

BOARD MEETING
for the
MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties

Via Phone Conference on March 31, 2020 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Roll Call of Board Members:

Present: Robert Dean, Pete Floyd, Greg Harvey, Angela Haver, Reuben Mees, Rebekah Sinnott, Gwyn Stetler, Steve Terrill, Ann Vogel, Mary Walker

Absent: Grant Varian – joined call at 5:30 PM

Staff: Tammy Nicholl, Adam Sorensen, Terri Steiner, Melissa Thompson, Cecilia Yelton

Others: *no others present for call, but were notified electronically. The Board call was posted on website and the Board's Facebook page.*

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Board Vice Chair Mees. With a quorum present, he proceeded through the agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the meeting being on conference call, the Agenda was emailed to members prior, however, Nicholl read through the agenda items for members.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Light the Way Proposal: Brenda Sanford, Director of Light the Way Christian Counseling Center in Bellefontaine had submitted a proposal to the Board for consideration of monetary help in setting up equipment for telehealth services for their clients. Sanford submitted with the proposal a report on the number of clients the agency serves. While the Board does not contract for services with non OHMAS certified providers, we have in the past assisted with structural/administrative type requests. The total estimate of the proposal is \$5,616.00 to cover online subscription costs, equipment for telehealth including computers and headphones, and staff time for setup. Nicholl and Thompson explained that funding would mainly come from Board reserves, however there is potential for savings in other budget areas that will help to cover the cost.

Dean made a motion to fund the Light The Way proposal for the full amount of \$5,616.00. Haver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was completed of members, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

B. Plan for May12, 2020 Board Meeting and BAP Presentations: After last year's Budget Application Process (BAP) with the contract agencies, suggestions were made by Board members to change the format to simplify the process for both the agencies and the Board, also with the current pandemic situation, the Board may have to look at an alternative method for the presentations. Board staff has been working on an electronic platform with Montgomery County's IT staff for behavioral health providers. For the non-behavioral health contracts, staff will reformat the current application to simplify and allow for more dialogue with Board members on core elements of what is being done well and what is needed for improvement.

Board staff is also working on setting up a WebEx account to provide for improved online conferencing with not only Board members but also providers and community meetings. Board members expressed support for the subscription. Meetings will continue to be posted publicly with the call in or log in information.

C. TCN conference call: Nicholl and Thompson have been meeting with TCN staff to keep updated on the provider's current status during this pandemic situation. They have been implementing the

telehealth options with consumers over the past several weeks. TCN is not asking for any monetary assistance right now, but want to continue monitoring both the costs for implementation of telehealth services as well as lost revenues due to the increased cancelled or no-show appointments. They would like to stay in touch and have further conversation about expenses and lost revenues within the allocation closer to the end of the fiscal year. We will likely have more information to consider at the May Board meeting. Implementation of telehealth services may allow them to see an increase in productivity that will offset some of the losses. Nicholl encouraged Board members to share in the community that there has been no change in TCN's office hours and walk in clinics are still available.

D. MHDAS Office Plan update: Nicholl gave members an update on the work from home status of staff. The office phones have been forwarded to Steiner's home phone to monitor, Nicholl and Steiner are picking up the mail, Nicholl is in and out of the office and staff are meeting weekly through the Microsoft Teams application. Access to service information has been shared widely in both counties. Staff are continuing to get informational materials out to community providers and public. Stetler asked about types of outreach messaging being provided to the community in regards to possible domestic violence situations and options for those who might be experiencing this, also, types of outreach to shelters. Yelton is going to touch base with TCN prevention staff on materials. Nicholl shared recent planning meetings with other partner agencies involved in congregate living sites, shelters, group homes etc. to plan for continuous operations through the pandemic. Community Health and Wellness has agreed to be a medical resource for any residents without a primary care physician and they are also providing telehealth behavioral health services now. Members suggested other online counseling options – links could be provided on the website and through social media. Nicholl shared the many efforts the recovery community is doing with providing online support meetings, etc.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dean motioned to adjourn the Board meeting, Sinnott seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

Minutes submitted by: Terri Steiner

Grant Varian, Chair

Upcoming Meetings:

<i>Building & Grounds Committee</i>	<i>April 14, 2020 @ 4:00 pm</i>
<i>PEAC Committee</i>	<i>April 28, 2020 @ 4:30 pm</i>
<i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>April 29, 2020 @ 7:30 am</i>
<i>Board/BAP Meeting</i>	<i>May 12, 2020 @ 5:00 pm</i>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>June 2, 2020 @ 5:00 PM</i>