

**MINUTES OF THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
MEETING HELD AUGUST 27, 2015
AMY H. LEVIN CONFERENCE & LEARNING CENTER
1165 NORTH RIDGE RD. EAST
LORAIN, OH 44055**

Present: Traci Shed, Chair; David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Staff: Charles Neff, Executive Director; Kathleen Kern, Associate Director; Joseph Carver, Business Operations Director; Holly Cundiff, Forensic and Special Projects Coordinator; Blanche Dortch, Community Services Director; Rhonda Heginbotham, Fiscal Coordinator; Jeanette Hinkle, Operations Specialist; Patrice McKinney, Manager of Human Resources and Special Projects.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Traci Shed called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF:

Rhonda Heginbotham introduced staff, and guests at the meeting: Francisco Espinosa, The Nord Center; W., Faces of Recovery recipient; Virginia Beckman, Safe Harbor; Dawn Kroh, Firelands; Tad Peck, Lucy Idol Center; Holly Henderson, NAMI of Lorain County.

3. OATH OF OFFICE:

Rhonda Heginbotham administered the oath of office to new Board Member Denise Eacott, and reappointed Board Members Tracey Frierson and Sanford Washington.

4. ROLL CALL:

Before roll call, Traci Shed stated that she wanted to make sure Board members read in their Board packets Sheryl Billman's letter of resignation from the Board due to personal reasons.

Roll call was taken and a quorum found.

5. MINUTES:

Traci Shed asked for a motion to approve the 6/26/15 Board meeting minutes.

(Resolution 15-08-01) Moved by Sanford Washington, seconded by Joseph Hribar.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

Secondly, there was a need to amend the May 28th minutes on Page 7. Both the Governance and Executive Committees met on 5/7/15 in order to collectively review the Executive Director's evaluation results. This combined meeting is in accordance with Board Governance Policy Section 4.01. Traci Shed asked for a motion to amend the minutes with a second and roll call.

(Resolution 15-08-02) Moved by Maurita Ferguson, seconded by Joseph Hribar.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

6. FACES OF RECOVERY:

Today's nominee was at North Coast for stabilization after getting into legal trouble. By the third month of his stay, he went from hearing many voices to just one, "his own." He was still shaken when he arrived at the Toledo Avenue Group home upon his release from the hospital. However, meeting the other guys relieved his tension because of their being understanding and the nominee's realization that he was not alone. As a result of attending groups at Nord Center, he understood there was hope for all who wanted it. Because our nominee did well at the Group Home, he was able to move to the Men's Mentally Ill Chemical Abuse (MICA) program when an opening occurred. There he was greeted with fellowship and more groups. In addition to addressing his mental illness, he is learning the 12 steps and road to sobriety. He is the treasurer of the AA meetings for persons with dual diagnoses held at MICA house. Our nominee tries to be a positive role model and likes to help others. He was recently able to get his car operating and subsequently assists some of the MICA residents with transportation. Our nominee is also interested in becoming a peer specialist. He is here today with his CPST, Francisco Espinosa. Blanche Dortch asked that everyone join her in congratulating today's nominee, W.

7. **BRIEF AGENCY PRESENTATION:**

Traci Shed announced that Holly Cundiff would present about forensic services. As always, Board members were encouraged to ask questions of the presenters. However, to help keep the meeting on schedule, visitors were asked to raise any questions they may have with the presenters after the meeting. Holly presented and answered Board members' questions.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Finance Committee, reported by Joseph Hribar:

Committee Members Present: Joe Hribar, Edward Baker, Doug Messer, Tracey Frierson

Staff Present: Charlie Neff, Joseph Carver and Rhonda Heginbotham

The Finance Committee met at the Board on 8/18/15 and reported three informational items and eight recommendations:

Informational:

1. **Inspection of Vouchers** – Doug Messer chose vouchers from June and July's listings and directly inspected the documentation from which was found to be in order. Are there any questions? There were no questions.

2. **Appraisal of Property** – The property for New Sunrise Properties has been appraised and was valued at \$ 160,000. Are there any questions?

Sanford Washington asked whether the perceived value of the property had increased or decreased. Charles Neff stated that the last time an appraisal was done there was a building on the property. The new appraisal was higher than the County Auditor's appraisal.

