

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Date of Meeting: June 12, 2017

Members Present: Chair Renee Bessick, Vice Chair Jim Kulig, Secretary Pam Siegenthaler, Richard Grega, Deanna West-Torrence, Dr. Michelle Kowalski (3:55)

Members Excused: Treasurer Jason Murray, Lynn Friebel

Members Absent: Stacy Jackson-Johnson

Others Present: Patty Harrelson, Nikki Harless, Kevin Goshe, Chris Zuercher, Recording Secretary Amy Gosser, Miranda Walker, Noelle Miller

Others Absent:

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on Monday, June 12, 2017, in the Board Conference Room at Richland County Children Services Board. Chair Bessick called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. of Board members present and representing a quorum.

NEW HIRE INTRODUCTIONS

Zuercher introduced new hires Miranda Walker and Noelle Miller. Miller and Walker both held internships at RCCS before being hired. Miller graduated a few months ago from OSU with her BSW, and she recently joined Brandi Berry's Ongoing team as a caseworker. Walker has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Otterbein and a Master's degree in Social Work from OSU. She was hired to fill the vacant Intake Supervisor position. The Board introduced themselves and welcomed both Walker and Miller to the Agency.

Walker and Miller left the meeting at this point.

AGENDA

On a motion by Siegenthaler, seconded by Grega, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Siegenthaler, seconded by West-Torrence, the Board unanimously approved the May 8, 2017 Board meeting minutes with one recommended change.

MINI-TRAINING

Caseworker Tiffany Rouse conducted the mini-training this month on a project she has been working on regarding FTM fidelity within the Agency. FTM (Family Team Meeting) fidelity was 42% in February 2017. Rouse developed a plan for ways the Agency could improve that fidelity percentage in order to better engage family members in meetings. To meet fidelity, the FTM meetings need to include at least one parent, one agency staff member, and one support person. Sixty-three (63) worksheets from these meetings have been turned into Rouse so far, with workers giving various explanations for why fidelity was not met. By May 2017, the compliance number had risen to 64%. That is the highest percentage that the Agency has ever achieved for fidelity, and Rouse is hopeful that she can meet her 75% goal by December of this year. Kulig asked whether or not workers have noticed an improvement in their caseload due to the increased meeting participation. Rouse said that it alleviates some of their stress, but that since most of the cases are still open they do not yet see a direct correlation to their daily work. Rouse will present this to her peers at the August Program meeting. HSRI (a research facility) has stated that counties which meet fidelity have better outcomes in cases than those that don't. Kulig requested to have some of the affected workers attend the January 2018 Board meeting with Rouse in order to give an update on their experiences.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's Report and Comments

Harrelson reported on her meeting with Jared Pollick regarding medically assisted treatment (MAT) and the use of recovery coaches. They had a detailed preliminary conversation about community health workers and whether or not there is value in using that system. UMADAOP is more of a dependency-based program in that (unlike the Third Street Clinic) they do not require people to step down from a substance such as Suboxone to Vivitrol. Vivitrol stops obsessive thinking about drugs, but it does not take away physical symptoms. Dennis Baker stated that 85% of people who are in Suboxone treatment do not relapse into doing other drugs. Some individuals (about 2%) will be on Suboxone indefinitely if necessary. The minimum timeframe for this treatment process is 2 years.

Harrelson commented on relations with the D.R. Court. The discussion right now centers on paying a monthly fee for a service that is not being utilized. Most of the pushback from Judge Heather Cockley is due to cases filed outside of our Agency. The Kinship program will continue in some form, regardless of what happens. Harrelson, Goshe, and Harless will meet tomorrow to see if there is a way to modify the contract.

The Prosecutor's office will be pursuing legal action against former RCCS employee Michael Stoffer on behalf of the County, so the Agency does not have to do this.

Harrelson explained the data analytics process. This is new in Ohio. We applied data analytics as part of a review of a recent fatality case and it worked well. The idea behind this is that a math algorithm can be applied to cases to let workers know if they have a case containing high risk factors that may lead to child fatalities. Some of the risk factors used in the algorithm include multiple kids in a household with substance abuse, a partner in the household, and the

age of case participants. Going forward, the state might have workers assigned to help with the identified high risk case(s), or each county might have their own dedicated worker. Discussions regarding the data analytics process first began two (2) years ago here in Ohio. The state is currently working on addressing applicable ethical questions in addition to setting up the algorithm. As of right now we are only using the data we have already collected in SACWIS in order to identify high risk situations. The state of Florida, however, is using Medicaid information, birth records, Health Department data, and more within their algorithm. This could lead to some potential civil liberties issues.

Harrelson commented on the union. The first meeting is June 19th. Goshe, Zuercher, and Harless will sit at the table with attorney Marc Fishel, his associate Stephanie Schoolcraft, the AFSCME representative (Roberta Skok), and the applicable employees from the bargaining unit.

On a motion by Kulig, seconded by Grega, the Board unanimously accepted the Executive Director's report.

Executive Committee Report

No report at this time.

Finance Director Report

Finance Report

Goshe distributed and reported on the May 2017 Final Financial Report regarding the revenues and expenditures. This included a beginning balance of \$7,578,091.00, \$546,422.14 in revenue, and \$734,790.52 in expenses with an ending balance of \$7,389,722.62. The ending fund balance reflects 75.1% or 9.0 months of the 2017 budget.

Goshe provided information on revenue. We have collected 46.7% of budgeted revenue, which is 5.0% higher than budgeted. The JFS contract ends September 30th. We have until August 31st to draw down all of the money. Expenses are about 3.0% below budget. We are above the 4-6 month cushion that the CPA recommends we have in our fund balance.

On a motion by Kowalski, seconded by Grega, the Board unanimously accepted the May 2017 Final Financial Report.

Finance Committee Report

No report at this time. The next meeting will be June 21st from 12-1.

Levy Committee Report

No report at this time.

Personnel Committee Report

No report at this time.

Services and Program Report

No report at this time.

BILLS

Payment of Agency Bills - On a motion by Siegenthaler, seconded by West-Torrence, the Board unanimously approved payment by signature of the Agency bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene an Executive Session on this date.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Grega, seconded by Kowalski, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Bessick, Chair

Amy Gosser, Recording Secretary