

**MINUTES OF THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018  
AMY H. LEVIN CONFERENCE & LEARNING CENTER  
1165 NORTH RIDGE RD. EAST  
LORAIN, OH 44055**

**Present:** Tim Carrion, Chair; David Ashenurst, Dr. Regina Costantino, Dr. Denise Eacott, Joseph Hribar, Marcia Sarringhaus, Debra Singleton, Maria Sosa, Karen Sutera.

**Staff:** Dr. Kathleen Kern, Executive Director; Barry Habony, Business Operations Director; Dr. Blanche Dortch, Community Services Director; Rhonda Heginbotham, Fiscal Coordinator; Jeanette Hinkle, Operations Specialist; Clare Rosser, Director of Communications and Community Relations; Patrice McKinney, Manager of Human Resources and Special Projects.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Tim Carrion called the Special Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken and a quorum found.

**3. There were two informational items and two recommendations:**

**Informational:**

1. **IICAPS Contract and Training** – One of the contracts was a consultation with a Yale professor named Dr. Woolston. Dr. Woolston is one of the originators of an intensive home based program that has incredibly strong outcomes, including reducing psychiatric hospitalizations for youth, increasing functioning and dramatically increasing symptoms. The tools from IICAPS fit into the structure of IHBT, so we have been working with Yale and Case Western Reserve University to marry the two models, integrating IHBT and IICAPS, by providing training and consultation related to the IICAPS tools. This training is scheduled for April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> and the costs are in line with a trainer of this caliber. The element of the training plan that is recommended by Dr. Woolston but different than our Board's typical plan, would be to send the IHBT supervisors who will be adopting the IICAPS model to Yale to see it in action. This would require travel costs for three agency personnel and up to two Board staff. It is the opinion of Board staff that the investment of travel expenses will pay off in terms of the supervisory investment in adopting the research base practices of IICAPS. Are there any questions? When asked, Kathleen Kern shared that IICAPS is the acronym for Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services.

2. **Crisis Consultation** – The CXNS Consultation for Nord and Mercy will be postponed but Board Staff wanted to share an informational update. Board Members received the consultation report from CXNS as well as the work group's action plan.

Board Staff was pleased with information garnered, not just from the report but from the site visit and subsequent meeting with Mercy in Lorain. As a next step it is recommended that both Nord and Mercy to have in-depth, onsite assessments of their respective space. Board Staff is working with Nord and Mercy to develop a list of specific deliverables related to any subsequent consultation/assessment. Once the list is developed, information related to costs associated with the specific deliverables will be shared. Are there any questions? There was a lot of discussion and questions about next steps.

**Recommendations:**

1. **Approval of Contracts** – Board members reviewed a list entitled: *Contracts to be Authorized by the LCBMH Board of Directors for the Integrated Service Partnership*. These contracts require pre-authorization due to the amount, even though the Board is simply the fiscal agent for the ISP.

Board members found the list to be in order and **Recommended** that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into the contracts on behalf of the ISP in the amounts indicated on the *Contracts to be Authorized by the LCBMH Board of Directors for ISP*.

**(Resolution 18-03-01)** Motion by Tim Carrion, seconded by David Ashenurst.

**Roll Call: (Aye):** Tim Carrion, David Ashenurst, Dr. Regina Costantino, Dr. Denise Eacott, Joseph Hribar, Marcia Sarringhaus, Debra Singleton, Maria Sosa, Karen Sutura.

**Carried.**

**Resolution adopted.**

2. **Review of Contracts** – Board members reviewed a second list entitled *Contracts to be Authorized by the Executive Director of the LCBMH Board of Directors*. These contracts do not require pre-authorization, but according to Senate Bill 71 they must be reviewed at the first Board meeting following the execution of the contract.

Board members found the list to be in order and **Recommended** its approval.

**(Resolution 18-03-02)** Moved by Tim Carrion, seconded by Joseph Hribar.

**Carried.**

**Resolution adopted.**

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In the interest of time, Kathleen Kern suspended the format of the typical director's report but wanted to provide the Board with two updates:

**Board Membership:**

Kathleen Kern met with Ted Kalo earlier this week to request an update on the status of Board member appointments. He related that with all Boards the Commissioners are interested in applicants who request appointment directly from the Commissioners, rather than recommendations from the existing Board Membership Committee. That said, he has had difficulty finding citizens interested serving on the Mental Health Board. He asked that if Board Staff or Board members identify residents who have a clear interest in mental health or suicide prevention that a suggestion should be made that these residents apply directly via the Commissioners. On Thursday, 3/22/18 we learned that the Commissioners reappointed Debra Singleton and Dr. Chris Babiuch and appointed Sgt. Diamalen Bermudez and Aric Bowens. This Board will have to make a decision about the Membership Committee's role in recommending local appointments.

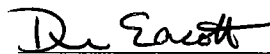
**Golden Acres:**

The capital allocation for \$500,000 to renovate Golden Acres has passed the Senate and seems likely to be funded. As you probably recall, Kathleen Kern wrote letters of support for this project indicating a willingness to fund mental health and co-occurring services delivered by Firelands and/or on site. We will now engage in follow-up meetings with the Nord Family Foundation to develop the plan for this facility, and she will keep Board Members updated.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m. and the Board Retreat immediately followed.

  
Chair

  
Secretary