The agency's name was corrected from "New Sunrise Property" to "New Sunrise Properties" as requested by David Ashenhurst.

3. **Review of the County Audit** – The audit for Lorain County by the Auditor of State for the period December 31, 2014 was reviewed and there were no findings with regards to controls or cost in any programs. Are there any questions?

David Ashenhurst asked if a subset of our Finance Committee serves as an Audit Committee to attend briefings given by the State Auditor as is done by members of City Council. Charles Neff answered that the State Auditor conducts our audit as part of the overall Lorain County audit, and he went on to explain the specific items reviewed by the State Auditor.

Recommendations:

1. **Approval of June Financial Statement** – The Committee reviewed the June 2015 Financial Statement, found it to be in order, and **Recommended** its approval.

(Resolution 15-08-03) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Ed Baker.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

2. **Approval of June Vouchers** - The Committee reviewed the attached vouchers that totaled \$1,086,534.78 for the month of June 2015. The Committee found the vouchers to be in order and **Recommended** their approval.

(Resolution 15-08-04) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Andrew Smith.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

3. **Approval of July Financial Statement** – The Committee reviewed the July 2015 Financial Statement, found it to be in order, and **Recommended** its approval.

(Resolution 15-08-05) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Sanford Washington.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

4. **Approval of July Vouchers** - The Committee reviewed the attached vouchers that totaled \$1,185,102.40 for the month of July 2015. The Committee found the vouchers to be in order and **Recommended** their approval.

(Resolution 15-08-06) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Debra Singleton.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

5. **Funds Allocation from the Expansion Pool** – In this year's allocations the Medication Allocation was eliminated by the state which was used to pay for Central Pharmacy. This is estimated to cause a deficit in the expenses budget of approximately \$162,000. The Committee **Recommended** that \$ 162,000 be allocated from the expansion pool to restore Central Pharmacy Costs.

(Resolution 15-08-07) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Ed Baker.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

6. **Approval of the FY 2016 Integrated Services Partnership Revised Budget** – The Lorain County Integrated Services Partnership has been notified that it was awarded the Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice grant for Fiscal years (FY) 2016 and 2017. The grant funds will be used for the Integrated Care Team at Bellefaire JCB which provides intensive in-home services to dually diagnosed (MH/AOD) youth that are involved in the justice system and their families. The amount awarded is \$146,850 for FY 16 and \$151,011 for FY 2017. This award results in a \$25,861 increase for this year, both in revenue and expense. The ISP Executive Committee approved the budget change on 8/13/15. The Committee **Recommended** the Board approve the amended ISP budget.

(Resolution 15-08-08) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Karen Sutera.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

7. **Approval of the FY 2016 Lorain County Board of Mental Health Budget Revision** – When the FY 2016 state allocations came out two funds which were in our current budget were eliminated; Hot Spots (\$276,800) and Medication Cash Allocation (\$99,756) and these were replaced with a new source of State General Revenue Funds in the amount of \$323,728. This left a deficit in our revenue budget of \$52,828. The Committee **Recommended** the Board approve the amended Lorain County Mental Health Budget.

Sanford Washington asked if there were any other anticipated changes in allocations from the OhioMHAS. Charles Neff said he was unaware of any planned changes from this point going forward, and he added that he tried to anticipate as much as possible any reductions from the OhioMHAS by reviewing our budget projections. Charles Neff said he does not anticipate any major impact from the State that may be a hindrance to the Board.

David Ashenurst asked about the budget variance. Last fiscal year there was a \$4 million upswing in revenue, and he asked if we anticipate a deficit this fiscal year. Charles Neff explained that there are several factors: 1) he prefers to be conservative when making budget projects, 2) it was difficult to judge the impact of Medicaid Expansion, and 3) agencies are, for the most part, funded according to fee-for-service, and when they do not use all the funds allocated to them from this Board, or if they provide services billable to Medicaid, then that increases our variance, and 4) not all funds allocated in the service expansion pool are used which also increases the variance.

(Resolution 15-08-09) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Debra Singleton.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

8. **Approval of the County Tax Budget for Calendar Year 2016** - The Committee reviewed the County Tax Budget for Calendar Year 2016 and found it to be in order. The Committee **Recommended** approval of the County Tax Budget for Calendar Year 2016.

