

**BOARD MEETING**  
For the  
**MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties**

February 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM

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**MINUTES**

Board Members:

Present: Christie Barns, Angela Haver, Chris Marlow, Reuben Mees, Rebekah Sinnott, Steve Terrill, Paul Waldsmith, Eric Warrick, Cheryl Wears, Sara Wright

Absent: Greg Harvey, Gwyn Stetler, Grant Varian

Staff: Tammy Nicholl, Kristy Scharf, Adam Sorensen, Terri Steiner, Cecilia Yelton

Other: Jon Brown, Residential Administrators

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Mees called the Board meeting to order at 5:06 PM and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Barns motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Marlow seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mees asked members to review the minutes from the November 16, 2021, Board meeting and revise or approve as presented.

**Terrill motioned for approval of the November 16, 2021, Board meeting minutes as presented. Sinnott seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Executive 12/02/2021: Mees reported that the Executive Committee met on December 2, 2021, to review Executive Director Nicholl's annual evaluation and a few personnel items. The summary of the evaluation was shared in the Board packets and Mees gave an overview of the summary. The Committee is recommending to the Board that Nicholl be given a 3% salary increase retroactive to January 1, 2022.

**Barns motioned to recommend a 3% salary increase retroactive to January 1, 2022, for the Executive Director based upon the annual evaluation. Waldsmith seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

B. PEAC 02/01/2022: Sorensen gave members an overview of agency activity. *TCN* is reporting an average of 65 individuals for the walk-in clinics in the second quarter. This number has been increasing; including out of county folks who are arriving to be seen. *TCN* has changed protocols to prioritize our county clients. There is limited expansion in the Prevention service area due to lack of staff capacity, Board staff are exploring the possibility of contracting with other prevention agencies to fill gaps. *TCN* will be a regional call center partner for the new National Suicide Hotline (988) service which is planned to launch in July 2022. *Residential Administrators* have served 84 families this quarter with an average length of stay of 92 days. No grievances or evictions this quarter. 36 cameras have been installed which has improved security and helped to resolve concerns. Brown will be applying for additional capital funding from OHMAS for renovations and improvements to properties on Park Street and Columbus Ave. in Bellefontaine. *Recovery Zone* has continued to expand peer support services and supportive employment opportunities. They continue to offer therapeutic support including 12 step programs, wellness planning and stress management. *Coleman* has not been able to start the IHBT program due to lack of staffing capacity. They completed 94 crisis prescreens in the ED this past quarter – this is up from 51 in the previous quarter. *RTC Industries* continues to expand services into Champaign County. *Renewed Strength Recovery House* receives funding through state recovery housing funds and the SOR Grant (State Opioid Relief). They have achieved level 2 certification. *Other news and Coalitions*: Nicholl has been working with Logan Co. Health District Commissioner, Travis Irvan, on establishing an overdose and suicide fatality review committee, they have met with Logan Co. Commissioners for a resolution of

support. Yelton reports on Suicide Prevention Coalition events; the Signs of Suicide screenings conducted in area school districts are showing a 10% increase in positivity rates, also an increase in the number of students receiving treatment services. The annual golf outing is planned for May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month. Also planned for May are awareness campaigns including crisis text line information on pharmacy bags in both counties. Dayton VA representatives have been attending the coalition meetings recently to help coordinate activities. **Mini Grant Awards:** the committee discussed the next round of Mini Grants awarded by the Board and will be recommending to the Board to approve \$24,000 for the next round starting July 1 – this amount will be included in the FY2023 Budget that the Board will approve in June 2022.

C. Finance 02/02/2022:

1. Waldsmith reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 2, 2022. Board financial status is in good shape. Noted in the statements was “other current liabilities” line has deferred revenue that will be reduced in the next quarter. Assets are currently at \$3,368,054 with total liabilities at \$460,874. Net income is showing \$290,987. One issue discussed by the committee is a requirement on contracts between the Board and providers that are funded with federal funds, the provider receiving the funds needs to have an annual audit. A few of the providers are small coalitions/agencies that do not have the resources to pay for an audit, which can be costly. Nicholl is asking the Board for approval to assist with the audit costs.

**Waldsmith motioned for the Finance Committee to approve Board financial assistance with audit costs for sub-recipients related to the receipt of federal grant funds. Terrill seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

2. On the provider reviews, *TCN* is showing a total agency wide loss of \$1,155,160 with the North region (Logan/Champaign) comprising \$37,187 of that amount. Scharf has been in contact with TCN about outstanding grant invoices. Prevention services are at 24% of contract. TCN has made a request to Nicholl to use unspent contract funds on employee retention and recruiting, we have 13 staff vacancies in Logan/Champaign Co.

