

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

**MAY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2022**

**ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Battiato, Karen Baron, Tonya Camden, Judy Ennis, Scott Kleiber, Frank McLaughlin, Leslie Miller, Rachel Moore, Jason Morris, Hallie Nagel, Corey Speweik, and Dan Lambert

**ABSENT:** Allan Baer (E), Brandy Laux (E), Cary Wise (E)

**BOARD STAFF:** Deanna Chase and Kathryn Shackleton

**GUEST:** Kyle Clark, John Fortner, Craig Gebers, Jessica Schmitt, Kathy Mull, Melanie Vandyne, Sydney Falk, Jennifer Emahiser, Carlos Ruiz, Cortney Schaefer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dan Lambert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Kathryn called the roll, and a quorum was present. Dan asked if anyone had questions regarding the Executive Director's report. Frank asked about the increase for NetPlus. Matt asked what NetPlus was, and Deanna explained. There was discussion on the difference between Medicaid and NetPlus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Judy motioned to approve minutes; Leslie seconded. All in favor, March Board Meeting minutes approved. (See "Executive Session" notes below for more on March Board Meeting minutes.)

**BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION:**

**FY2022-30 MOU BCC for Medications in the Jail:** Karen Baron motioned to approve this resolution, and Frank McLaughlin seconded. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

**FY2022-31 MOU NetPlus 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment:** Leslie Miller motioned to approve this resolution, and Matthew Battiato seconded. Leslie asked if we have asked about reducing the wait time. She states there have been problems, and some have been documented but others have not. Leslie also stated that she herself thinks the wait window is rough as she doesn't know where she is going to want to go tomorrow, let alone 5 days from now. Also, not knowing how long it will take at the doctor's office. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

**FY2022-32 Harbor 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment:** Karen Baron motioned to approve this resolution, and Tonya Camden seconded. Frank clarified that this was FFS only. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

**FY2022-33 Job Description:** Dan opened the floor Deanna to explain this position. Deanna provided an overview of what we have done to come to this position and job duties. This is still entry level for the career field and a needed addition to this team. Judy did ask if we are okay with no degree, as it states just 4-years of education. Deanna is okay with this as stated. Dan feels there is a little bit of latitude the way it is written. Rachel asked about exempt position and the weekly income. We did run this through Arlen and she approved it as written. Matt asked how we determine pay, Deanna stated we wait until we are ready to hire. Dan thinks it is unlikely to hire in at the top of the range. Hallie states this is where we trust the Executive Director's judgement. Frank McLaughlin motioned to approve this

resolution, and Matthew Battiato seconded. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Cocoon:** Kathy Mull presenting for the Cocoon (attached). She began with an overview of their primary function and their vision for the Cocoon. She highlighted those they serve, programs, and their impact. The hope is the people that come through can be safe and healthy first, and then work on themselves to heal from the violence and the trauma they have experienced. They have an advocate on BGSU campus, spending 20 hours of the week there. The number served has increased by approximately 100 per year. Kathy explained how they are working to bridge the gaps. Kathy then explained some of the community connections she has made with Devlac Hall, CRC, and A Renewed Mind. She provided a breakdown on sources of funding. Over the past 3 years, they have relied more and more on state and local funding as the federal sources have seen decreases. The increase in the ask from the ADAMHS Board is directly tied to the decrease in VOCA funding. Potentially it will be years before they see the increase in this funding return. \$400,000 is about 40% of what they need for funding. They have also applied for and received \$800,000 over the next 4-years from the American Rescue Act. They are looking at an increased demand in services, hoping to finish phase 3 renovations, and they have heard they will continue to see a decline in grant-based revenue. She highlighted a story of a survivor, who was suffering grief and pain with her abuser, who was also her dealer. They did morning check-ins for emotional support, supported her while she tried to disentangle herself from her abuser. This is an example of how they are able to bridge the gaps. Karen asked about the capacity, Kathy answered they have 24 beds, so 24 individuals. Still under limited capacity due to Covid and CDC has not opened congregate living capacity back up. Judy asked if there has been an increase or decrease in private donors. Kathy answered they have remained pretty steady in giving over the last few years. Goal at Cocoon is to be less dependent on federal grants, and a more sustainable private donor base. They did see a drop-off in donation in the first quarter, possibly due to inflation. Matt, as a sober facility, how do you handle situations where assistance is needed but isn't committed to sobriety. Federal funds do not allow them to turn people away, ARM's support onsite has helped with determining level of care and treatment plan.

