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**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2024**

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**THE ADAMHS BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2024**, was called to order at **4:01 p.m.** by Lisa Crescimano  
*The Presence of a Quorum was established.*

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Crescimano, Chair; Adrienne Gibbs; Alexis Koch; Rev. Herman S. Robinson; Nancy McKeen;  
Nancy Martin; Steve Poggiali; Tom Tucker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rob Quinn, Vice Chair; Celine Hemminger

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Taylor, Alyssa McGue, Caleb Stidham, Cheryl Huss,

**GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Brenda Baum, Erie Shore Network:*

- Mental Health Dance to be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, to celebrate 30 years of supporting each other in Wellness and Recovery at the Father's Heart Family Church from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Painting for Paws Fundraiser for training the therapy dog to be held on Monday, April 22, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$35 ticket. Ticket sales have been closed.

*Mary Supina, Sandusky Artisans:*

- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Wellness Symposium to be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Willows Hall, Sawmill Creek.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No announcements.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT, APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**March 19, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes**, *Nancy McKeen* moved to accept minutes as presented, second by *Steve Poggiali*. All members voted in favor. *Motion carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The **Planning Committee** met on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Steve Poggiali, Chair gave report.

- Senate Bill 2: addressing the shortage of the number of beds, looking into the best way to meet space allocation needs.
- Grant Updates: AOT, OneOhio, Criminal Justice & Mental Health Collaboration
- OACBHA Foundation, MH/AOD Conference, June 3-4. Any board member interested please let Diane know. Staff: Alyssa and Cheryl will be attending.

The **Finance Committee** met on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Tom Tucker gave the report due to Rob Quinn, Chair's absence.

- FY2024 Financials for period ending March 31, 2024, were presented.
- Financial minutes were sent out to the Board Members; and, the financials were also presented at this Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

**OHIO GUIDESTONE, PRESENTATION:**

Nicole Limas-Morrison, Regional Director, Lorain/Erie/Huron. See Attachment for Presentation.

- Adolescent Substance Use IOP – groups designed for 13–17-year-olds.
  - Received funding from the Mylander Foundation for training and start-up costs.
  - Requesting board funding to support uninsured or underinsured youth for FY25.
- Day Treatment Services – group programming to teach CBT and coping skills to LGBTQIA youth.
  - Current funding from CareSource.
- Looking for board support in the future for uninsured and underinsured youth.
- Expressive Arts – received funding from the Erie Community Foundation to train staff in this model.
  - Will run day treatment groups through individual's Medicaid.
- Early Childhood Consultation – currently offering consultation to schools, early intervention teams, and Head Start classrooms.
  - Would like to expand to offer family-centered consultation.
- 12 hours of consultation services for families with youth under the age of 6.
- The consultation will provide education, skill-building, and make referrals to support the family.
- Reduces preschool expulsion rates and wait-time for services.
- Connects families to appropriate level of care.

Q: Rev. Robinson asked - regarding court and school referrals.

A: Hyper options/telehealth. Treatment – The Affirm – evidence based and suicide prevention screening; support schools, coping skills training for staff.

Q: Rev. Robinson asked - if clients are self-identifying and if consent needed.

A: Parents participate in self-identification and individual consent, needed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**1) POTENTIAL LAWSUIT**

Due to the sensitive nature of the matter, Tom Tucker suggested the Board move into executive session before the meeting is adjourned.

**2) REGIONAL UPDATES**

Enhance crisis intervention in Erie County. When a parent or child is in crisis, it is essential to have effective intervention strategies at the local level with a MRSS Team. The Governor is

encouraging the counties to provide MRSS Team in every county in Ohio. Trained Mobile Crisis Team professionals can evaluate, help de-escalate the crisis, and collaborate with local providers. Any new funding opportunities for FY25 the Board should consider putting toward 24-hour crisis services for the county.

