



MINUTES – November 21, 2011

The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties met on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clark State Community College, Library Resource Center, Room 209, 570 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio.

PRESENT *Roger Roberts, Chairperson, Presiding; Scott Anger, Julie Anthony, Alexia Callahan, Linda Griffith, Ben Harrison, Jim Hutchins, Kimberly Michael, Kellie Phillips and Jim Vernon*

Staff: Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO; Greta Mayer, Roselin Runnels, and Tauna Wren

GUESTS: *Marilyn Demma, Clark County Family & Children First Council
Rick Perales, Greene County Commissioner
Bob Welker, Springfield Promise Neighborhood*

OPENING REMARKS

Roger Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board membership and guests to the meeting. He then welcomed Scott Anger and Kellie Phillips as new Board members. Roger asked Board members and the audience to introduce themselves.

BOARD MEMBERS TO BE SWORN IN

Greene County Commissioner Rick Perales gave the Oath of Office to new Board members Scott Anger and Kellie Phillips. Commissioner Perales asked Scott and Kellie to raise their right hands and recite the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties Oath of Office, swearing them in as new Mental Health & Recovery Board members.

Roger also reminded the membership that some members have, at their place, an ethics policy to sign and to please do so.

PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

Kent called on Bob Welker, Director of Promise Neighborhood, to review this program. Bob distributed a handout and stated that Springfield Promise Neighborhood is a promise to children for a safe neighborhood and to create a thriving school so they have the skills to succeed. The target school is Lincoln Elementary in Springfield. He explained that the program is sixteen months old and some of its funders are the Clark County Family & Children First Council, Job & Family Services, Wittenberg University, Springfield City Schools and United Way. Bob stated that this program helps to give a child the skills to ensure that they succeed and attain their highest potential.

There was a discussion regarding Dennis Embry and the Good Behavior Game program and a possible link with the Promise Neighborhood. Kent stated that in January he will have a plan for coordinating the efforts of these two programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board Minutes for October 17, 2011 Mental Health & Recovery Board meeting were reviewed. There were no comments. Roger asked for a motion for approval.

IT was MOVED BY JULIE ANTHONY, SECONDED BY JIM VERNON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 2011 BOARD MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF VOUCHERS

Voucher lists dated October 14, 2011, October 21, 2011, October 28, 2011, November 4, 2011 and November 11, 2011 were reviewed. It was questioned whether Step By Step should be funded through community Medicaid or by the Department of Disabilities. Kent stated that the state has not made that decision yet.

CEO REPORT

Roger called on Kent Youngman to give the CEO report. Kent stated that due to the unexpected illness of NAMI Director, Sharon Woolf, the date for the Consumer Holiday Party has not be set; however, as soon as it becomes available the membership will be informed. Board members will be invited to attend this festive party. The consumer holiday donation letters have been mailed and donations will be used to buy gifts for consumers.

Kent reminded Board members to turn in their mileage forms as soon as possible. Kent also reminded everyone that there are no Committee or Board meetings scheduled for the month of December.

Next, Kent informed the membership that the Board Retreat is Saturday, March 3, 2012. The morning will cover Board member orientation/responsibilities and the afternoon will be a review and update of the strategic plan. Cheri Walter, CEO of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities will be the facilitator for the retreat.

Kent stated that Saundra LaPrise, Director of Madison County Department of Family and Children has retired and the Madison County Commissioners have decided that the Madison County Department of Family and Children and the Department of Job and Family Services will share a director. The specifics have not yet been fully developed.

Next, Kent reviewed the Greene County levy information stating that a 1.50 mill renewal levy would cost a homeowner with a \$100,000 home approximately \$34.44 a year . If the Board ran a replacement levy it would cost a homeowner approximately \$45.94 a year, representing a 40% increase, possibly indicating that voters may not approve a replacement levy. More discussion is to come.

Lastly, Kent gave an update on the purchase of an eight-unit apartment building on Madison Avenue in Springfield. Final negotiated purchase price was \$135,000. We are currently awaiting a new survey before closing on the property. After purchasing the property, Mental Health Services for Clark and Madison Counties (MHS), will sign a ten year land installment contract for the property and at the end of the ten years, the property will be paid in full and ownership will transfer to MHS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Next, Roger called on Kent, in the absence of Kevin Taylor, to review the Mental Health & Recovery Board financials. Kent referred the membership to Attachment C in the agenda packet with the first page representing the Statement of Cash Position and Fund Balances as of October 31, 2011. This report is strictly on a cash basis with total cash receipts of \$12,405,538 and total cash disbursements of \$9,730,927, with an ending fund balance of \$11,955,605.

The next page represents the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Summary Activity for FY 2012, through October 31, 2011 activity. Total revenue is \$10,703,300; total cash disbursements are \$5,996,565, with cash receipts over disbursements by \$4,779,682. Kent stated that the year-to-date variance for Intergovernmental cash receipts of \$1,140,554 is primarily attributed to the state dealing with its own cash flow issues.

Kent reviewed the FY 2011 Audit schedule and stated that three audits are complete and MHRB staff will begin to schedule audit exit meetings with the agencies.

Lastly, Kent informed the membership that Dan Barksdale, Director of McKinley Hall is retiring and a replacement is being sought.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOL/DRUG ISSUES

Roger called on Ben Harrison, Co-Chair, to give the report of the Combined Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Committees meeting held Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Greene County Educational Service Center. Ben referred the membership to Attachment D in the Board packet and stated that Dr. Tim Callahan, Director of Mental Health at the Greene County Educational Service Center provided training on brain science and gave a presentation that included recent research into the relationship between the development of the brain and human behavior.

Ben also stated that Kent provided the committee with a summary on Dr. Dennis Embry's visit regarding the strategic prevention framework.

MISCELLANEOUS

Roger stated that everyone is invited to the Family Solutions Center Holiday Open House at 287 Cincinnati Ave., Xenia, Ohio on Friday, December 9th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BEN HARRISON AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR, ROGER ROBERTS.

Delvin Harshaw, Secretary

Tauna Wren, MHR Board Staff