(Resolution 15-08-10) Moved by Joseph Hribar, seconded by Tracey Frierson.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 9/15/15 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board.

b. Community Plan & Review Committee, reported by Debra Singleton:

Committee Members Present: Debra Singleton (Chair), James Heron, Martin Liebas, Karen Sutera

Community Member: Jean Lachman

Staff Present: Holly Cundiff, Blanche Dortch, Kathleen Kern, Charles Neff

The Committee met at the Board on August 13, 2015 and presented with four (4) informational items and four (4) recommendations:

Informational:

1. **Forensic Services Presentation**—Holly Cundiff, Forensic Monitor for the Board addressed the questions about the interface of community mental health and forensic services. The Committee expressed appreciation for the presentation. Attached are questions she is requested to address at the Board meeting. Are there any questions? There were no questions.
2. **Agency Presentations for FY 16**—As the August meeting was the first one for FY 16, the Committee discussed its schedule of agency/special topic presentations for November 2015 to June 2016. The list of recommended presentations is attached. Are there any questions? There were no questions.
3. **Questions for Housing Overview Presentation**—The Committee discussed the information they would like to have shared as part of the Housing Overview presentation by Board staff at the October meeting. Are there any questions? There were no questions.
4. **Additional Questions to be Discussed at the October meeting**—Jim Heron raised two questions regarding the meeting processes and tracking of allocations made by the committee during the Fiscal Year. The Committee will discuss these items at the next Committee meeting in October. Are there any questions? There were no questions.

Recommendations:

1. **Staff Incentives and Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) Outcomes**—As was discussed in the Committee last month, Board staff have had discussions with adult-serving agencies that provide CPST services to adults with serious mental illnesses about piloting an outcomes based incentive for increased completion of the CPST outcomes measure every six months. Further, staff have discussed the desire to have the revenue obtained from the incentive be used primarily for addressing work force issues focusing on staff recruitment and retention.

In FY 16, the plan is that these agencies would receive \$60 for each CPST outcome measure completed on or after April 1, 2015 that is paired with an earlier CPST measure, thereby allowing for an analysis of change, in accordance with the attached guidelines. The funds would be used for staff salaries or other initiatives focused on retaining clinical staff (CPST, counselors and supervisors) proposed by the agencies as agreed to in writing by LCBMH.

The three eligible agencies (Nord, Firelands and Far West) combined, project that during the course of the year they will have 3,000 clients. Clinicians are strongly encouraged to incorporate the results from the outcome measures into assessment and discuss the effectiveness of treatment with the client. The total amount requested is \$400,000.

As with the IHBT incentive, in FY 17, the distributions will be based upon demonstrated improvement in the outcome measures. The Committee discussed the importance of clients not feeling coerced to complete the measures in such a way as to reflect favorably upon the staff or agency. Board staff will ask agency administrators to stress this concern with their staff and will also ask agencies to post information indicating how to contact the Board if clients are pressured to respond in a way that is different than how the client perceives.

The Committee **Recommended** the Board allocate an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to approve disbursement of these funds among Nord Center, Firelands Counseling and Far West Center for CPST consumer completed outcome measures with at least 2 administrations, one of which has to be 4/1/15 or thereafter during an episode of treatment and for which the agency has an LCBMH approved retention strategy.

(Resolution 15-08-11) Moved by Debra Singleton, seconded by Maurita Ferguson.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutura, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

2. **First Episode Program Allocation**—The FIRST program is a comprehensive, outpatient, team-based program aimed at improving the mental health and quality of life for individuals who have experienced a first episode of a psychotic illness by promoting early identification and providing best treatment practices as soon as possible. The Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center at Northeast Ohio Medical

University and its partners have established early identification and treatment of psychotic illness programs, each of which is called FIRST. There are 9 FIRST programs in Ohio.

