

**CLARK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION
OCTOBER 16, 2013 BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

John Federer, Chair; Brock Burcham, Joy Galluch, Judy Hoy, Jerry Newport, Frank Otway, Darrin Spitzer, Carolyn Swanger, Gail Welsh

Mental Health & Recovery Board staff: Nancy Boop, Kent Youngman

OPENING REMARKS:

John Federer, Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and thanked the membership for being flexible due to the change of the meeting day. Originally the meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 11th, and then was changed to Wednesday, October 16th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gail Welsh suggested that the minutes be revised to reflect the next Board meeting date of October 16th rather than October 11th.

Carolyn Swanger commented that since she has been chair of the Grants Committee, this is the first year she remembers the agencies' requests for funding being so close to the amount of funds available for awards. This resulted in the Grants Committee's recommendation being much easier than in past years.

It was moved by Gail Welsh, seconded by Carolyn Swanger to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2013 Board meeting as revised.

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Nancy Boop reviewed the financial information as of September 30, 2013 as prepared by staff of the Springfield Foundation. Total net assets as of September 30, 2013 are \$258,838, reflecting a decrease of \$3,324 compared to June 30, 2013. This decrease is primarily attributed to the FY 2014 grant awards that were paid to the agencies in July.

It was moved by Jerry Newport, seconded by Brock Burcham to approve the financial report as submitted.

Motion carried.

FUNDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Randall Comer, Chair of the Funding Committee, was unable to attend the meeting; Nancy Boop gave the report in his absence. Nancy reported that the Funding Committee met on October 3rd and is recommending that the Mental Health Foundation conduct a fall 2014 letter campaign. This would represent the fourth year for a fall campaign. The fall of 2010 generated \$7,465; the fall of 2011 generated \$6,525 and the fall of 2012 generated \$8,280. The committee reviewed draft letters for this campaign; the proposed letters are in the Board agenda packets.

It was moved by Judy Hoy, seconded by Gail Welsh to conduct a fall 2014 letter campaign utilizing the letters proposed by the Funding Committee. The mailing is to occur in October.

Motion carried.

John Federer pointed out the importance of personal notes on these letters and that it is proven there is a direct correlation between funds received and the personal notes written on the letters. He would like to see 100% Board member participation. Nancy stated that the letters would be ready for Board members to write personal notes on them the week of October 21st and to contact the office to set up a time to do so.

CLARK COUNTY LEVY CAMPAIGN:

Kent Youngman then reported that the Clark County Mental Health levy is in full swing. He explained the differences between a renewal levy and a replacement levy. He also reviewed the differences between the Mental Health levy and the Developmental Disabilities levy. He invited all board members to attend the Levy Watch to be held at the Vernon Center on our campus on November 5th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nancy then reported that the Mental Health Foundation Board received a letter from the Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga County regarding the Honor Project Trust. This trust has been established as a result of litigation pursued by the Ohio Attorney General Office. After settlement of all claims, there remained excess settlement proceeds termed "disgorged funds." Approximately \$9,000,000 is to be distributed to 501(c)(3) charitable organizations within the state of Ohio. To be considered for funding and receive communications on the requirements for funding, the Mental Health Foundation must first register with the Honor Project Trust. The membership discussed this and instructed Nancy to register for this project.

The next Board meeting will occur in January 2014. Nancy will send out an email in December to determine the date.

Nancy then mentioned a possible fundraiser for the future. This would involve selling raffle tickets for the Elks organization for Ohio State football tickets. The Elks participates in this fundraiser with many organizations throughout the area and splits the ticket sales 50%-50%. This is something the Funding Committee possibly could consider for future years.

Carolyn Swanger then informed the membership that she is stepping down as Chair of the Grants Committee. She stated that Judy Hoy chaired the committee last year in her absence and did an excellent job. She has asked Judy if she would be willing to be chair of the committee and Judy has graciously agreed to do so. The membership thanked Carolyn for her contributions and congratulated Judy.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Frank Otway, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Boop
Secretary/Treasurer