**Waldsmith motioned for the Finance Committee to approve TCN Behavioral Health the use of unspent contract funds, up to \$100,000.00, for direct service employee retention and recruitment. Terrill seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

Scharf reported that *Residential Administrators and Recovery Zone's* 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial reports were good with no concerns noted.

3. Audit Update: Scharf reported that she received notice from the state auditor earlier in the day that the 2021 Audit has been completed. There were two minor management suggestions with no findings. The final report will be sent out soon.

**Waldsmith, for the Finance Committee motioned for the approval of the Board's Financial Statements and report as presented. Wright seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

IV. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A Capital Projects

1. Urbana Youth Center: is requesting a Resolution of support from the Board. The youth center is applying for OHMAS Capital funds in the Youth Resiliency Program to purchase neighboring property to expand programming in independent living skills and provide additional parking space. No Board funding is required.

**Barns motioned for approval for the Board to issue a Resolution of Support for the Urbana Youth Center for the purpose of applying for OHMAS Capital Funds. Terrill seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

2. Residential Administrators: Brown reports that renovation of 5 units (Park St & Columbus Ave in Bellefontaine) is needed. The appraised value of the properties is being submitted as match funds, so no funds are being requested from the Board at this time. A Resolution is needed for the application to OHMAS.

**Waldsmith motioned to approve the Housing Resolution for Residential Administrators. Marlow seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

- B. Hamilton Co. Forensic Monitoring: Nicholl updated the Board on the case of an individual from another county who, in a mental health crisis committed a crime in one of our counties. Our county court is responsible since the sentence was issued here. That also means our MHDAS Board is responsible for the forensic monitoring if the patient is placed on conditional release from Twin Valley Hospital (TVBH). Upon release from TVBH the person will be on conditional release for 11 years. Their home and family are in Hamilton County. The patient, his family and TVBH are requesting the court to consider a monitoring arrangement with the Hamilton County MHRS Board for the forensic monitoring role. Nicholl has been in discussions with staff at the Hamilton County Board in terms of the patient's needs, all parties can see the benefits of being with family in Hamilton County. The Board in Hamilton County has expressed that if we did a Board-to-Board agreement they would want to include language that MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties is responsible for any non-Medicaid services needed. The proposed agreement would be for two years up to \$46,000. The court will review this case every two years, which will trigger the review of the forensic contract between the Board and Hamilton Co. Nicholl has sent the contract to the Board's attorney for review.

**Haver motioned to approve the proposed contract with Hamilton County for Individual Acquittee Services. Waldsmith seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

- C. Data collection/Analytics Proposals: As a result of our participation in our local regional Board group (RAB), Ascend Innovations has submitted a proposal for a contract with them on data collection from community partners like law enforcement, hospitals, other BH providers, etc. and in turn provide data analysis to the Board on community trends and issues. Nicholl has explored proposals from a second company, Partner Solutions, for comparison. The quotes were very similar in costs; but differed in the scope of data collected. Ascend has since agreed to adjust their initial proposal to a \$15,000 discovery period cost and \$75,000 annual cost. Nicholl is confident about getting their annual costs down to \$60,000. This will be renewable on an annual basis.

**Sinnott motioned to approve Nicholl to enter into an agreement with Ascend Innovations for data collection and analysis up to \$75,000. Wears seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

## V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. 120 Day Notice Approval: Nicholl shared with members that 120 Day Notices are required to be sent to providers on an annual basis of any intent to potentially make significant changes to contracts. Nicholl is planning on a significant change to TCN's contract in prevention services which has been largely underutilized for two years. Nicholl has discussed the changes with TCN and they agree that they do not have the staff capacity to meet the Board's request in these services. Nicholl will be exploring other entities to provide the service. A copy of the notice is being provided to members in their packets

**Waldsmith motioned to approve the 120 Day Notice to TCN Behavioral Health. Barns seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

- B. Recommendations for changes to ORC 340: Nicholl passed out a draft document outlining proposed changes to ORC 340 by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities



(OACBHA) which is the state board association. Nicholl highlighted a few points; the elimination of 120-day notices to providers, Board member appointment requirements, language pertaining to Board mergers, credit card authorizations. Nicholl encouraged members to review the changes and contact her with any questions, concerns, or comments.

VI. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None presented.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mees called for a motion to adjourn, Terrill **motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:30 PM.**

*Minutes submitted by Terri Steiner.*

*Reuben Mees*

Reuben Mees (Jan 24, 2023 18:39 GMT+5.5)

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Reuben Mees, Chair