The FIRST program would focus on helping people 16-40 years old with schizophrenia spectrum disorders and psychosis who have experienced no more than 18 months of psychotic symptoms to improve their recovery and resiliency, reduce relapse rates and set and achieve goals for the future. Doing so is expected to result in:

- Preventing increasing severity of the illness
- Less physical, mental, psychological, social and occupational disability
- Lower risk of relapse
- Fewer forensic complications
- Reduced family disruption and distress
- Reduced need for inpatient care
- Lower health costs

LCBMH staff has had conversations and a conference call with The BeST Center about partnering with them to have a First Program in Lorain County. The plan is for the Board and the BeST Center to jointly release a request for proposals to develop a Lorain County First Team and to select an agency from those that submit proposals by Fall 2015. The selected agency would need to participate in training opportunities and as such, there are funds needed to cover lost productivity and other non-reimbursable costs. The BeST Center will provide training, treatment manuals, consultation to the team psychiatrist, and facilitate community outreach to the awarded agency and the Board would need to contribute \$10,000 to cover other costs associated with implementing the program. It is projected the trainings for the team would begin in January 2016.

The Committee **Recommended** the Board allocate \$10,000 to the agency selected by LCBMH and the BeST Center to implement the First Episode Treatment in Lorain County in FY 16.

(Resolution 15-08-12) Moved by Debra Singleton, seconded by Ed Baker.

Maurita Ferguson asked how this program differs from what is already expected from the agencies. Blanche Dortch explained what typically occurs after a client is released after a first episode and how agency staff trained in the First Program would be able to help this population achieve recovery goals as they reintegrate back into the community.

David Ashenhurst asked how many people in Lorain County have a first psychotic episode. Blanche Dortch explained that based upon the county's population there would be 90 to 120 so we would expect 20 to 30 people the first year that would get this type of service from one of three of our agencies. She went on to explain the three agencies

within the network that could offer this program, but first there would be a Request for Proposal.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

3. **Warmline Allocation**—From approximately 2005 to 2009, Gathering Hope House attempted to operate a warm line service to support consumers who are lonely or anxious. The service was not well utilized previously, but Warmline services are a good opportunity to provide pre-crisis telephone support, to help people in a situation before a crisis results, to empower peers and to provide employment opportunities.

A Warmline service operated for adults as part of the crisis continuum operated by Nord would provide opportunities for persons with lived mental health experiences who have made significant progress in their recovery to enhance skills and provide a much needed service in a supportive and flexible environment. The Warmline program would be located in the crisis hub and provide immediate access, assistance and supervision from the crisis staff. Of the more than 16,000 Hotline calls received in FY 15, (30%) were made by persons wanting support who had mild levels of distress.

Initially, the hours of operation of the Warmline will be 8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 8 p.m. each day of the week. The projected annualized cost for the service is \$59,977, the vast majority being for the salaries of the peer specialists to operate the Warmline.

The Committee **Recommended** the Board allocate an additional **\$48,000** to Nord Center for the operation of a Warmline by peer specialists during FY 16.

(Resolution 15-08-13) Moved by Debra Singleton, seconded by David Ashenhurst.

Blanche Dortch responded to David Ashenhurst's question as to how asked how the Warmline would be marketed to differentiate it from the Crisis Hotline. In response to questions from Ed Baker and Maurita Ferguson, Charles Neff explained the difference between the Warmline and 211.

The Warmline hours of operation were switched around to be in chronological order (from "4 to 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. to noon" to "8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 8 p.m.") as requested by David Ashenhurst.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

4. **Nord Bed Day Incentive Allocation**--In accordance with the Nord FY 15 contract, Nord qualified for an incentive payment of \$50,000 if state hospital bed days attributed to residents of Lorain County were below 5,823 and if regional indigent bed days were below 1,200 bed days. In FY 15, there were 4,977 bed days used at Northcoast Behavioral Health and 383 bed days for hospitalization of medically indigent patients at regional hospitals. Staff also explained the drastic reduction in regional bed day usage was related in part to Medicaid expansion, thus reducing the number of persons that are medically indigent. The Committee **Recommended** the Board disburse \$50,000 to Nord for the FY 15 Bed Day Incentive.

(Resolution 15-08-14) Moved by Debra Singleton, seconded by Sanford Washington.

