

**MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES BOARD
OF LOGAN & CHAMPAIGN COUNTIES**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 –Board Meeting

Board Members: Angela Haver, Gretchen Lapp, Lisa Vassar, Eric Warrick, Robin Barton, Christie Barnes, Chris Marlow, William Heitman, Elizabeth Hanning-Smith, Sara Wright, Robert Hunter, Cheryl Wears

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Angela Haver

Board Members Present: Bill Heitman, Chris Marlow, Angie Haver, Lisa Vassar, Cheryl Wears, Gretchen Lapp, Sara Wright, Robert Hunter, Elizabeth Hanning-Smith

Board Members Absent: Eric Warrick, Christie Barnes, Robin Barton

Staff: Adam Sorensen, Ceci Yelton, Sarah Ferguson, Amy Metz, Patti Enck

Others: Greg Fitzpatrick

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Angela Haver

Heitman motioned to approve the agenda, Lapp seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried to approve the agenda.

III. BUDGET APPLICATION PROPOSALS

Chair Haver thanked those presenting today and requested that proposals are kept to a five (5) minute limit in respect of time.

A. TCN

TCN representative Lori Strobel showed a Powerpoint presentation. Points highlighted were the SUN clinic, the increase in services for psychiatric and MAT care. The question was asked and answered that these increases are specific to North, and services supported with Board funding. If they presented the entire amount, it would be 2.2 million in costs. Representatives shared that they are watching current Medicaid funding discussions. They are using MEND for virtual walk-in services for telehealth, and have technical assistance supports in place for those patients who need it. They will move to self-scheduling in MEND eventually. Dr. Sorensen asked about new application process, requesting any feedback they had. They reported that the only issue they encountered, Dr. Sorensen took care of, which was getting through the screens because they send to multiple department heads. Otherwise, they liked it and it was a seamless process. Stated that their request for last year was 1.5 million and the same request for this year, as they knew the ceiling so they made the request for that same amount. Advised that they ran out funding as of March 31st so are currently providing services for free, as those are now without a funding source in Champaign/Logan Counties. Question was asked as to whether they have considered starting SUN program in Champaign. They would like to have it in other locations, but the amount of staff involved, and cost related to staffing for psychiatrist and high paying positions prohibit being able to provide those services in other areas. When looking to provider in one area, they looked at the data and that is how Logan was selected as the site to officer the services. to pick one county so looked at data to select Logan as site. They can still serve Champaign County residents by using telehealth rooms to access SUN. On Fridays, can access telehealth with Xenia location SUN clinic. Haver asked about productivity of psychiatrist time when billed for non-unit rate. It was explained that MAT is like crisis and when clint coming in, unsure when/where coming in. The provider is available to see and provide the necessary level of service when the client is ready. Right now, the slots are full. Haver asked for productivity level. TCN advised that they are aware it is over 70% but do not have specific numbers right now; however, these can be pulled and provided. Haver stated that this is not necessary, the estimation provided suffices. Question was asked if TCN allows for care by certified nurse practioners. TCN advised that they do but their Chief Medical is only allowed eight (8) under their supervision and

they are maxed out currently.

