

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

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2023

ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Battiato, Karen Baron, Scott Kleiber, Brandy Laux, Dan Lambert, Leslie Miller, Hallie Nagel, Corey Speweik, Frank McLaughlin

ABSENT: Judy Ennis (E), Rachel Moore (E), Jason Morris (E), Erica Parish (E), Amanda Sharp (E)

BOARD STAFF: Aimee Coe, Laura Fullenkamp, Julie Launstein, Kaylee Smith, and Kathryn Shackleton

GUEST: Angela Patchen, Jennifer Thrasher, Melanie Vandyne, Julie Carle, Danielle Kutan, Sydney Falk, Amanda Kern, Victoria Graham, Eddie Kershaw, Jessica Hartman, Kathy Mull

CALL TO ORDER: Frank called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Kathryn called the roll and a quorum was present.

BOARD REPORT: Frank stated that it was brief this month. Asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

PRESENTATION:

CHESS HEALTH (virtual): Stuart Hammond with Chess Health introduced himself and Will Erdman, who are giving a presentation (attached). Stuart provided some background on Chess Health, who they are and what they do: increased SUD screening and early intervention, increase in SUD treatment referrals, and the smart phone app. Stuart highlighted the eRecovery app that utilizes peer support 24/7, helping to close gaps in care to improve outcomes. Will explained different aspects of the app: Connections Daily, Recovery Talk, and Mind Matters. Stuart showed an example of how Hancock County ADAMHS Board uses the screening tool on their website, and how this will provide different interventions based on the information gathered, including electronic referrals to providers, and connections to helplines. Stuart described implementation with providers, which can be done in about 2 weeks. Leslie asked if there are issues for a client using services with insurance accessing Chess Health. Stuart states they are not billing insurance, there is a flat rate for the county paid by the ADAMHS Board. Frank asked about the amount, \$82,500 for the first year. We would like to use some hard to spend funding. Cost will be less next year, by \$22,000 due to start up cost. Frank clarified this would be for 10 users or 1000 users, and Stuart responded yes. This service would not be taken away from a client if they leave treatment services. Matt asks if this would be in addition to current crisis services. Leslie responded this fills a gap, offering 24 hour support. Laura also responded this increases use of peer support. Frank asked if we don't feel this would be redundant. Aimee answered no, and this also utilizes technology where a lot of therapy is heading. Matt wants to know what our providers think, if they feel this would be beneficial. Julie answered that Hancock County is using this. Leslie asked how many people in Hancock are using this. Stuart does not know but he can find out. Dan does not feel this is redundant as it is its own operation. If we move away from this, how does that affect people who are actively using it? Stuart answers as long as we have a contract with Chess Health, Wood County can use this. Aimee states that we would have to notify that the service is being discontinued. Chess Health left the meeting. Dan asked about if the funding is sufficient to cover the cost, and Julie answers yes, we have carried over these funds for several years, we struggle to spend this. Frank asked if we approached them. Aimee and Julie answered yes. Dan asks if this is something we would do if we didn't have the funding? Julie responded we did it through Ascent previously. Aimee states the previous contract was through SOR funds, requiring GPRA, and that not using SOR funds has less barriers. Ascent was having trouble filling the peer role. Corey asked if there is ability to pilot this to see if this gets traction. Brandy would like to see how many people use it in Hancock County. Aimee informed we would track outcomes for this to

make sure its utilized and and effective. We feel that because this is all virtual, that would eliminate some of the barriers we had with Ascent. Dan would like to see daily active user and outcomes in counties using this.

CRC: Melanie notified the Board that Alicia resigned. Introduced Jennifer Thrasher (Director of Outpatient) and Danielle (Director of Emergency Services). Jennifer gave a presentation (attached), begging with MRSS: whats being said, different goals of the program, fidelity review-best practice range, sustainability initiatives- this is now billable to Medicaid through OhioRise, creating a barrier to privately insured clients. Moving on to Peer Support: goals of the program, current barriers, expanding peer services (using peer support outside of RU). Residential Treatment: began with a success story, current budget and request (increase to improve staff retention & increased admin cost), success-census averaging 6 per day, highlights of the program, long-term stabilization initiatives-exploring possibility of PRTF model, ready to move forward when rules are finalized. Melanie explained what a PRTF is, and that this is Medicaid reimbursable. Jennifer noted where they decreased costs and increased billing. Matt asked about 40% unbillable, if ADAMHS picks this up. Melanie answered yes. Matt asked if Mobile response is intensive home based. Danielle replied responding to the crisis situation, wherever it is happening, and follow-up with 6-weeks of intensive home based therapy. Julie did reach out to State as they pushed funding last year for non-Medicaid, but none has been reported for upcoming year. Scott asked how many staff on response team. Danielle answered 4 staff, 2 for crisis, and weekend; 6 total plus crisis.

OHI GUIDESTONE: Victoria Graham presenting for OhioGuidestone (presentation attached). Gave background on who they are, they are a pretty established provider, where they provide services. Victoria provided information on clients served and outcomes measures for this year. Using PROMs, looking to push this to tech, complete on phone. Highlighted outpatient services, and more specialized services: FASD, DBT, PDL, CJ Liaison and Screener (have had a lot of turnover, good staff in these positions, positive movement), CTP. SOR Programs: Peer support, Rapid Access.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: This is for the the Special Meeting and the Regular meeting in February. Matt motioned to approve the January Board meeting minutes, and Leslie seconded. Correct Judy Ennis' absence at Feb 27th Board meeting to excused. All present in favor. February Special and February regular Board minutes approved.

BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION:

FY2023-22 BGPD Agreement: Matt motioned to un-table this resolution, and Leslie seconded. Floor was open for discussion. Corey spoke with the Sheriff, and he is interested in offering services for this, and was surprised to learn that he hadn't been contacted. Frank states the travel originates in Bowling Green. Sheriff suggested he could do it for less. Corey suggests keeping it on the table until Finance can meet. Leslie asked if there are other agencies that want to throw their hat in. Frank states he does not think it is appropriate for any others. Corey states there are now 2 hospitals in Perrysburg. Frank asked if we were paying Perrysburg for this, Julie answered no. Frank is concerned about sitting on this to long, and not wanting to make anybody wait for services. Frank wants to make sure we continue to pay, Corey states we voted on it and its reflected in the minutes. Corey suggest we keep it tabled, refer to Finance Committee, approach sheriff and ask if he can come and also Bowling Green Police Department. Matt ask if we should we be sending out an RFP to all police departments. Amanda, formally of the Unison Crisis Team, historically, transportation has been from Wood County Hospital, and BGPD exclusively responds. Interaction with the Sheriff have been scheduled contacts, so we would need to negotiate wait times. BGPD has responded immediately, eliminated the wait times. Frank called a voice vote, all opposed. Motion fails to pass, resolution remains tabled until Finance can meet to discuss.

FY2023-27 Executive Director Job Description: Reviewed by search committee but not voted/approved by board. Minor changes: salary range increase, location of work, neutrality in description. Leslie motioned to approve this resolution, and Brandy seconded. Roll was called. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

OTHER:

Dan: At 9:30 AM on Thursday, they will be introducing Amanda to the Commissioners, this is open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Melanie, CRC: thank you for giving them a few moments to present their budget tonight.

ADJOURNMENT: Corey motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Approved by

 5/22/2023

Frank McLaughlin, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Wood County

Date

Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Executive Assistant

