

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

**MAY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 10, 2023**

**ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Battiato, Karen Baron, Judy Ennis, Scott Kleiber, Dan Lambert, Leslie Miller, Amanda Sharp, Frank McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** Brandy Laux (E), Jason Morris, Rachel Moore, Hallie Nagel (E), Erica Parish (E), Corey Speweik

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

**GUEST:** Kyle Clark, Angie Patchen, Courtney Schaffer, Julie Carle, John Fortner, Melanie Vandyne, Carlos Ruiz, Branden Smith, Kathy Mull, Jessica Hartman, and 6 Cocoon Board members, and 1 guest.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NAMI:** Jessica Hartman gave a presentation (attached). It began with the history of NAMI, values, awareness dates to raise awareness, and state organization. Jessica provided information on what NAMI Wood County does: Prevention, Advocacy, and Education. Jessica highlighted that programs are peer-facilitated and provided an overview of the different NAMI Signature Programs, Community Education workshops (CIT, Mental Health First Aid, QPR), and the different advocacy they do. There were no questions from the Board.

**Zepf:** Branden Smith presented (attached) services funded by the Board: Fee for Service and Recovery Housing. He provided background on the four dimensions of recovery and the recovery house. Branden provided information on programming at the home and provided a testimonial. Branden then highlighted the SUD outpatient services funded by the Board. There were no questions from the Board.

**ESC:** Angela Patchen presented (attached) about prevention and education services they provide through Board funding. Angie gave a history of ESC, provided information on how they serve youth and provided information on services they provide (EBP, Parents/Teachers, and Collaborations). Judy stated that as an employee of ODE, she congratulates her on the compliance aspect. Matt asked if they do services in private schools. Angie answered that they would and ask the school to pay for it. Kyle Clark also stated that they would ask for particular programs. Dan asked about HB123 if the teaching is once. Angie answered no, it is grades 6-12, once every year. Judy states that through their efforts, Wood County schools are well-versed and do an outstanding job. Frank, some of this is mandated, and some are not and asked what other counties might be doing. Angie states some counties don't do as much as Wood County does; she has yet to meet one.

**Cocoon:** Kathy Mull provided a presentation (attached). This year they will celebrate 18 years of providing services in our community. Kathy spoke on who (demographic) they provide services to, the different programs provided through the shelter (Housing Program, Safe Pets Program, Economic Empowerment Program, etc.), and their impact on the community. Kathy provided information on how Cocoon is

bridging the gaps, their connections with community partners, and new pilot projects this year through the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. Kathy then highlighted the different funding sources for the Cocoon, highlighting what services the ADAMHS Board funding provides. Frank asked how many staff help with the 24/7 operation. Kathy answered 21 shelter staff and five part-time staff do most hotline calls. Matt asked if all services were available to men and women. Kathy answered yes, there are no gender restrictions. The only exception is minors, unless they are with a parent/guardian, cannot be housed in the shelter but can access services. Judy, there was a seminar a few weeks ago, and the businesses needed employees' mental health help. She suggested Kathy and Jessica reach out to employers in the community. Kathy thanked Judy for the suggestion and stated they did a seminar educating companies on domestic and sexual violence.

Executive Director Recommendations: Frank stated his appreciation for the format. Amanda wanted to address the process this year. We received \$16 million in requests, and our goal was \$13.5 million in funding. We went line by line, with the goal of not disrupting a program. Amanda recommends no new programs this year except for Health Officer training for the community. The disaster response that we had asked for, there is now funding from the State for this, but also rule changes, so it will require a multi-response system. Fee-for-service lines were adjusted to be more on point with where agencies spend. We will keep an eye on this, especially with the changes in Medicaid. We did meet with all providers to discuss this with them first, so there were no surprises. Julie suggested that if there are specific questions, please email them so we can get the information ready. Matt asked about Chess Health. Amanda states that this is from one particular pot of money that we struggle to spend. Frank asked about Harbor and the PRTF, and it appears that it would have met some unmet needs. Frank recalls the meeting with JFS and Juvenile Court, and the concept of this is something that will come up in the next year. Amanda responded that this is a brand-new line of service for kids. We hope that Aetna will push funds through OhioRise to provide start-up costs. We do not know the process, but we have contacted Aetna for more information. Also, we are hoping this will be a Regional project. Matt is leery of Chess Health but will also defer to Board staff. Leslie asked about the rationale used in determining funding amounts. Amanda responded that we are looking at past utilization and where they will fall in funding this year. In using historical data, Dan asked if we considered restrictions being lifted. Amanda responded that it did not come up during the allocation process. Leslie asked if we considered that some places are not fully staffed. Amanda responded there was no reduction in housing-based services. In regard to staffing costs, vacant positions were included in the funding. Julie states that staffing is not going to immediately get better, and it isn't realistic that providers won't see turnover in the next year. We do allow the movement of funds between line items with a formal letter of request. Julie also states that we can always amend contracts to increase funding if needed. Dan thinks the recommendations are great, and he does have some questions, but he will save them for the Finance Committee later this week. Amanda states the goal was transparency, so they came to this meeting prepared. We asked providers how this would impact service lines. Frank restated that he appreciates the format and the thought that went into it and that we met with all the providers. Amanda also stated that we are active in advocacy for our state budget. Julie stated that we don't know what our budget is going to look like from the state next year.

FY23 Quarter 3 Outcomes Q&A: Laura stated this is just a Q&A format this evening. Laura provided a summary sheet that follows the path of her typical presentation. Challenges seen across providers were staffing changes. Judy states that it was a great report and fun to read. Matt asked about wait times (the 30-day engagement) if this is ADAMHS Board or States. Laura answered that it was in our contract. Matt is concerned about how long this process takes if there is a 30-day wait. Laura states that our agencies are just as worried by this. It is a workforce shortage issue behind these numbers right now. Matt would like to see what we can do this year. Amanda Sharp states that private practices also take Medicaid and suggests contacting them and providing this information to clients. Matt would like this to be prioritized. Amanda

Sharp will bring a list of providers that take Medicaid. Amanda answered that there is disjointed treatment when you separate out the services received and also that some of the services offered are unique to our providers. Julie answers that there are providers who receive funding for rapid access to SUD services. Aimee states that in regard to keeping track of who takes what insurance, we would refer them back to their healthcare plan and walk them through the process of finding a provider.

**OTHER:**

Nominating Committee: Frank states that we need to find a nominating committee. Karen is the new chair of this committee. If anyone would like to participate in the process, please see Karen. And anyone interested in serving as an Officer, please get in touch with Karen. Frank asked her to reach out if she hadn't heard anything in a week.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joe, Cocoon: just here to support Kathy and express gratitude for the Board staff.

Kyle, ESC: thank you for letting us present, and also mentioned a few unique things happening with the Youth survey. They are going digital this year! They have a committee meeting, and they really do take a lot of time in constructing the questions to be as brief as possible. Wood County's Youth Survey has been used nationwide, as well as the gambling survey, and has been cited in national articles.

Jessica, NAMI: there are still seats available for the event on Friday!

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved by



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

*Date*

*Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Executive Assistant*