**3) VETERAN GRANT AWARDED**

The Board was awarded \$57.5K. Funding discussion includes Veterans Court. Veterans facing mental health, substance use, PTSD and they are experiencing an increase in homelessness, violent behaviors, and involvement with the justice system. Judge Tone is on-board for Veterans Court. It would run separately from the Drug Court. The Veteran Court initiative would be to help them receive treatment for their needs within the context of the criminal justice system.

**4) ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL**

Community project funding has gone towards building the “Kaptur House.” This was built with the intention to provide a safe and supportive environment for individuals experiencing crisis related to mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders. The Health Department is asking the Board for additional funding-the building has already been built.

Q: Nancy Mc, Tom, Lisa, and Steve asked questions regarding what gaps would the additional funding provide, and if the Health Department could come to a Board meeting to present.

A: Diane stated the building has been built and is nice. The gaps in funding of 1.6M for one year would go toward building the staff. The reason for the additional funding from the Board is because Medicaid and Insurance eligibility needs to happen first, at start-up, would not be enough prior to fruition. Diane said she would invite the Health Department to come to a Board meeting to present, May 2024.

**5) SPECIAL EVENTS DURING MAY (MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH)**

May 1: Re-initiation of the Suicide Prevention Coalition, Conf Rm 213.

May 7: Fentanyl Awareness Day, Mylander Pavilion.

May 7: Minds Matter for Mental Health Month, screenings at BGSU Firelands.

May 16: Minds Matter for Mental Health Month, screenings at Firelands Regional Medical Center Mylander Conference Room.

May 16: Mental Health Dance, Erie Shores Network

\*Caleb announced there will be articles during the month to make people aware of events.

**6) NAMI EVENT**

The Board has a table for the Saturday, April 20, 2024, event: The Colors of Emotion Art Competition Fundraiser- sold out.

**7) PROVIDER QUARTERLY MEETING**

Scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Erie County Health Department.

**8) GOVERNOR'S FOCUS ON CHILDREN (MRSS TEAM FOR EVERY COUNTY)**

Under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and his RecoveryOhio initiative, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction (OhioMHAS) and its partners are working to develop a supported quality crisis response system to serve as a timely and appropriate alternative to arrest, incarceration, unnecessary hospitalization, or placement in a setting with insufficient resources to address the acute nature of the situation a person is experiencing.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT:**

NO REPORT.

**FINANCIALS:**

Alyssa McGue, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the FY2024 Board Revenues, Board Expenses, Cash Balance Summary, Fund Balances, and Docket.

**Motions Requiring Action:**

**APPROVAL of monthly BILLS to be PAID in APRIL, RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024-01**, Whereas, the attached April Financial Transaction Report has been reviewed for appropriateness and compliance with Board Policies. Therefore, **Lisa Crescimano** resolved that the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Erie County approve the April Financial Transaction Report. **The total amount approved was \$277,706.58**, seconded by **Tom Tucker**.

**Resolution Approved by Rollcall vote of the Board Members present for monthly Bills to be Paid in April 04-2024-01:**

Alexis Koch, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Rev. Herman Robinson, yes.

Nancy Martin, yes; Nancy McKeen, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes.

**Resolution carried.**

**APPROVAL of 2024 TAX LEVY, RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024-02**, **Lisa Crescimano, chair** introduced the resolution and moved its adoption. **Tom Tucker** seconded the motion; and the roll being called upon the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. **Resolution Approved.**

**Resolution Approved by Rollcall vote of the Board Members present for adoption of the 2024 Tax Levy, 04-2024-02:**

Alexis Koch, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Rev. Herman Robinson, yes; Nancy Martin, yes; Nancy McKeen, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes.

**Resolution carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**Lisa Crescimano**, chair, moved the Board to go into Executive Session, due to the sensitive nature that may arise from imminent potential litigation. **Tom Tucker** motioned, seconded by **Steve Poggiali**.

**Rollcall vote of the Board Members present to go into Executive Session for the imminent potential litigation:**

Alexis Koch, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Rev. Herman Robinson, yes; Nancy Martin, yes; Nancy McKeen, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes.

**Motion approved at 4:37 p.m.**

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 4:45 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M.

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