

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

**APRIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (VIRTUAL) MINUTES**

**April 27, 2020**

**ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Cubberley, Dan Lambert, Stan Korducki (5:08 PM), Judy Ennis, Jessica Clements, Frank McLaughlin, Allan Baer, Sue Moore, Tonya Camden, Leanne Eby, Brad Biller, Corey Speweik, Fred Dannhauser, and Rachel Moore

**ABSENT:** Cary Wise (E), Hallie Nagel (E), Marc Jensen, and Leslie Miller

**BOARD STAFF:** Deanna Stanton, Aimee Coe, Julie Launstein, and Kathryn Shackleton

*The meeting was broadcast live on Facebook via Zoom for public viewing.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Doug Cubberley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Kathryn did a roll call and a quorum was present.

**BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION:**

**Executive Director's Report:** The floor was open for any discussion or questions for Deanna. Dan Lambert motioned to approve the consent agenda, Leanne Eby seconded. The roll was called, consent agenda approved.

**Resolution FY2020-46 Teleconferencing:** Dan Lambert motioned to approve this resolution, Fred Dannhauser seconded. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Local Provider COVID-19 Response Dollars:** Deanna gave a recap on what we did before the Governor's stay-at-home order, at the Emergency Meeting held March 12<sup>th</sup>. We allowed our providers the flexibility to prepare for COVID-19 using the fee-for-service line item in budgets, which is something that they typically have a hard time spending due to Medicaid expansion. Harbor used the decision to purchase tablets that had video conferencing and internet built-in for Wood County residents, and some laptops for counselors. The total purchase was around 1,000 tablets, which cost about \$300,000. CRC almost \$15,000, for training to get ready for Tele-Med and deep cleaning of their facility, as they have clients living in the facility. NAMI has spent about half of the extra \$10,000 given to them for outreach and advertising. New patient numbers are going down. Doug opened the floor to questions and comments. Fred asked that as we were "flush" financially, are we able to tell residents of Wood County that we are here to help. Julie said yes, we were able to use and we are meeting with providers. Frank brought up the issue regarding Harbor's purchase of equipment, and the discomfort of persons who were aware of the purchase but are not on the Board. He stated that the purchase of 1,000 at a quarter of a million dollars was a hard swallow, was an unusual purchase for the Board. He stated that this highlights the fact that communication needs to remain open when these bills come up and these purchases are considered. Dan said he felt he was kept apprised and that the previous Board meeting indicated the need for the purchase of tablets for Harbor, so he was not as surprised by the purchase. Frank indicated the potential ownership was the problem and concern of audit findings. Frank emphasized the need for frequent and consistent communication. Deanna indicated that she would send out a request for the type of information they would like to have, and she would be sending out a weekly update. Doug said he was very appreciative that a board member reached out to tell the that the purchase had been made. He was also somewhat disappointed at the fact that Board and staff, Deanna especially, was doing what was agreed to do by the

Board, but that if someone at the county level had a concern about something, why wasn't it brought to Deanna's attention, or Doug's, or someone on the Executive Committee. Even though it came full circle, it was in an odd way.

#### Legislative Update:

State Update: Flexibility with funds that were inflexible before. Director Criss said, "do what you have to, to take care of the clients and we'll figure it out later". Expansion of telehealth: saved a life locally. Governor announced a 20% cut department-wide. We are hoping we aren't part of that, as the need for counseling is increasing right now. "Wine with DeWine", while cute, is establishing bad patterns. Electronic pink slip, to help with the crisis in Tele-Med. State asking us to track any COVID spending. They want increased messaging, crisis, and outreach, which is what we did when we gave NAMI extra budget dollars for this.

Boards Update: Ways to support front line workers, who had a stressful job before, and now it's gotten even more so. The state is wanting Boards, with Emergency Occupation Centers, to develop quarantine and isolation centers. Because we can't do that in Wood County, we are developing rooms in our residential centers, and we were successful with a client needing quarantine.

Provider Challenges and Accomplishments: For Providers, it has been challenging trying to decide whether or not to layoff employees, as it is hard to get good staff. Revenue is down because services are down. The interaction with the community is not the same as it was. We had a provider who had to shut down their office for 1-week due to an employee exhibiting COVID like symptoms. Managed Care Organizations said that paybacks were on hold for the next 3 months, but they also quit paying our bills. Providers are behind on receiving payments earned. Fred asked what the magnitude of what we haven't paid back versus what we have paid. Deanna and Julie informed that it is the Providers that are suffering this decision. Fred wanted to Julie and Deanna to get those numbers because it could come down to Providers not being able to make payroll because of this. Doug informed that he was contacted by Harbor Board Member, who expressed sincere thanks to the Staff and the Board for the way we have addressed things

Homelessness and COVID-19: Deanna informed us that we don't have a homeless shelter, and we do not have a lot of resources for the homeless in Wood County, which is very concerning. The State is expecting us to figure something out for this population. This may be something we have to deal with in the future. Dan asked about Domestic Violence figures if we were seeing a rise in those numbers, due to the shelter in place. Deanna informed that she was speaking with a person who runs a call center for this and typically would see about 50 calls, but has seen about 600 during this time. Doug said that he is seeing an increase in the Bowling Green Court. Dan asked if there was a way to get out in front of this to help those in a Domestic Violence situation. Judy indicated that as we gave an additional \$10,000 to NAMI for marketing, but she is not seeing it the same way she has in the past, that people are not going to hunt it down on our social media or website. Aimee indicated that we have things out on social media, radio, television stations, etc, though not necessarily in the newspaper. Judy wants to see more, to let people know we are out there. Frank asked what may be "coming down the pike" if there would be a request for funding. Deanna answered and said the funding, if it stayed small, would be getting a hotel for these persons, but she doesn't have a plan on this yet as this is something "coming down the pike". Frank indicated he was uncomfortable providing shelter, as that may be getting into someone else's lane. Allan said it felt more like JFS' lane than ours.

Increase in BH Utilization: This was touched on previously in the meeting and is indicated in the meeting minutes.

**OTHER:**

Week of Appreciation: Aimee Coe informed the Board that the State has postponed the Week of Appreciation, date to be determined.

SPC: Aimee informed the Board that the SPC (Suicide Prevention Coalition) has written a “Thank You” letter which includes local resources. Earpods have been purchased with the “Hope” logo. This letter and these ear pods will be delivered to the employees of the 13 nursing homes in Wood County, the Wood County Hospital, as well as First Responders (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, etc.) sometime next week. Aimee and representatives from the SPC will take precautions to avoid person to person contact, to maintain the social distancing guidelines during COVID-19.

Corey Speweik: asked about future meeting schedule. After discussion, the Board determined that a Program & Outcomes Committee meeting was not needed this month. Stan Korducki, Finance Committee Chair, did request a Finance & Administration Committee meeting. Finance & Administration Committee will meet Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at Noon. A reminder that the next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM on Zoom/Facebook was given as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Secretary*

*Approved by*

*Doug Cubberley*  
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*Doug Cubberley, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Wood County*

5/26/2020  
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