Doug Messer asked why it was necessary to vote on this allocation when it is already part of Nord Center's contract. Charles Neff explained that it was not included in Nord's contract, but held out as an incentive for the agency at the end of the fiscal year if the targets have been met. Blanche Dortch added that in a prior conversation with The Nord Center's Fiscal Officer, he preferred not having the \$50,000 in the contract so he could differentiate it from the money that the agency would be able to spend. Charles Neff also explained the shared bed day risk, and that The Nord Center did not always earn all of the bed day incentive.

Roll Call: (Aye): Traci Shed, David Ashenhurst, Ed Baker, Denise Eacott, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, James Heron, Joseph Hribar, Doug Messer, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Karen Sutera, Sanford Washington.

Carried.

Resolution adopted.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 9/10/15 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board.

c. Governance Committee, reported by David Ashenhurst:

Committee Members Present: David Ashenhurst, Chair, Maurita Ferguson, Tracey Frierson, Debra Singleton, Andrew Smith, Traci Shed (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Charles Neff, Kathleen Kern

The Governance Committee met on 8/6/15 at the Board, and presented three informational items:

Informational:

1. **Board Member Training Survey** – The Committee reviewed the survey used last year and requested some changes. The major change is to include a list of previously conducted trainings as well as any offered by the Ohio Association of Community Behavioral Health Authorities that have been approved by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services that they have not presented in the past. Board members will be asked to indicate their interest in having these trainings repeated, especially if it has been a number of years since it was last provided. The Committee will review a draft of the survey at the September meeting. Are there any questions? Sanford Washington asked a question about trainings, and Charles Neff suggested Sanford share his comment when he completes this year's Board Member Training Survey.
2. **Parliamentary Procedures** – The Committee received the handouts from the Parliamentary Procedure training provided by Nellie Caver in July. The members agreed to read, reflect and bring to the Committee in September their suggestions on how best to link this information with our Governance Policies, as well as suggestions for any special rules the Board might wish to consider adopting. A copy of this material is included in your board packet. Are there any questions? Sanford Washington stated he is a certified Parliamentarian, and he suggested Parliamentary Procedure trainings for all Board members.
3. **Culture of Quality (COQ)** – The Lorain County Board of Mental Health has been a COQ Certified Board for many years. The Executive Director explained that several of the certification standards were recently updated and shared a copy of these changes with the Committee. The Board's current three year certification runs through July of 2016 so the staff has been reviewing these changes and has begun the process of ensuring that we are in compliance with any new or changed requirements. The Executive Director asked the Committee to consider recommending a change to the Governance Policies to delegate approval of the Calendar County Tax Budget to him. He felt that perhaps it was confusing in the past when presented to the Board because the Board actually operates on a Fiscal Year Budget and the two budgets naturally are very different because they cover different time frames. The Committee felt that for transparency sake it should be brought through the Finance Committee for approval by the Board which the Executive Director agreed to do. Are there any questions?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Due to a scheduling conflict, the 9/3/15 meeting was canceled. The Committee's next meeting will be 10/1/15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board office.

d. Joint Mental Health/Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee, reported by Karen Sutera:

Committee Members Present: James Heron, Judy Reich, Karen Sutera, Karen McIlwaine, Cheryl Giardini, and John Jackson (Deb Raesler was also present from the ADAS Board).

Staff Present: Charles Neff, Elaine Georgas, Kathleen Kern

The Committee met at the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board on 8/11/15 and presented three informational items:

Informational:

1. **SFY 2016 State Allocations** –The Executive Directors provided an update based upon the FY 2016 OhioMHAS allocations to be received. Both directors discussed the respective losses in state funding. The committee was informed that these coincide with new legislative provisions that mandate that each Board area have a full continuum of care for Opiate Treatment in place by September of 2016. Mr. Neff related that when Director Plouk had discussed with him the impact of funding cuts, Mr. Neff had reiterated his request for more consistency and predictability in state funding streams. Both Directors will participate in a State Resource Modernization Workgroup, a subgroup of Board Directors from OACBHA that have been designated to review state funding for behavioral health. Are there any questions? There were no questions.

2. **Managed Care Organizations** – Director Neff reported that, during the last OACBHA Meeting, the Directors met with representatives from the Managed Care Organizations that are going to be working with OhioMHAS to shape the plan for Managed Medicaid. The shift to managed Medicaid will have implications for community behavioral health organizations. It is currently in the design phase and OACBHA is working to create a collaborative relationship with the Managed Medicaid companies so that Board and Agency input can be incorporated into policies as they are developed. Are there any questions? There were no questions.

