



**MINUTES – August 3, 2015**

*The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties met in a special session on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greene County ESC, 360 E. Enon Road, Yellow Springs, Ohio.*

**PRESENT:** *Lauren Ross, Chairperson, Presiding; Julie Anthony, Scott Anger, Lexie Boblitt, Marilyn Demma, Ben Harrison, Joseph Keferl, Kimberly Michael, Roger Roberts, Julie Vann, Jim Vernon.*

*Staff: Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO; Michelle Humphrey and Dr. Greta Mayer*

**GUESTS:** *None.*

**OPENING REMARKS**

*Lauren Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming to a special meeting. Lauren stated that the purpose of the meeting was to ratify and confirm action taken over the summer by the Board Officers and to address some new business.*

**OFFICERS' MEETING**

*Lauren stated that an Officers' meeting was held and she asked Kent Youngman to summarize it. Kent stated that two of the three officers met on June 26, 2015 to take action on the McKinley Hall building and renovation project and an additional mini grant for Housing Solutions of Greene County, Inc.*

*Kent said that the Board has been working with McKinley Hall to reconfigure where their services would be delivered, accessing State money and doing quite a bit of expansion in Clark County. The grant request to the state was approved by the state representative from Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS). Along with the application, there needed to be a representation of the dollars that the Board had to invest in that project. Kent said that the total amount of the Board's involvement would be \$700,000 which is not new money. This is money that has been allocated to McKinley Hall over the last two fiscal years but, due to Medicaid expansion, they did not need the money for services; this money is at the Board. Kent stated that this gives the Board an opportunity to use them for this capital project. Kent said that this motion commits \$700,000 from the Board for the project. Kent stated that the state controlling Board met today but he has not heard the final report out of that meeting. He*

has no reason to think that they would not have authorized the allocation of the \$500,000. Kent said that the total project includes money that McKinley Hall has in their own coffers, borrowed funds, money from the state and money from the Board. Kent stated that the project will end up being around a \$2.3 million capital project across several buildings and structures. Kent also stated that the Board will need to take additional action once the project gets to the point that the money is assigned to a particular vendor or contractor.

Lauren stated that the Officers took the action at their meeting in order for McKinley Hall to be able to report to its controlling Board that action had been taken. Lauren then read the recommendation.

**IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD OF CLARK, GREENE AND MADISON COUNTIES RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE OFFICERS' MEETING ON JUNE 26, 2015. MOTIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MEETING SUMMARY.**

**IT was MOVED BY JULIE ANTHONY AND SECONDED BY JOE KEFERL TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE JUNE 26, 2015 OFFICERS' MEETING.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Next, Lauren stated that there were some miscellaneous items that recently came up that would allow the Board to identify some state allocations and move them out to providers. She then asked Kent to explain. Kent started with Attachment B, Medicated Assistant Treatment, Transportation and Court Project. He said that in November of SFY 2015 the Board received state money to initiate this project but the allocation did not reach the Board until the middle of the year and it then took a period of time to ramp up the programming with Nova House in Montgomery County. Kent stated that there is money left over that can be moved into SFY 16 to continue the project. He said that the good news is that the money is there but the bad news is that the state did not reallocate these dollars. The money that is there is what the Board has to use and, once it is used up, there is no funding stream to replenish those funds. Kent then asked Tracey Stute to explain how the program was utilized.

Tracey stated that the first referral for Nova House detox did not come until February 2015. She stated that the program is across all three counties in the Board's region and each of them is in different developmental stages for their medication assisted treatment programs. Tracey explained that a person cannot just be sent to detox without having the capacity to continue their treatment when they are discharged from detox. The Board has taken around twenty-one (21) referrals, a majority of which are from Clark and Madison Counties. She said that around sixty (60) bed days were used for detox, a small portion was used for a possible resource for Vivitrol treatment and a typical detox client stays for seven (7) to ten (10) days. Tracey then discussed the process for the recent difficult case that she handled involving a pregnant, heroin addicted detox client.

Julie Vann asked if the state was not going to fund this program for anybody or only us because the money was not spent. Kent stated that the state did not reallocate any special

allocation dollars in SFY 16 for anyone. He said that the allocation was a piece of something larger and the Governor did not put it back in his budget, nor did the legislature.

Lauren asked if there were any possible opportunities in the future in mind for when the money is gone. Kent stated that the Board just got their allocations late last week and there is no ongoing plan beyond the present. He said that he anticipates that this amount will be enough for SFY 16. He also said that this is a high priority item for the Attorney General.

