**BOARD MEETING**

For the

**MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties**

September 21, 2021, at 5:00 PM

**MINUTES**

*Board Members:*

*Present:* Christie Barns, Greg Harvey, Angela Haver, Chris Marlow, Reuben Mees, Rebekah Sinnott, Steve Terrill, Grant Varian, Paul Waldsmith, Cheryl Wears

*Absent:* Gwyn Stetler

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

*Others:* Jon Brown, RA Inc.

I. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Mees called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, noting that there was a quorum present. Introductions were given due to new members joining the Board. Mees called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

**Sinnott motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Harvey seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

II. **Review of Minutes**

A. Review of Minutes from June 8, 2021, Board meeting: Mees called for review and any adjustments to the minutes.

**Waldsmith motioned for approval of the minutes from June 8, 2021 Board meeting as presented. Haver seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

III. **PRESENTATION**

Justin Weller, Executive Director of the new Urbana Youth Center in Urbana Ohio, addressed Board members and gave them an overview of the new youth center, it’s mission and vision for serving youth in Urbana.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, & Open Doors is the motto that the youth center follows. There are three main program areas: Homework & Study, Nutrition & Snacks, Safe & Fun Spaces. Within those three main areas are several additional programming units providing mentoring, life skills education, etc. Average attendance has been 80 youth with the center open on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The Board has previously granted the youth center two separate $10,000 grants and supported Weller in applying for a capital grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMAS) Youth Resiliency Program. The youth center was awarded $280,000 from OHMAS and the state encouraged additional applications for ongoing capital needs. The youth center occupies the former Champaign Co. Library building which is 100 years old and badly in need of structural repair such as roof repair, electrical upgrades & HVAC upgrades. Weller shared floor plan diagrams with members showing the program areas, also the planned additional renovations pending receipt of additional funding. The state funds can only be used for capital renovations and repair, this does not cover any of the operational costs of the center. Weller has secured $170,000 in community support from area businesses and organizations as well as churches and individuals. The center is hoping to put a tax levy on the ballot sometime for long term future sustainability. Weller estimates operational cost to be $300,000 annually when at full capacity.

Weller is asking for a resolution of support from the Board which is necessary for additional capital funding applications with OHMAS in their Youth Resiliency Program. He would also appreciate an additional allocation from MHDAS Board this year to assist with the operations needs. Mees suggest the financial request should first be considered by the Finance Committee at their next meeting and then they could bring a recommendation to the full Board at the next meeting in November.

**Terrill motioned to approve a resolution in support of the Urbana Youth Center’s application for capital funding from OHMAS (Youth Resiliency Program). Varian seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Building & Grounds 08/24/2021: Harvey reported for the committee on several issues: 1) installation of an under-sink unit by Reliant in the kitchen of the Board office to improve hot water access. An additional unit will be installed on TCN’s side. 2) Champaign Co. Recovery Zone site was having HVAC issues; repairs have been made at a total cost of $3,130. 3) Logan Co. Recovery Zone parking lot; getting quotes on the repairs and upgrades. 4) TCN entry door replacement; also getting quotes for this repair.

B. PEAC 09/07/2021: Sorensen reported for the committee. ***TCN*** has received very good feedback from the Champaign Co. Court of Common Pleas for their services. The two school navigator positions have been hired, one in each county. The count of clients serviced remains stable and the walk-in clinic is operating smoothly. Telehealth services continue to expand in response to need. ***Residential Administrators*** is reporting 50 households served this past quarter with an overall average length of stay of 298 days. They did have 4 evictions due to rules violations. R.A. is currently looking at securing grant funding for needed renovations at 404 E. Columbus and 312/314 Park Street, both in Bellefontaine. ***Recovery Zone*** now has five peer supporters providing services. The Urbana site has secured a $150,000 contract for catering services with the Head Start program at Union Station, they will be using the service for vocational training for members. Both sites continue to host a variety of programming including 12 step programs. ***Suicide Prevention Coalition*** held their annual 5K run at the Ohio Caverns which was very successful. Yelton shared an example of crisis signs that were purchased with grant money. These signs will be placed in city & municipal parks as well as school grounds and give the public information on available help lines***. Logan County CORE*** and its teams continue to meet regularly. The county ***Faith Coalitions*** are active and have both been active in learning of and meeting community needs.