C. PASS

During the meeting, C. (PASS) presented before B. (Recovery Zone) due to technical difficulties. Beth Miller presented information for PASS. She advised that they do prevention work, mainly in the schools. They have been in Logan/Campaign Counties for three years. They have increased the number of students, districts, and building served. At the end of Q3, they had served over 3700 students. Advised that some successes are working with the Ohio National Guard and now has a person with them, and are in search for second person. Advised that the biggest challenge has been having to say no to some schools at end of this school year, as some schools that waited to get their requests in are now unable to be served. Advised that there are day-to-day issues like schools blocking access to videos (technical) for presentations but all continues to go well there. They have goals to continue to build relationships with schools and let schools know of all the programming offered so they can fill the need they see for their students. When asked about the new application process, they advised that they struggled with new application process, mainly around formatting in the spreadsheet that didn't filter or process across. They did share that Board Staff Amy Metz was on it when had trouble, so overall it wasn't terrible. They were asked about the total amount requested and how this compares to last year. PASS received \$220,00 last year and are asking now for 246,976. They are requesting less this year due to their partnership with the Ohio National Guard, which allowed them to be able to eliminate one full time position, which was replaced with position that is funded/provided by National Guard. Haver asked how many districts and how many schools PASS is currently in. They are currently in 14 school buildings and around 8 districts. They are not currently in Riverside or Triad. This is their third year in the counties. Vassar asked what their plan is for updating materials being presented. Advised that they do program evaluation with schools, and are now able to see and use data from last three years. Advised that the programs offered are evidence based, so it takes awhile to update them, as they are updated through the curriculum providers. PASS does complete evaluations of the presenters, done by the schools and through observation/supervision. It was asked if they have students complete evaluations; they do not. They currently work with all grade levels, and with elementary/middle school youth they have seen more interest from schools for programming to meet HB123 compliance.

B. RECOVERY ZONE (RZ)

Recovery Zone presenters attended virtually: Kathy Zeller, Brenda Phelps, Audrey Martin. They provided a high-level overview of the budget submitted. They are requesting an increase of \$11,900 for insurance for SOR vehicles previously purchased and technology support. It was shared that they have contracts for residential services with OHMAS expansion dollars coming. Current staffing is being maintained. Logan County shared that they have been bringing awareness to unsheltered populations in the county and this has been a big undertaking but a great place to bring awareness and create additional advocates. Everyone served had some degree of mental health or SUD need that significantly impacted their life. They do have the benefit of being able to have a flexible schedule because they are able to help people. Their goal is to sustain the work. Campaign County successes is that they are now a certified recovery community organization. They have increased the number of clients and begun using new software that has helped streamline things. Current challenges are housing, and the goal is to integrate services into Judicial and Criminal Justice system more. It was noted that the number served was 500 and it was asked if this is both counties combined. It was clarified that direct services is around 500 for direct peer services, for additional services the number is closer to 1000. Direct services count does not include things like food distributions, etc.

D. RESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATORS (RA)

Jon Brown and Lisa Perdue presented for Residential Administrators. It was shared that there are facts about RA that people don't know. He shared that MHDAS has three HUD

grants worth \$300,000 but requires a 25% match. RA provides \$31,000 with other grant funds they have. It was stated that this demonstrates the strong partnership that has happened through the years with RA and MHDAS. RZ project taking place started 3-4 years ago; now project is around \$400,000 and should be complete between June/July 2025. It was stated that working with partners made this happen. It was shared that there have been new doors, ADA compliance, an asphalt driveway and concrete sidewalks. Most developers would have 10-15% developer fee; RA has no fees to MH Board. He said this shows partnership and strength to make it work for the system within Logan County. There is a tri-plex project, projected at \$325,000, and where a developer would get fees, RA does not invoice because it is about strength in partnership. With this, they have been able to save money where other counties now want to this follow example because they do the professional services without hiring out. Their goal is to provide that quality of services and hope MH continues to fund RA. When asked about the total ask this year versus last year, he said that they are increasing their ask, where it is normally \$409,000, they are now asking \$430,000. Some of the increase is Mad River Park Grant but this is HUD funds. RA added an administrative position and is asking \$13,920 to go towards that. This amount would not cover in full but would be partially assisted. They did not include but want to share that they were fortunate to be able to give staff 1-3% raise most years and if they look at what they have requested from the Board, they have not asked for increase in 6-7 years and have absorbed these cost increases in other places. Haver asked about community impact. It was stated that off hand, because they also have rapid rehousing that is serving a larger population that is not mental health involved, at any time, 80-85 households served. Rapid rehousing can be 60-75 household in any given year. It was said services split is likely around 60% (Logan) and 40% (Champaign). They are trying to have a strong continuum of housing, working with landlords to offset the capital that they don't have in Champaign. There are 29 properties in Logan and only 10 are in Champaign. Peak of Ohio has 24 apartments (some owned by MHDAS, some by RA). Champaign County's biggest obstacle is that they need site control and how to operate it. If there is not subsidy coming to pay rental assistance, it hard to move forward. In Champaign, they would have to find a place and then figure out how to fund it after being built or renovated. In Logan, they are able to work with Metropolitan Housing, MH Board, etc. to meet those needs. Champaign County does not have Metropolitan Housing.

