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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD  
BELMONT-HARRISON-MONROE COUNTIES**

Minutes of OCTOBER 17, 2023

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Lisa Carpenter, John Carr, Joe Hise, Jacquelyn Knight, James Leos, Richard Schenk, Allie Starr, Jacquetta Stephen, Joe Vavra, Debra Yeater, Jayme Yonak

**Members Absent:** Naoma Kolkedy, Caitlyn Romshak, Nicole Weigand

**Staff Present:** Lisa Ward, Patricia Allen, Wendy McKivitz, Yukiko Comstock, Leann Cline, Lisa Jones, Rachel Roth, Judi Hanse

**Preliminary**

1. Chairperson Deb Yeater called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and mentioned that we have three new Board members and asked members to introduce themselves.
2. Oath of Office – Lisa Carpenter – Monroe County; Joe Hise – Monroe County; Jayme Yonak – Belmont County – Oath of Office administered by Board Member Joe Vavra
3. Executive Secretary Judi Hanse called the roll of members and certified a quorum was present.
4. Board Meeting Agenda – October 17, 2023 – **Jacquetta Stephen made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra, to approve October 17, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. The motion motion unanimously.**
5. Board Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2023 – **Joe Vavra made a motion, seconded by Richard Schenk, approve the September 26, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Finance Reports - Chief Financial Officer**

1. **Presentation of Bills (October):** Ms. McKivitz presented the bills for the Board system for October totaling \$865,108.63. She reviewed the vouchers for payment and noted there is a Then and Now Certificate for October. **John Carr made a motion, seconded by Joe Vavra to approve the September bills totaling \$865,108.63 and the Then and Now Certificate for October. The motion passed unanimously.** (copy attached)
2. **FY2024 September Financial Reports**
  - a. **Budget vs Actual Report – Board Expenditures** – Ms. McKivitz presented the financial reports for FY2024 Board Budget vs Actual Report.
  - b. **Budget vs Actual Report – Contracts and Services** - Ms. McKivitz presented the financial report for FY2024 Contract and Services Budget vs Actual Report through September.

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3. 2022 State of Ohio Board Audit Update – Ms. McKivitz reported that the Auditor continues to work on the 2022 State Audit and should be nearing completion. OhioMHAS requires the Board audit to be completed by September 30 following the end of the budgetary year with the County.

**Executive Director's Report**

1. General Service and System Updates

- a. **ARPA Grant Funding Update** - Ms. Ward referred to the ARPA Grant Funding for a 4 Bed Crisis Stabilization Unit in the amount of \$4,185,000 in Belmont County. Coleman Health Services has found potential property on National Road to build the facility. Coleman has organized a walk thru of the property with OHMHAS Capital staff in attendance as well as a representative from the Board.
- b. **Culture of Quality Survey Feedback** - Ms. Ward stated that the Culture of Quality Certification was on October 12 & 13 and two surveyors were present to conduct the certification process and they met with Board Chairperson Deb Yeater and TCHC Executive Director Chelsea Scott. Ms. Ward commented that the exit interview went very well with no findings reported. Ms. Ward complimented staff for all the work done to make this certification review a success.
- c. **BHM Regional Hospital Collaborative** - Ms. Ward reported that at present the Board area uses Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) in Athens for inpatient care. Due to a two week to 17 day wait to admit to ABH, OhioMHAS has designated Heartland Behavioral Healthcare (HBH) in Massillon as the primary state hospital for inpatient care for Belmont, Harrison and Monroe for all admissions. This will go into effect November 13, 2023. Since this re-alignment, our Board area has been asked to join the Heartland collaborative moving forward in FY2025. Director Ward will be discussing with Director Criss that BHM stay aligned with the App Care Collaborative due to our long history of partnerships, shared regional services and demographic/cultural likeness.
- d. **November Board Meeting – Rescheduled: November 14, 2023** - Ms. Ward reminded the Board that last month everyone agreed to change our regularly scheduled Board Meeting to Tuesday, November 14, 2023 one week prior to regular scheduled Board Meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday week. Lisa also commented that she will be out of the town for the Crisis Residential Conference that week and will attend the meeting virtually.
- g. **Crossroads Counseling Services Updates** – Ms. Ward informed the Board that on October 11, 2023 she received a phone call and subsequent email from Shannan Watson that Crossroads Counseling Services has been served a subpoena from the Ohio Assistant Attorney Generals' office regarding "Special Grand Jury Investigation Medicaid Fraud and Nursing Homes ". The subpoena was served on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September to Crossroads, but the Board was not informed until October 11, 2023. The subpoena is requesting any and all records covering group counseling for 24 specific dates ranging from 5/2019 thru 11/21/2022.

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Ms. Ward also commented that S.R. Snodgrass, A.C. will be starting the FY2023 audit for Crossroads Counseling Services within the next two weeks.

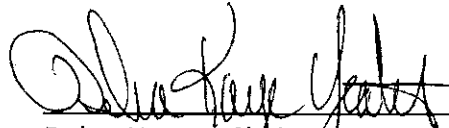
**New Business**

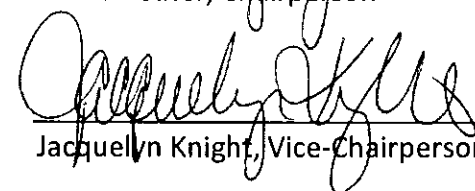
1. **FY2023 Annual Report** – Ms. Ward referred to the Annual Report for FY23. This report is completed for the prior fiscal year. The report was presented and reviewed with the Board of Directors. **Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Jacquelyn Knight to accept the**
2. **FY2023 Board Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.** (copy attached.)  
Thrive SOS 3.0 Contract – Ms. Ward presented the contract for the SOS 3.0 Grant with peer support services provided by Thrive for up to \$200,000.00 from September 30, 2023, through September 29, 2024. **Allie Starr made a motion, seconded by Jacquetta Stephen, to approve the State Opioid and Stimulant Responses 3.0 Peer Support Contract with Thrive for up to \$200,000.00 from September 30, 2023, through September 29, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.** (Copy attached)

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Adjournment - At 6:38 p.m. Richard Schenk made a motion, seconded by Jacquetta Stephen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

  
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Debra Yeater, Chairperson

  
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Jacquelyn Knight, Vice-Chairperson

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**