C. Finance 09/08/2021: Waldsmith reported for the committee. The Board’s financial position is strong, the reports are still in a preliminary status as we are still receiving some expenses, most are in for SFY21. The fiscal year is ending with a positive balance, mostly due to TCN finishing the year under budget. Reserves are at approximately 2.5 million dollars. ***TCN*** had a personnel change with their CFO position, it has been time consuming getting their financial statements correctly, but the new CFO is making a strong effort to get everything straightened out and finalized. Before next fiscal year’s budget process, the Board may have to consider whether to continue funding TCN on a fee for service basis only or begin to implement alternative funding models for the contract dollars to be utilized. This could include some value-based contracting. ***Residential Administrators*** continues to have good financial reports and is sound. ***Recovery Zone*** financial statements were in good shape, we did ask for their reports to separate out some miscellaneous line expenses for better clarity. The committee had good discussion around the Board’s 804 Fund (donations) and utilizing those dollars. Waldsmith suggested possibly establishing a scholarship fund for students in the social work field, using these funds for seed money. More research will need to be completed on the requirements needed to establish the fund. The members were fully supportive of the measure

**Waldsmith, for the Finance Committee, motioned to approve the MHDAS Board’s financial statements as presented. Barns seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

Line Transfers for the past quarter were reviewed for member’s approval:

**Waldsmith, for the Finance Committee, motioned to approve the line transfers as presented. Varian seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

V. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. Residential Administrators Resolution for Capital Funding: Brown reviewed with Board members R.A.’s application for capital funding from OHMAS for improvements to 404 E. Columbus & 312/314 N. Park properties.

**Sinnott motioned for approval of a resolution to support Residential Administrators’ application for capital funding for renovations to 404 E. Columbus and 312/314 Park St., Bellefontaine properties. Waldsmith seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.**

B. Forensic Monitor Consultant Contract: Nicholl shared with members that the Board is seeing more forensic clients requiring monitoring in the community than in past years. The clients are under conditional release by a judge and require treatment plans be in place. These plans are the Board’s responsibility. Sorensen is the Board’s Forensic Monitor as part of the clinical team partnership with TCN, local court & parole staff, Board of DD. We have additionally sought oversight by Forensic Psychiatrist, Dr. Kara Marciani (Eastway Forensic Center) for this service. We have entered into a contract for a rate of $2,600 per client/per year. All members of the team are appreciative of Dr. Marciani’ s consultation and expertise.

C. Lighthouse Presentation: Nicholl was contacted by Mary Rutan Hospital to join a meeting with Lighthouse who provides recovery housing and SUD treatment services. They are interested in expanding services into our communities. Nicholl has consulted with Board Director’s in other counties where they currently operate services, and they are pleased with the services. Lighthouse is a for-profit entity. Nicholl will keep the Board updated if any future conversations are held with them.

VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

A. Levy Activity Report: the levy election is coming up fast, November 2nd. Staff have been busy making presentations at various community meetings and getting information out to the community. The yard signs are in, and members are encouraged to take some signs to distribute and get the word out. So far, we have 119 signatures for signs, but we need a lot more especially in the Indian Lake and Belle Center areas in Logan Co. and St. Paris, North Lewisburg, Mechanicsburg areas in Champaign Co.

B. New Board Legal Counsel: The Board was formerly represented by Christina Shaynak-Diaz, however she has accepted employment with OACBHA, the state association for Boards and can no longer represent us. Harvey gave Nicholl a recommendation for a local attorney, Matthew Watson, with Thompson, Dunlap, & Heydinger law firm in Bellefontaine. Nicholl has spoken with him and offered a retainer for his services.

C. Presidential Vaccine Mandates: Nicholl shared that Boards are awaiting clarification on the recent Executive Order on vaccines for entities receiving federal funds.

D. OACBHA is working with Legislature on public meeting requirements: during the pandemic closures, sunshine rules were temporarily altered to allow for virtual participation in meetings. Those temporary rules have expired, and with the current public health environment still being cautious about indoor gatherings, the association is working with state legislators on considering a rule change to allow for a hybrid alternative for public meetings.

VII. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None presented.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mees called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Haver motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:10 PM, Marlow seconded the motion.**

*Minutes submitted by Terri Steiner.*

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Reuben Mees, Chair