into usable information.
- Creating a meta-analysis focused on Stress Management (working with Dr. Meehan and Miami University )
- MH Committee is also reaching out to local gun stores regarding Suicide Prevention. Scott Fourman is facilitating this effort.

I would like to thank Dr. Ken Willman and Wayne Mays for chairing these committees in a very inclusive manner. Remember that these meetings are open meetings and we welcome your input.

Thanks to our agencies for the speedy return of the Transportation Survey. Transportation is critical to serving both consumers and agencies and we are working to find ways to improve the consumer's ability to get to their appointments and to have the ability to socialize.

One third of our Board attended Legislative Day and many regularly attend monthly meetings such as The Opiate Task Force. Field trips and speakers generated by our Board make us a strong voice in our community.

I would like to thank Patti Quinn, Lauren Costello, Angie Creech and Marion Rhodus for their outstanding effort in merging ARS into GOSH. That was not an easy job and we appreciate their patience and hard work.

Training is an expense for our agencies. Please check these attachments from SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Therapy). These webinars are free and issue training credits. I have listened to two and find them well worth the time.

Finally on a simple matter! I would like to remind all board members to keep track of their mileage as it is deductible on your income tax. You would have to speak to an accountant to get the correct rate.