

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

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2024

ADAMHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Battiato, Karen Baron, Judy Ennis, Brandy Laux, Dan Lambert, Dr. Carol Mowen, Frank McLaughlin, Scott Kleiber, and Leslie Miller

ABSENT: Katina Bostic (E), Erica Parish (E), Corey Speweik

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

GUEST: Bill Ivoska, Kyle Clark, Angie Patchen, Julie Carle, Victoria Graham, Dustin Watkins, Jessica Hartman, Melanie VanDyne, Dustin Watkins, Kathryn Mull, Katie Frank, Breanna Scarberry

CALL TO ORDER: Frank called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Kathryn called the roll, and a quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

ESC Youth Survey: Frank introduced Dr. Ivoska and informed the Board why he asked for this presentation. The survey has grown into a useful tool. Dr. Ivoska provided a presentation on the highlights of the survey, beginning with alcohol use, marijuana use, painkillers, and vaping (nicotine and marijuana). During the lockdown, school-aged kids failed to initiate use, which is why we are seeing fewer numbers of juniors and seniors. Dr. Ivoska hit on what community intervention and preventions are impacting the low numbers. Dr. Ivoska then provided data on severe and intense youth mental health and the further drop in suicide ideation and attempts. The improved mental health data may be due to state-mandated intervention services. Bullying in 5th through 9th graders is trending up in cyber, verbal, and indirect bullying. Gambling in 11th and 12th-grade males is also rising, as well as in middle school-aged children for in-app purchases. In the last two years, all drug use has decreased, with the exception of caffeinated beverages. Dr. Ivoska then provided statistics over the last 20 years. He then provided information on where we go from here, showing us how it starts and where it ends up, stating, "We need to work the middle." Kyle Clark then came up and spoke about how they have been asked to help the schools. He provided a research article on how prevention programming in junior high school resulted in lower numbers of illicit drug use.

ESC Allocation Presentation: Angie Patchen gave a presentation on programming provided by ESC. ESC stays in the promotion and prevention arena in the continuum of care. Angie provided an overview of the programming history of ESC. ESC serves about 1,800 students in 9 school districts plus Penta Career Center for ages K-12. Angie highlighted new ODE laws for the 2023-2024 school year (current). Angie indicated what services by district they offer to the schools. They just did their first JTI/TI event and had about 120 middle school students attend. Angie highlighted evidence-based services and the different programming that ESC provides. Angie then highlighted the new program they have requested for Community Engagement Services, including a coordinator and 2 staff members, costing \$194,712.76.

Executive Director Recommendation: Amanda provided a handout for the Board. Leslie asked how long the goals have been in place and if we need to reevaluate them. Laura answered that last year was the first year, and we are evaluating the outcomes this year. Amanda then explained the summary of the request, and it was noted that the FY25 request was a typo, and the amount was verbally corrected. Amanda then indicated the new program request amount and the alternate funding ESC is seeking to reduce the cost to ADAMHS. This new program began last year and was slated to serve 75 families, but they have seen 400 families this year.

Amanda explained the process for allocation to those who are new this year. This is the opportunity to learn about the programs and ask any questions. Judy asked what determines how many days the schools have of services. Kyle goes in and talks to the superintendents, and they work out what programs they want and how many days they need to get those programs done. We are funding about 85% of ESC, and the schools put in the remaining 15% for services. Karen asked if bullying would fall under violence prevention. Kyle responded they have Naveah's Bullying program that works really well, but fidelity has dropped off, and then further explained programs that would address this. Karen has heard there are a lot of complaints around bullying in her school district, so she wondered where this is covered.