E. WINGS

Presentation by Julie Griesheimer. She advised that they are a peer recovery organization serving Union County for over 25 years. They are similar to RZ. They operate a community drop in center and off a continental breakfast daily and lunch daily. Their mission is to combat stigma and while food is part of that, they use it to socialize and give individuals an opportunity to connect. They offer individual and group peer support-mental health or SUD recovery/experience. The groups are open to the public. They see people in the pre-contemplation phase, so even if the individual is still actively using, there is an opportunity there. For the types of groups offered, they offer anxiety support, depression support, 12 step meetings, different SUD related groups, and whatever the community needs or has identified as a need. They currently serve Union and Hardin Counties, they moved into Hardin in 2021 and the needs in Hardin are different so groups are different. The groups and services are driven by the community and those in need of services. They have opportunity to meet for 1-on-1, for which they have to sign up and commit to services. They will have them sign up for services and will try to bill Medicaid if the individual has insurance. In July, they are opening a center in Allen County. They serve the adult population and transitional age youth. This would be new to provide in Logan County. They currently work collaboratively with RZ and they don't want to replace the services that RZ provides; what they want to do is capture the Lake area. There was a question about whether Wings has a specific building owned or rented in the Lake area. It was reported that they do not yet but have looked at several locations with nothing identified yet. They chose the Lake area because data sources has identified this as a high need area. When asked about what types of data sources were used, they identified that they used lived experience, the overdose map, but noted that the overdose map can be

strange to understand because of the zip code situation at the Lake. They have connected with others, such as Chief Fryhoff and Chief Thompson in Washington Township, as well as the Logan County Sheriff. All identified a high need in the area. When asked about a certain dollar amount requested, it was noted that the request is \$187,000. Rent that is included in the request is estimated. Planned operating hours would be M-F 8:30A-5:30PM. In their Union County location, the hours were 8:30A-5 PM for many years but had special funding to allow for extended hours for evenings and weekends. That funding is not anticipated for the next fiscal year. When asked about the timeframe to open for services at the Lake, they reported that they would like to open fiscal year 2026 (July 2025), pending finding a location, completing renovations, getting furniture, etc.