**Harbor:** John Fortner with Harbor presenting (attached). Provided an overview of senior management team, a brief history of Harbor and their mission and vision. John did hit on FFS and seeing an increase in volume for these services, which is indicated in the increase in their request. Also highlighted that with the end of the emergency state coming, there are those who will need to recertify for Medicaid. Explained the state required Forensic/ACF Monitor position. John continues his presentation by explaining the different programs they have requested funding for. Explained that the IPS program states if you want to work, we will find you work. Highlighted types of clients they might see in the TIP program. Leslie asked if the Class 2 and Semi-Independent was at full capacity. John answer that they have 1 male vacancy and 8 on the wait list. Connection Center is the one area they have struggled to meet outcomes. There were 3 new programs in the proposal, but after further discussion with board staff, it was determined that this isn't quite the right time to do these, but it is something to work toward. Dan did ask about the loan for utilities, how do we get payback. John-they are given a sheet discussing the repayment, a minimum of \$5/month over time. They don't always get clients who payback. Leslie asked why the shift in funding for SOR. The way it was written, it included training, this money was used as a sort of start-up. Why the increase in the Connection Center? John answered that this reflects an increase in salaries.

**Unison:** Jen Emahiser from Unison presenting (attached). She is new to Wood County but not Unison. She is filling in for Amanda, and her focus is going to be on the Forensic services. She began by

providing an overview of the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health services in Wood County. Currently they are beginning an ACT Team, not going for fidelity yet, as the team is still in the building process. Highlighted what the proposal includes for both jail based and outpatient services. Went through the different outpatient programs and explained how they work together. Different group materials discussed/used throughout the process. Currently, they have 10 or 11 clients enrolled in the sex offender treatment program and outlined this program. Provided an update on CSU. It is demolished inside, but there is currently a hold-up at the county with permits, that have to do with water and fire suppression system. They do have a Director hired. Staff positions haven't been posted as they are still finalizing the needed positions.

NAMI: Jessica Schmitt-Hartman presenting (attached). Began with needs assessment action item regarding stigma. Provided overview of current staffing, 5 employees, and their role at NAMI. Also have 2 community-based staff. Proposed additional staffing for a project manager (community education) and Parent advocate through NAMI Ohio. Highlighted CIT and where they will end FY22. For FY23 they have been asked to develop new trainings for specific agencies (nurses, probation, youth, officer training). Wood County is being recognized statewide for our efforts. Doubling trainings for mental health first aid (11 versus 6). The requests are increasing. BGSU will help fulfill the request to provide training, using their connections and staff. They have applied for 2 grants, but won't know if they have been awarded until later dates. CIT Expansion starts in July, Stigma Reduction is on Federal fiscal year so October. NAMI Ohio PAC end of this month. Reconcile allocation on a regular basis. 3-4 interns each semester, unpaid and some get college credit, but not all.

Zepf: Craig Gebers, for Amy peoples, presenting (attached). Informed board of how they began recovery housing. Cygnet (male) house opened in 2016 with an overall 67% success rate. Currently 6 males in the house, and 1 in the shoot. Northwood (female) house, opened in 2018, worked with OhioMHAS and the board to purchase. Transitioned to level 3 in 2020, which began 24/7 staffing. Due to covid, numbers have dropped for group homes. Craig highlighted challenges in Recovery Housing: staffing shortages, residents not qualifying for food stamps, lack of referrals. Food stamps is a Wood County issue, they do not see this in Lucas County. Currently \$250/week for food. Referral shortage is also seen in Lucas County for women. Offered suggestions for the Northwood house in order to make it successful: transition to male house, partnership between counties. Transition to level 2, to transition Cygnet house residents to lower level of care. Leslie asked how many beds, 5 in women, 9 in males. Judy-42% success rate, do you track the others? They just leave. Craig stated there is currently no one in the Northwood house, they have been unable to staff it as well.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Leslie Miller motioned to enter executive session to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation and compensation, Judy Ennis seconded. Roll was called. Board entered executive session at 7:08 PM.

Corey Speweik motioned to exit executive session, Leslie Miller seconded. Roll was called. Board exited executive session at 7:34 PM. Because it is a special meeting, we can only take action on items that are on the agenda, so we will need to take action at the next meeting. In 2 weeks, resolution will be on the agenda, Dan will work with Kathryn on filing in blanks. Intent is to make it retroactive.

Minutes at special meeting can't be approved so we may need to reapprove the minutes (March Board Meeting) at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Judy motioned to adjourn; Tonya seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*Approved by*



***Dan Lambert, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Wood County***

6/14/22

***Date***

*Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Executive Assistant*