3. **Board Projects and Upcoming Events** –

- Mr. Neff reported that he will be seeking approval from his Board for a program to provide transportation support to those who do not have Medicaid (since Medicaid covers the cost of transportation to appointments for those who are enrolled).
- Kathleen reported on a recent training for first grade teachers on PAX, an evidence based practice which is implemented with young children and has demonstrable impact in reducing suicide attempts later in life. Teachers from thirteen different schools representing nine districts attended the August 3rd training. A booster session will be scheduled for the fall.

- Ms. Georgas related that her Board would be taking a position on the state amendment to legalize marijuana use for medicinal and recreational purposes.
- Ms. Georgas also announced two upcoming community events facilitated by the faith community: The Hope over Heroin rally on September 11th and 12th, and the Faith Based Narcan Clinics on September 13, 2015.
- Ms. Georgas reminded participants that the 5K Recovery Run, which the Mental Health Board co-sponsors, is scheduled for 9/26/15, coinciding with a Drug Takeback Day. Are there any questions? There were no questions.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 10/13/15 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lorain County Board of Mental Health

9. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Traci Shed expressed her gratitude for Sheryl Billman's service. Even though she will no longer be a Board member, Traci was pleased that Ms. Billman will continue as a member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition. She encouraged other Board members to send Ms. Billman a note or email.

Traci Shed also thanked everyone who volunteered at our booth at the Lorain County Fair.

10. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Board Staff Recognition:

On August 1st Dennis Staysniak reached 18 years of service. On August 26th Blanche Dortch reached 18 years of service.

Director's Award:

None.

Federal:

Charles Neff previously emailed Board members the August edition of the newsletter from the National Association to keep them abreast of the activities in Washington related to mental health. Of particular note is the departure of Pam Hyde as the Director of SAMSHA.

Charles Neff and Kathleen Kern will attend a town hall meeting with Congressman Jim Jordan on 9/1/15.

State:

Budget Update – Final allocations were released by OhioMHAS on 7/10/15. As reported by the Finance Committee, these include an overall reduction of about \$458,000 for this fiscal year compared to FY 2015. Some of these reductions were anticipated and after a careful review of our financial situation this reduction will not impair our Board's ability to fund services as originally planned.

CJ/BH Linkages Grant – Our staff will be meeting with the staff of the ADAS Board and the Coordinator of the Lorain County Reentry Coalition next Tuesday to begin the process of jointly applying for a grant from OhioMHAS designed to enhance behavioral health services to incarcerated individuals and to link individuals with behavioral health needs who come into contact with law enforcement with treatment and support services. The maximum award is \$150,000 and may be renewed for a second year.

Local:

ROSC Self-Assessment – The development of the survey instrument has been completed and soon we will be releasing the link to the survey widely in the community. The results of this survey will be shared in the community and will help to inform our community plan to OhioMHAS.

Health Fairs – Our staff will be participating in a number of community health fairs and other events over the next two months where we will be encouraging visitors to take our online depression screening.

5K Family Run / 1 Mile Walk for Recovery – You have been provided a brochure for this event on September 26th. Our Board is a Signature Sponsor of the event again this year.

Vacation – Charles Neff will vacation in September to attend a family reunion in Missouri. During his absence, Kathleen Kern will be in charge of the day-to-day work of the Board.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Charles Neff asked that Board members to turn to page 20 of the distributed Forecast magazine (Volume 17 Issue 1 Fall 2015) to see the LCBMH's advertisement. The AM 930 and WEOL magazine highlights area high schools, colleges, universities, and professional football teams this season.

Due to time constraints at today's meeting, Traci Shed asked that Maurita Ferguson share her learnings from this year's NAMI-Ohio Conference at the September Board.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL GUESTS AND STAFF:**

Rhonda Heginbotham stated that no additional guests and staff arrived later for the meeting.

14. **VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Traci Shed asked that anyone wanting to address the Board identify themselves and their affiliation so the meeting minutes accurately reflect their comments. She also asked that any comments be limited to not more than three minutes. There were no public comments.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Chair



Secretary