SOS Program Update: Aimee gave a presentation on SOS, what it is, and what programs we have in the county. Aimee explained how we get these funds and how they are funneled down to ADAMHS Boards. Aimee mentioned that we were listed first in the governor's press release in October 2023. Aimee then provided the timeline for the funding process, from notification of available funds to award notice. She provided information on the funding amounts for the 17 programs and a breakdown of funding by agency out of almost \$1.5 million. Aimee informed about programs that have been around for multiple funding cycles and highlighted information on new programs funded: Camp FUN, Diversion/Prevention with ESC, Motivational Interviewing, Casework, Harm Reduction, and Leave it Behind. Aimee then highlighted what is next in the SOS program throughout the state. Karen asked about the Leave it Behind kits. Aimee provided information on how this program will work. Dan asked what the face shield in the kit was for, and Aimee answered for CPR. Matt asked about Camp FUN and if there would be a provider implementing it. Kaylee sat through a presentation on this at the Opiate Conference, which Hancock County provides.

FY25 Admin Budget: Amanda provided a handout of the budget. She wanted to walk everyone through this and aim to have it approved at the next meeting. Amanda then went through each line of funding in the budget. Further explaining the potential 4% increase in OPERS that is being discussed at the county level. Amanda then informed us of lines that were removed and the break out of certain items to their own budget lines highlighting where we decreased funding lines. Frank asked if we were still under the 10% admin rate, and Amanda said yes. We don't have the whole SOC budget yet, but it is our goal to remain below the 10% admin rate. Given ARPA funds and 3 grants we are potentially applying for, we will be below 10% this year. Matt asked if there would be a marketing line, and Amanda stated we moved this to SOC under special projects. Dan suggests that professional development might fit better under marketing. Judy reminds us that Tech Cred funds are available, and we should attempt to use these. Frank reminds us that retreats aren't mandatory, but board education and training are. Matt asked where the Levy budget would be; Julie responded that SOC, under special projects, is traditionally where it goes. Amanda then provided another handout, requesting an additional position for the Board. Amanda states this position would be contingent upon where we end up with funding providers this year. This position would be a Youth Liaison under the SOC budget and remain in that funding budget. Because of the work we have been doing with violence prevention in kids, we will need a new position to monitor. Leslie asked if this overlapped with what ESC was doing. Amanda states that they are high- or moderate-risk kiddos. Dan asked why it was not in the admin budget. Amanda states because of the nature of the position, they are coordinating with the system. Dan asked if our insurance would cover this person and if the other liaisons weren't. Dan is just wondering if, because this is an employee of the board, they shouldn't be in the admin budget. Amanda explained the difference between the admin and system functions they will provide. Julie states will be in the admin budget to start and then transferred out. Dan states he isn't saying there isn't a need; he is just concerned that we aren't reclassifying things to stay within parameters. He feels this position might fall in the admin budget. Amanda clarified where Camp FUN falls and was informed it is SOC budget. Amanda will take this back to some of her peers and see if they can explain why the separation. Julie even states in the 040 report that there are community and admin positions, which are distinct and separate. Amanda explained the reason behind the position being a SOC position but a Board employee. Matt asked why no insurance was listed. Amanda informed us what the insurance would be. Frank appreciates that this has been shared for discussion this early. Matt thinks a developed job description would also be helpful.

OTHER:

Matt: brought up OneOhio funding. He thought the amount was high. Kaylee indicated it was \$1.5 million across 7 counties, and Amanda added that it has to be a multi-county project. Some Boards have been having issues registering due to using county UEI numbers. Matt asked if providers could apply directly, and Amanda responded yes. Kaylee states this has been in progress for 3 years, and we have not been informed about when decisions might be made. We are meeting with the county tomorrow to discuss the funds and ask how much the county is getting. Kaylee answered \$175,000, but the amount keeps changing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dustin Watkins, CEO of Harbor, mentioned the Walk for Hope on May 4th. He will be leaving flyers with staff for the event.

Katie Frank, Unison: shared a success story that occurred through the Crisis phone line. They have recently hired a peer, and they provided some integral contact with a client. Leslie states it makes a difference when you come into contact with peers with the right knowledge and support to offer.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Approved by


Frank McLaughlin, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Wood County

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Submitted by: Kathryn Shackleton, Executive Assistant