F. URBANA YOUTH CENTER

Presentation by Justin Weller and April Jackson. They are asking for same as received in fiscal year 2023. They wanted to highlight what they are doing today and some changes that have happened since the last time they presented. Their successes have been the continuation of services provided. They serve students in grades 6-12 that live in or attend Urbana Schools. They have some other Champaign districts but over 90% are UCS students. The Fall is their busiest time, with usually around 80 students per night, right now it is more around 30-60 students per night. They provide safe spaces for junior high and high school students and offer food, hygiene, clothing and a range of educational based programming. This can include homework and study assistance/tutoring, high school equivalency program, which has a range of life skills and diploma attainment. They are getting ready to graduate two students who were dropouts. The time to completion has improved since offering the program; these students completed in a six month time span while others have been up to two (2) years. Their philosophy is meeting kids where they are and getting to know them to build trust. They have had some changes. Originally the Executive Board was the three founding members. They convened at end of 2024 and were happy to say that it was time for restructuring of the committee. The included expanded perspectives of parents, former UYC students, businesses, and educators. Ms. Jackson is a retired educator and the current chairperson. They have a current UHS staff member, a parent of children who attend, and a former UYC student who volunteers on the committee. Mr. Weller is in the executive director position solely. He does not have role on the executive committee anymore, he reports to them. Mr. Weller reports out on student involvement, programs to be considered, and if programs are successful. This makes him accountable as Director to a committee of people who are there for the best interest of their students. Mr. Weller said that he would note that one thing they worked on is to build a policy and procedure handbook. This informs how they train volunteers and staff. They have made sure their Mandated Reporter training in line with JFS recommendations. Mr. Weller advised that this has been reviewed by trainer of mandated reporting by JFS and that individual said that their current policy is completely in line with what would be expected and that it was spot on. Lapp asked about what parent involvement is as far as students that the UYC serves. They reported that the challenge is that a lot of students served are coming from a home life background that is more challenging. Their parents do have to give permission and consent to attend. Wright asked about permission and consent language in the UYC forms. Mr. Weller said he wishes parents would read every line, but a lot of people skim it. They do have people who have asked about not approving the release of records for UHS and they allow them to decline this. If a student wants to be a student of the youth center, they tell parents, this (care and control) is only invoked during signed in portion at youth center. They attempt to contact parents twice before taking action. When asked about the permissions including the ability for UYC staff to sign kids out of school or provide excuses for absences, Mr. Weller advised that this deals with kids who have been signed in by parents though the equivalency program. They have never yet encountered a situation where that would be necessary without parental permission/knowledge. If a youth is in life skills services and attending full time, they have had to go to school to meet with staff about student or pick up from school at parent request. When asked about the UYC operating as its own entity and undergoing an audit,

they advised that because of their current funding structure, there is no legal requirement for an audit. For the consent form, they have never run into an issue with their 700+ students but if requested, they would make adjustments to meet whatever the request would be for changes. Heitman asked about the structure of the UYC. They explained that UYC is a subsidiary of Grandworks. The balance sheet is UYC only and funds donated to the UYC remain in UYC accounting and those numbers are specific to them. When asked about an income statement, Mr. Weller advised that they public on their website a financial overview and anyone can pull the IRS document. This is a simplified version in layman's terms that is on the website. The 501C3 status is shared with Grandworks because they are a subsidiary. When asked about accreditations and certifications, they said that right now they do what they can to continue to make sure staff are trained. They have two staff, potentially three, working to receive QMHS qualifications. The UYC itself is not an entity that can be accredited because they don't offer services that would warrant accreditation at this time. When asked if they have any qualified mental health professionals on staff or providing services, they advised that they have a behavioral health technician on staff who is trained but not working in that role because of the supervision required for it. They would love to offer this if they could have the necessary funding support. They do have a partnership with Coleman that if they encounter someone with a need, they can have someone from Coleman onsite in less than 60 minutes.

At the conclusion of presentations, Chair Haver advised that the Board has additional time to review and this is to be discussed further at the Finance Committee meeting and then at the June Board meeting. Lapp asked how questions should be directed if there are additional questions later, it determined that these would be directed to Dr. Sorensen and he would then share them out or bring them to the next meeting.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Angela Haver

A. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. BOARD MINUTES FEB 11/2025

Haver noted that the word Agenda should instead be "minutes." **Heitman motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Hunter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried to approve minutes from the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting as amended.**

2. MH BOARD SPECIAL MEETING 2/18/25

Haver noted that this set of notes also needs the word Agenda modified to "minutes." **Vassar motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Wears seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried to approve minutes from the February 18, 2025 Special Meeting as amended.**

3. MHDAS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3/20/25

Lapp motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Hanning-Smith seconded. It was noted in discussion that Dr. Sorensen's name was misspelled throughout the document. Lapp advised that this correct could be made as a scribes error, as it was not a content change. All in favor, none opposed, Vassar and Wright abstained, motion carried to approve minutes from the March 20, 2025 Special Meeting.

