

BOARD MEETING
for the
MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties
May 12, 2015 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Doug Chamberlain, Bill Dreger, Bill Heitman, Christian Morris, Judy Page, Randy Purdy, Virginia Shaffner, Warren Stevens, Grant Varian, Ann Vogel

Absent: Jim Ellington, Carlene Sands

Staff: David Higgins, Tammy Nicholl Consultant: Keelsra/Scott Campbell

Agency Staff: R.A. Inc/ Jon Brown, C.C.I./Jeannie Dempster, Denise Casto, Ruby Horner, Jan Rhoades, Andy Smith, Ann Nash, R.Z./Ross Cunningham, Diana Korte, John Hoffer, Mark Keene, Wellspring/Richelle Shepard, Kendall Martin, Wes Wilson,

Community: David & Lindsey Hess, Vincent Gonzalez, Richard Kerns

Board Chair Judy Page called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, noting that there was a quorum present, and proceeded through the Agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Page called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda;

Dreger made the motion to approve the meeting agenda as proposed. Morris seconded, all in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Page asked for review and approval of the February 10, 2015 Board meeting minutes;

Heitman made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 Board meeting as presented. Morris seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

A. Board proposal to fund R.A. Inc's purchase of a residence on Lafayette St. in Urbana for the purpose of establishing Recovery Housing in the area: Several area residents attended the Board meeting to express their opposition to the proposed Recovery House project. Views expressed by the residents were that the proposed project did not fit into their type of community, they weren't given proper notification of the Board's proposal, and that the zoning interpretation of the Board was incorrect. Jon Brown of Residential Administrators, who would be the owner of the residence, spoke to the purpose of Recovery Housing and his understanding of the zoning requirements. Board members also spoke to the concerns of the community residents and the requirements from the State of Ohio that Recovery Housing be established in each county.

Heitman called for a motion to not fund R.A. Inc's purchase of housing on Lafayette St. in Urbana. Purdy seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

IV. AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

A. Recovery Zone: Ross Cunningham began his budget presentation by thanking the Board Members for their past and continued support of their organization. He highlighted various aspects of the Peer Support Program and the value this type of service brings to the community both as a support and enhancement to traditional treatment. An overview was given of the day to day program activities and

training opportunities given at Recovery Zone. John Hoffer shared his personal story on how the programs at RZ have helped him in his recovery journey. Mark Keene and Diana Korte presented on the history of RZ and how they've grown from meeting in tiny apartment spaces to their current locations in both counties. The larger spaces allow them to offer more of the much needed services to the communities. Recovery Zone has been applying for various grants to expand their funding base and conducts several fundraising activities throughout the year. They are requesting a 15% increase in funding from the Board compared to last year to help ensure a structure that stays primarily consumer driven.

B. Wellspring: Richelle Shepard presented the overview for their budget application. Wellspring's Board and Staff are committed to grow and serve Logan and Champaign counties by offering an array of services for mental health and substance abuse issues. Information from referral sources and data tracking is used to determine programming choices. When Logan Co. Family Court reported a need for MH and AoD counseling that was family focused, therapist Wes Wilson was staffed at the court. A notable increase in children ages 3-6 who need counseling services led Wellspring to grow child programming by supporting therapists through training and supervision. Kendall Martin is pursuing her Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) credential and currently provides in home therapy to children ages 0-6. The FAST program was housed at Urbana South in response to the city school system reporting difficulty with parent engagement. Wellspring is presenting for the same level of funding as received last year.

C. Residential Administrators: Jon Brown presented R.A. Inc's budget application to the Board. This was a "Year of Housing" for R.A. Inc. There have been a lot of housing projects including new housing, renovation of existing units and maintenance going on this year and into the next fiscal year. Combined, the total dollars invested in these projects is around four million dollars; most of this funding is from grants with around \$300,000 to \$350,000 from the MHDAS Board. This has also been a "Year of Partnerships", not only with the Board, but various community organizations such as Logan Co. Family Court to find and provide housing for consumers. In addition to the 25 units owned by the MHDAS Board, R.A. Inc. has issued 58 vouchers for consumers renting from private landlords. Maintaining stable housing for consumers greatly increases successful outcomes toward recovery and becoming independent and productive. Although the state is helping fund the purchase of the required Recovery Houses in each county with the Board match, ongoing future costs associated with maintenance of these units will have to be considered. R.A. Inc. is requesting the same level of funding from the Board as last fiscal year.

D. Consolidated Care, Inc.: Jeannie Dempster highlighted CCI's accomplishments over the past fiscal year. The implementation of CareLogic, their electronic health records system has been bumpy but they are working out the bugs and are seeing the benefits of improved access and productivity. The opening of a satellite office in the Indian Lake area has improved accessibility for consumers in that area. They are continuing to increase hours as needed. CCI has been able to contract with another psychiatrist for additional psychiatric hours and has expanded the walk-in intake time in both offices. They have improved the crisis services by dedicating staff time which allows for better responses in the community without interrupting other services. Board Member Varian noted that feedback from the ER staff at Mary Rutan has been positive. CCI has also put a lot of effort into enhancing education and prevention activities by increasing services to county school systems, leading outreach efforts in several areas in the community and participating or co-sponsoring community trainings such as Mental Health First Aid. They continue to promote staff development and currently have 11 staff involved in advancing their licensure status. They also offer an internship program which opens up possibilities for recruitment. They have made efforts to increase their visibility with quarterly newsletters, articles, interviews and through social media. CCI is currently looking at options to increase their office space to improve on their service delivery. Denise Casto gave an overview of CCI's financial picture and budget application. Medicaid revenue is up due to the state's expansion and also CCI's outreach to consumers coming in to help those in need get signed up for Medicaid. They have included technology replacement and repair costs into the budget to better keep on top of their needs. The last two months

have shown profits although YTD is still behind budget. The MHDAS Board has been open to additional funding to help cover the extra psychiatry hours as well as the crisis program. CCI is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,577,000.00 which is the same amount as last fiscal year.

V. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Line Transfers and/or Supplemental: There were two line transfers approved by Higgins; (1) \$12,000.00 from the Grant line to Professional Services to cover the costs of the various appraisals and inspections required when purchasing and renovating the housing units. (2) \$1,000 from the Training Registration line to the Food Supplies line to cover costs of providing refreshments for several community trainings the Board sponsored.

Purdy made the motion to approve the Line Transfers presented. Varian seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

B. PERS pickup plan for Exec. Director: Our current auditor, Karen Bailey, contacted Higgins about a required resolution needing passed by the Board that was never completed by the former auditor, Warman. Higgins contacted officials at OPERS to make sure of the correct procedures and forms required. OPERS sent the form we need to complete and file, a copy is in the meeting packets for review and needs to be approved by the Board retroactive to January 1, 2007.

Purdy made a motion to approve the Resolution for Fringe Benefit Pick-up Plan per OPERS requirements retroactive to January 1, 2007. Vogel seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

C. Housing Resolution – Madriver Renovations: resolution to apply for funding from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$100,000.00 for needed renovations.

Vogel made the motion to approve the resolution for funding from OHFA in the amount of \$100,000.00. Varian seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

D. MHDAS Budget Update – no discussion due to time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss; Dreger **made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:02 P.M. Chamberlain seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Terri Steiner

Judy Page, Chair

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meeting

June 9, 2015