



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Edward Amicucci; Rev. William Barnes, Jr.; Dr. Rocco J. Basciano; Noelle L. Drumm; Nina M. Clayman; Rev. Nicholas Furrie, Jr.; Cynthia D. Klein; Teresa M. Massucci; Larry R. Pavone; Jessie Ann Swegan; Nancy Wilber Werner; John L. Wilson; James Luonuansuu; Sharon Norman; Lt. Joseph Marhulik

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Iannucci, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: April Caraway; John Myers; Jennifer Peveich; Ilona Roth-Cohn; Susan Longacre; Atty. Brendan Keating

GUESTS: Tammy Weaver, Coleman Professional Services; Ken Lloyd & Ed Dyer, Community Solutions Association; Joe Caruso, Burdman Group; Tim Schaffner, Valley Counseling Services; Michael Flatley, Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic

CALL TO ORDER: Board President John Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M. noting a quorum was present.

He then recognized Lt. Joe Marhulik who apologized to the board about his recent issues as reported in the news and indicated that he is making amends to the community. John Wilson thanked Reverend Barnes for the leadership of the Ministerial Alliance throughout this difficult time and Joe was welcomed back by the Board of Directors.

MINUTES: On a motion by Mrs. Drumm and a second by Ms. Werner, the minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

1. Resignation letters from Roger Aiello and Diane O'Rell were included in the Board packets. Board members expressed that they will be missed. Both openings are commissioner appointments. Ms. Caraway asked members to forward her email requesting board openings to any potential candidates.
2. Executive Director April Caraway reported that the House and Senate will be voting on the governors tax proposal and a budget corrections bill will come out in January. Ms. Caraway and Burdman Group CEO Joe Caruso wrote letters of advocacy to local representatives. Jennifer Peveich, Director of Finance, provided an update on the paperless initiative in enrollments completed by Enrollment Specialist Linda Parise that will save thousands of dollars in paper, shredding, printing ink and white out. Mrs. Parise was praised for her positive response to the changes and her continued good work.
3. The initiative to do a marketing proposal and name change was discussed. Members

shared experiences in the community when people did not know the functions of Trumbull LifeLines. Mr. Wilson presented a focus group report that reflected that 44.9% of participants think using “alcohol, drug and addiction” in the name creates a negative impression. Members will vote on the name change at the December Board meeting. Ms. Caraway will send a letter of intent to apply to the Wean Foundation for funding to support the initiative.

4. Ms. Caraway reported that more than 200 walkers and runners participated in the ASAP Run for the Ribbon Race held on October 24, 2009.
5. Dr. Myers reported that at the current rate of utilization, the Board’s payback for state hospital utilization at the end of the fiscal year would be zero. Six Trumbull County clients are in the state hospital presently.
6. Ms. Caraway requested Board Members review OACBHA’s publications, “What’s it Going to Take?” Boards and providers are struggling to understand how mental health and recovery has remained on the list of services that could receive further cuts.
7. Other Issues:

Ms. Caraway announced that the new member Board Orientation will occur November 24, 2009 at 10:00 at Trumbull LifeLines and all board members are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Drumm asked for an update on Travco. Ms. Caraway responded that Travco has been screening all clients in the Trumbull Memorial Hospital Emergency Room except for indigent clients, who continue to be seen by Coleman. As anticipated, linkages back to community services are not occurring and this change has made a tremendously negative impact on our system of care.

Mr. Wilson asked about the status of the Transportation Grant. Ms. Caraway reported that the contact from the Ohio Department of Transportation indicated that she liked the proposal but there is no official word regarding the funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Addiction and Mental Health Program Committee: Mr. Wilson reported that a presentation by Dr. DeFranco was to occur at the November meeting but Dr. DeFranco had to reschedule for the December meeting. The committee viewed a video on Methadone and Suboxone treatment. No actions were recommended and the next meeting will be December 1, 2009.

Executive Committee: Mr. Wilson gave a brief report about the discussions at the meeting as documented in the meeting minutes provided. He reported that Tony Iannucci has agreed to chair the Administrative Committee for the remainder of the year and that the Budget and Finance committee will meet November 24, 2009 at 4:30.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On a motion by Mr. Larry Pavone and a second by Ms. Nancy Werner, the Board approved the October 2009 Revenue and Expenditure Reports, subject to future audit, in the amounts of \$2,013,917.85 and \$1,891,738.08. – see attached reports. The motion passed unanimously.

2. On a motion by Mrs. Massucci with a second by Ms. Cindy Klein, the board accepted with regrets the resignations of Roger Aiello and Diane O'Rell. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. upon a motion by Ms. Cindy Klein and a second by Ms. Nancy Werner.

John L. Wilson
Board President

Joseph R. Marhulik
Secretary

April Caraway
Executive Director

Date