B. TCN ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST OF \$300,000

This request was received April 24, 2025. TCN bills for services for indigent patients for Logan/Champaign through the GOSH system. GOSH adjudicates claims up to the amount allowed in contract. Once the limit is reached, there no more money in contract to pay for the services for indigent patients. Often, they are able to do creative things, such as writing grants for recovery housing or writing grants to secure other funds. After that was done, there were shifts in funding approved based on the grants, and the monies were moved from prevention to other areas. Once that was approved, outstanding invoices in GOSH

were paid and they hit the cap again. TCN is requesting \$300,000 beyond what was originally requested. Haver asked about the likelihood another request for 4Q. It was noted during the BAP, that there was an estimated \$700,000 for unreimbursed services this fiscal year. This demonstrates more need in the population than there is funding/resources for. Hanning-Smith asked why the BAP had a \$1.5 million CAP. Dr. Sorensen explained that a CAP exists so they are not overspending in one area and then have funds unspent in other areas. They can estimate the budget based on prior budgets. The State has funding line items that can be used to apply to various contracts for prevention services. Hanning-Smith asked why TCN said they only could ask for \$1.5 million in funding when they could have asked for more. Dr. Sorensen advised there is not a cap, they might be able to get there with SOS funding or other grant streams. For a base contract, there are things they are required to provide in ORC 340. These need to be provided first because the State has established priorities. The increase in the ask is due to an increased need. They have also increased access by tapping into more referral sources. Haver advised that she recalls a previous discussion where it was determined that TCN was awarded \$1.5M with the opportunity to request more if the need shows it. The current request would come out of levy dollars/reserve if approved. Haver stated that they said have had excess funding in reserves but the last conversation was that those funds may not remain much longer so there is the need to make sure they are holding to the mandate while prioritizing mental health services. Amy Metz shared that as talking to Clark Schaeffer Hackett today, the Board has 9 months in reserves, but there is still 2.5 months left in year. When asked for an estimate of what would be used in the next two months, it would be around \$270,000/month. With that, they might be able to go up to \$150,000 and leave 6 to 6.5 months in reserve. Other Boards typically maintain a 9-month reserve. This is third quarter services for a 4Q ask. Haver advised she would rather hold off and have the Finance Committee look at the numbers and provide a recommendation. Vassar inquired if there is satisfaction with how TCN is spending the funds and was advised that TCN is spending according to the contract.

C. MOU'S

1. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT-\$33,572.00-NEEDS ACTION

Dr. Sorensen advised that he already signed this because it was in a packet of documents but advised that he can remove the signature if the Board does not wish to pursue this. These are HUD dollars that can be used for utilities and maintenance in local recovery housing. OHMAS used to distribute this in an allocation with no other work; it now is a HUD grant through DOD. Haver advised that since this is for revenue only, she believes that Dr. Sorensen should be able to sign this without Board approval. This will be pass-through funds to recovery housing. **Hanning-Smith motioned to accept the funding, Vassar seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

2. IHBT-NYAP MHDAS 5.2.25-\$53,970.50-NEEDS ACTION

Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) reached out about expanding IHBT programs in Champaign/Logan because our area flagged as the highest ratio of kids in Congregate Care. NYAP will be the provider for Logan County. A certain dollar amount was provided by CWRU. This will establish a relationship with two providers the Board has never engaged with before. The start date is July 2024 because that is the time frame for the grant. These funds were not part of the initial budget, this is money coming in from CWRU and then would be going to NYAP and UCMH. **Hanning-Smith motioned to accept the funding, Vassar seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

3. IHBT- UMCH MHDAS 5.2.25-\$54,000-NEEDS ACTION

This is duplicate to the NYAP version except that UMCH is the provider to serve Champaign County. **Vassar motioned to accept the funding, Wears seconded,**

all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

4. MV DRAFT FROM HAMILTON CO 5.5.25-\$46,000-NEEDS ACTION

This is an agreement for forensic monitoring for a Logan County individual. The individual is longer eligible for Medicaid but wants to continue to thrive in their community without Medicaid and there are concerns that the lack of Medicaid may impede this. The agreement is with Hamilton County because this is where individual's family/supports are. This will cover the services that are now not Medicaid covered but needed for support. This same individual had forensic monitoring before. Costs are increasing due to the Medicaid eligibility loss. There is a two-year time frame on the MOU. **Vassar motioned to approve the MOU, Wright seconded, Lapp abstained, all others in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

