

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

**APRIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
April 10, 2023**

**ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Baron, Judy Ennis, Scott Kleiber, Dan Lambert Brandy Laux, Rachel Moore, Erica Parish, Amanda Sharp, Frank McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** Matthew Battiato (E), Leslie Miller (E), Jason Morris (E), Hallie Nagel (E), Corey Speweik

**BOARD STAFF:** Amanda Kern, Laura Fullenkamp, Julie Launstein, and Kathryn Shackleton

**GUEST:** Jen Tucker, Jen Emahiser, Sandy Hall, John Fortner, Melanie VanDyne, Julie Carle, Victoria Graham, Kathy Mull, Jessica Hartman, Kyle Clark (6 PM)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Frank called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Kathryn called the roll, and a quorum was present.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Harbor:** Sandy Hall and John Fortner introduced themselves to everyone present prior to presentation (attached). Sandy provided background on Harbor. Harbor serves over 24,000 clients annually, over 20 locations, and over 500 employees. They are currently on track to spend the FY23 allocation for fee for service (\$600,000). With Medicaid renewals, they anticipate an increase next year, though they are not increasing their ask. John then provided information on ongoing programs including information on the function of the program, and increased funding requests. John explained that they are asking for more funding for Class 2 Residential to increase salaries for staff. Sandy then provided information on two new program requests: Emergency Response Program and the PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility). John then took over to explain funding for Devlac Hall, the State grant pass-through. Frank asked, regarding the PRTF, how big of a facility they are looking at. Sandy answered they are looking at 16 beds, males and females will be separated. Frank asked how this is different than what is currently offered by CRC. Sandy answered that it is a new service in the State of Ohio, new licensure, and will be Medicaid reimbursable. Judy asked what the ages would be, Sandy responded up to 21. Brandy asked about the length of stay, Sandy answered up to 6 months or less. Right now, the children are being sent out of State, and parents are being asked to relinquish their rights. This is the second phase of OhioRise. Judy questions that if the facility is in Wood County, would they take out of County clients. Sandy answers yes, but we can discuss how many beds are reserved for Wood County. Frank states that in the long term this is going to be Medicaid funded and asks if this is an assumption that patients will be Medicaid eligible. Sandy states there is a waiver that can be applied for open funding, or fee for service. Julie asked how many children would be eligible for this service. Sandy states the OhioRise CMEs are meeting Friday, and she can ask then. Julies states the percentage of people from other Counties at Devlac is high. Dan would like to see the needs assessment to come up with this model. Sandy states it is Statewide data being used and is the first of its kind. Frank, trying to get a handle on what kind of facility this would be, would this be like Kobacher. Sandy states it is more like Buckeye Ranch in Columbus. It is a step down from a psychiatric hospital, but more intensive than crisis stabilization.

**Unison:** Jen Emahiser and Jen Tucker introduced themselves, and then provided a presentation (attached). Jen E. began with current programming and provided an update on the CSU, with 25% of admissions being BGSU students. They do want to look at increasing the number of beds, which will require staffing

changes. Included were new proposals to provide Health Officer Training to mental health professionals in the community and Disaster Response, to respond to disasters in the community (fire, tornado, etc.). They have been getting calls to respond to these situations. Additionally, they asked for help expanding Med-Somatic Services for children and adolescents, to help address the needs and the wait lists for these services in Wood County. Erica asked about disaster response, it was stated that they would respond to completed suicide, but would it include natural disasters. Jen E. responds yes, they would respond to any natural disaster, but they feel it is more likely they will respond to completed suicide situations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Fortner, Harbor: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Perrysburg teens, as a class, will be doing work in the community. They have partnered with Harbor to do a walk, \$10 donation to raise awareness about mental health issues.

Jessica Hartman, NAMI: annual dinner is Monday at Stone Ridge Country Club, there is still time to RSVP if you haven't, and would like to attend.

Kathy Mull, Cocoon: April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. At the BGSU student union, They will have a "What We Were Wearing" exhibit. Kathy will send information to Kathryn to send out.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

*Approved by*



*Frank McLaughlin, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Wood County*

*Date*

*Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Executive Assistant*