Joe Keferl asked if, based on the detox example that Tracey gave, there is a case that could be made to the state to suggest to them that they need to rethink their priorities for funding in the future. Kent stated that he thinks that the people at the state believe that Medicaid expansion takes care of everything but that is not the case. He said the state is not open to restoring these dollars.

Lauren then read the recommendation.

**IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD OF CLARK, GREENE AND MADISON COUNTIES ALLOCATE \$237,985 FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT, DRUG TESTING, AND TRANSPORTATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 UNTIL CARRYOVER HOT SPOT FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. THESE FUNDS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AGENCIES AND APPROVED BY MHR BOARD STAFF. BUDGETED ESTIMATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>MEDICATION/DRUG TESTING</b>	<b>\$48,784</b>
<b>MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT/TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$189,201</b>

**ACTUAL EXPENDITURES WILL BE BASED UPON NEED.**

**IT was MOVED BY JULIE VANN AND SECONDED BY JIM VERNON TO ALLOCATE \$237,985 FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT, DRUG TESTING AND TRANSPORTATION.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The next item was Attachment C, Residential Treatment for Adult Consumers with Mental Illness, Floyd Simantel Clinic. Kent explained that this was a continuation of a project that was started last year when Hot Spot money was allocated to a region and was divided up within that region. This year the funds go directly to local Boards and the Boards then have the discretion around how to use it. Kent stated that the amount is less than it was last year. Kent said that the Board has used Floyd Simantel on several occasions and the \$50,000 can be used for residential treatment in lieu of hospitalization or as a hospital stepdown. This would be billed on a case-by-case basis so it depends on how long someone is there and what services are needed. Kent then asked Tracey to explain further.

Tracey stated that this is used as a stepdown from state hospitalization for the highest level of care folks that often are not ready for independent living in the community. There are barriers to use it because it is out of our region in Chillicothe. Tracey stated that the budget was based on the number of bed days that were utilized in the past year, 166 days, which served 20

referrals. Kent stated that this is funding from the state that the Board anticipates will be an ongoing allocation amount.

Lauren then read the recommendation.

**IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD OF CLARK, GREENE AND MADISON COUNTIES ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES. PLACEMENTS FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2016 WILL BE APPROVED BY MHR BOARD STAFF.**

**IT was MOVED BY BEN HARRISON AND SECONDED BY ROGER ROBERTS TO ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Next, Marilyn Demma asked if there was a second motion at the Officers' Meeting regarding Housing Solutions that wasn't addressed. Lauren stated that it was already approved but asked Kent to tell the membership about it. Kent apologized and stated that there was another request from Housing Solutions to replenish their stock of air conditioners that are used for consumers in hot weather. He stated that some consumers who are on psychotropic medications are sensitive to heat. Kent said that the air conditioners are put in and taken out but, over time, they get old, they break or disappear from someone's window. Kent stated that the Board had leftover mini grant money in Greene County and asked to use \$2,390 to buy ten (10) air conditioners.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Lauren asked that the Board go into Executive Session and read the recommendation as follows.

**IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD OF CLARK, GREENE AND MADISON COUNTIES ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE HIRING OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW, RULES OR STATE STATUTE.**

**IT was MOVED BY MARILYN DEMMA AND SECONDED BY SCOTT ANGER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Michelle Humphrey then took the roll call vote and it was unanimous. Lauren then asked that everyone be excused except for Board members.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.  
Lauren then read the recommendation as follows.

**IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD OF CLARK, GREENE AND MADISON COUNTIES AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON**

**TO NEGOTIATE AND OFFER A CONTRACT TO DR. GRETA MAYER TO BECOME THE CEO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT A LATER DATE.**

**IT was MOVED BY JULIE ANTHONY AND SECONDED BY SCOTT ANGER TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE AND OFFER A CONTRACT TO DR. GRETA MAYER TO BECOME THE CEO.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Jim Vernon stated that the Board is extraordinarily pleased and looks forward to the transition of Greta as the new CEO.*

*Dr. Greta Mayer stated that she appreciated all the time that the Board devoted to the process, she appreciated the membership's confidence in her and that she looked forward to working with them and the staff.*

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*None.*

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*None.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BEN HARRISON AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR, LAUREN ROSS.**

*Kellie C. Phillips 10/19/15*  
Kellie Phillips, Secretary

*Michelle Humphrey*  
Michelle Humphrey, MHR Board Staff