5. MHDAS LC SOW SFY26 RETAINER-NOT SIGNED 5.12.25-\$63,090-NEEDS ACTION

The next step in the work with Ascend is claims adjudication to reduce human error. This is for budgeting and contracting platform work. They house sensitive patient data and do analysis to help develop priority assessment and planning. They manage the PowerBI platform. This week they were able to work with Memorial Hospital for billing data for Board patients. **Lapp motioned to approve the contract, Marlow seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

6. IDAT MOU BMC MHDAS-\$200,000-NEEDS ACTION

Since the inception of the Logan County drug court in the Common Pleas Division, this has never before happened. Judge Estes declared a surplus to allow flexibility in the monies they have. This will be money coming in to the Board. They will meet people at the jail with the Quick Response Team, etc. Another potential use is recovery housing, but they are not that far in the planning process yet. The Recovery Zone piece is being implemented. There is still \$180,000 unspoken for to prioritize in coming fiscal year. The money does not regenerate very quickly, this has built up over time and should not be viewed as sustainable. There is no end/liquidation date. **Wright moved to accept the MOU, Hunter seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

7. SOS 4.0 RA INC-SOS 4.0 SUD RURAL OUTREACH-\$99,209-NEEDS ACTION

OHMAS did a site visit and wanted to assess the quality and practices of the homeless outreach team in Logan County. They offered supports for expansion to Champaign County, working with Recovery Zone and David's Place. FFY through sept 30, 2025. **Heitman moved to accept the MOU, Hanning-Smith seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

8. GOSH-FY26-\$12,000

It was noted that the costs have decreased but the services are the same. Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

9. CHAMPAIGN CO HEALTH DISTRICT-NEWBORN HV MOU FY25-\$4,500.00

Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

10.SOS 3.0 NCE TCN RECOVERY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FY25 4.15.25-\$10,526.32

Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

11.WEST CENTRAL MEDICATION AGREEMENT 5.8.25-\$7,500.00

This is for psychotropic medications for inmates. Dr. Sorensen stated that his

understanding was that those individuals are state inmates and was not aware of the Board being responsible for medication costs; however, he found that this has been a historic practice to support in this way by our Board and others. OHMAS provides in some funds for this. Haver asked what funds this will come from. It was stated that these will be from levy dollars. Dr. Sorenson work with state to understand why local boards are asked to contribute for people in state custody. Wright advised that with youth in custody of Public Children Services Agencies (PCSA), the PCSA funds medication for youth in juvenile detention but not DYS. This may be similar for adults, as West Central is community corrections and not prison. Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

12. IDAT PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM PILOT – RZ- 5.6.25-\$18,778.20

Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion. This was to get the IDAT funding moving after the first meeting with Judge Estes to implement the initial Recovery Zone piece.

13. SOS 3.0 NCE_TCN RECOVERY.TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FY25.4.15.2
-\$10,562.32

This is a no cost extension for unspent funds; there were unspent funds due to Vivitrol not used in the mail, \$10,000 was made available and is being applied to recovery housing. Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

14.ICAT ADVANCE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT FY2025-\$1,500.00

This is to assist with a peer review stipend. Chief Fryhof is certified in ICAP and these funds will help to offset a portion of the training, so he can continue to train CIT programs. Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

15. ATP TCN MOU FY2025-\$24,000

This is carryover from addiction treatment programing; specialty docket specific funds the state makes available to reinforce/support having a specialty docket. If the Court has a specialty docket, the Board gets funds to support. Logan County Family Court and Logan County Drug Court is how the Board gets the funding and they can apply the funds to individuals that would otherwise be billed to levy dollars. Dr. Sorensen has signed, as the amount is within Executive Director discretion.

Following Dr. Sorensen presenting items IV (C), items 1-14, Haver acknowledged that there is no need or requirement for Board approval of the items but wanted to take a motion and ceremonial vote in support of the actions of Dr. Sorensen.

Hunter motioned to support items IV (C) 1-14 as presented by Dr. Sorensen, Heitman seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Vassar abstained, motion carried.

D. HB257 VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY

Board members were provided with a virtual meeting policy drafted by legal counsel. Haver asked if there is any hesitation in adopting and implementing virtual meetings. Dr. Sorensen shared that he has a personal preference to allow others to roll this out and then learn from the lessons of others before implementing. There were some concerns for connectivity, such as internet connection issues and Hunter noted concerns for potential technical issues. Artificial Intelligence (AI) considerations were discussed. Lapp is not a proponent of AI but interested in pursuing what it could do around note taking. Discussion was held around the potential of an ad hoc or other configuration of members to develop policy and look into items such as the minimum in person attendance requirements, notifications, etc. Wears serves on other Boards and have not encountered issues with virtual meetings.

Hunter motioned for the Board to work on drafting a virtual meeting policy and sharing a draft and a summary of identified specific risks and benefits. Heitman seconded. Discussion was held regarding the need to address why there may be discrepancy in the 72-hour notifications versus 48 hour notifications, number of meetings to attend in person, retention and recording, capacity and technology. All were in favor, none opposed, Vassar abstained, motion carried.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION AND GOALS

It was noted that the evaluation was favorable in five (5) areas and this information facilitated a productive conversation between the Board and the Executive Director. Dr. Sorenson was rated very favorably in the areas of financial/legal compliance and strategic planning. Haver noted that there was good conversation about communication and relationships with providers. The evaluation was not read through during the meeting, as this was done in the Executive Committee meeting prior and noted in those minutes, which were provided. Haver did want to highlight a few areas for goals. The top areas where movement could be made were around board relationship/communication and relationship building with the Board and Community Partners/Providers. Heitman provided a written document that was handed out for consideration about what had been achieved during the year. He requested that this would be added to the file, as these were sixteen items that he found to be highly impressive. Haver acknowledged potential gaps in the evaluation process and that this would be good for future evaluations to include this type of information. Haver noted that the action plan from the Committee was for Dr. Sorensen to take the provided feedback and develop goals. Dr. Sorensen provided a document and explained that he examined both ORC requirements and his job description to develop goals while applying the feedback given where possible to the job description. Dr. Sorensen did share that he would like to see the items in his job responsibilities included in the survey in future years, which seemed to be met with agreement. Vassar shared that one item not noted due to recency was that the exit interview was held for the recent audit with all positive feedback.

Heitman asked if he could make a motion for a three-year contract for Dr. Sorensen with COLA increases each year in the amount of 3%. Lapp advised that she would like more time to reflect on this and noted that she feels that she is not sure that a 3% increase is enough and may need to be more. Haver advised that they had met for two hours and had not finalized a couple items. There is the plan for the next evaluation in Fall 2025 with a review of contract, as the current contract goes through December 2025. She advised that Dr. Sorensen had shared that he had feedback for future contracts. Haver advised she wanted to get back on track for the cycle of evaluations being completed in December and that it could be done then and contract considerations could be made at that time. Heitman advised he thought the contract for Dr. Sorensen would be up in June. Haver advised it would be December. Heitman withdrew his motion based on this clarification.

It was noted that Dr. Sorensen will bring proposed scheduled for meeting dates to the next meeting, and they are looking to move Executive Committee meetings to occur monthly and then providing time between committee meetings and the full Board meetings.

F. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST JUNE 17-20

Request for Dr. Sorensen to attend the Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium in June. This is related to work for the GRACE program in Champaign County. GRACE Coordinator Stacey Logwood and Magistrate Meghann Scott are also attending.

Lapp motioned to approve out of state travel expenses for Dr. Sorensen up to \$2000, Vassar seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion

carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Angela Haver

Hanning-Smith motioned to adjourn, Marlow seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

PEAC Committee

Finance Committee

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Thursday, June 12, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

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