Richland County Youth and Family Council

March 3, 2022

Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Board Conference Room

And Zoom

The following Board members were:

**Present**: Nikki Harless, Joe Trolian, Joe Devany, Michele Giess, Sarah Humphrey, Elizabeth Warner, Meghan Wheeler, Tiffiny Ellenberger, Sharlene Neumann, Dan Varn, Darrell Banks

**Absent:** Mark Abrams, Hannah Crouch

**Guests:** Lori Ramey, Ike Hickman, Laura Montgomery, Brian Hunt, Jessica Caughlan, Terry Carter

**Zoom Attendees:** Michelle Wood, Stan Jefferson, Wendy Thompson

**Zoom Attendees –** **Guests**: Anne Vermillion, Carmen Torrence, Carla James, Monica Durham, Peggy Anderson, Katie Gatten, Nancy Hartman

Teresa Alt, Executive Director was also in attendance.

###### Call to Order & Introductions:

President Nikki Harless called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and began introductions. A quorum was established with at least six voting members in attendance.

1. Approval of February 10th, 2022, meeting minutes:

**Michele moved and Joe D. seconded a motion to approve the February 10th, 2022, minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

###### Treasurer’s Report:

Carmen provided the January report. January monthly receipts were $7,313.92, and expenditures were $118,827.25 for a cash balance of $1,499,810.64. Carmen asked for a budget increase of $252,560.88 in the pooled funding commitments.

Joe T. moved and Joe D seconded the motion to approve the financial report with the budget adjustment and to file for audit as presented. Motion passed by a voice vote.

###### NAMI Parent Advocacy Connection

Carla James presented the NAMI Ohio Parent Advocacy Connection. Carla is the regional coordinator for Richland, Ashland, Crawford, and Huron counties. NAMI PAC provides parent peer supporters to families with youth in two or more of the child serving systems. PAC is a free service that is confidential, independent, and family driven. The PAC program pairs families with trained parent peer supporters who have extensive training, supervision and lived experience. The parent peer supporters help parents become better advocates for their own children and family. Carla is looking for parents with lived experience who want to work part time for Ohio NAMI in the counties that she serves.

###### OhioRise Implementation

Coleman Health Services was awarded the Care Management Entity for the catchment area that includes Richland, Wayne, Holmes, and Ashland. They were also awarded Portage and Summit County catchment area. Joe T. met with Coleman along with the other Mental Health Board Directors in the catchment area. Teresa met with Coleman CEO last week for a brief introduction. At this point, Coleman has many decisions to make, and they are working on fiscal projections to determine how they will proceed. The Office of Medicaid reports that agencies will need to become Medicaid agencies to deliver care coordination services. Hattie acknowledged that there is a way to subcontract without becoming a Medicaid provider. Hattie also stressed that Aetna must approve all subcontracts. A meeting with Coleman and the Finance Committee will be scheduled soon.

###### Family Centered Services and Support Funds

There were five new referrals received in February. Four families received family centered services and support funds for in home support and respite in the amount of $2855. There is $16,513 left in the allocation.

###### Wellness Bags

Sharlene shared that 1,440 wellness bags are being prepared for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families with COVID PRC funds. The bags contain 19 items that are valued at $243. Distribution will begin next Friday, March 11 and March 18th. Over 300 families will be receiving letters to come to Job and Family Services to pick up their wellness bags. Staff at JFS have been working on the bags for several weeks. At some point, if there are bags that have not been collected by those who received the letters, new TANF applications will be accepted. Sharlene will keep the Council updated on how the distribution is going.

###### TANF Summer Employment

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds have been sub granted to the Council to have a robust summer employment program. There is a meeting scheduled with Mansfield City Parks Department to discuss the parks program and summer meals. Teresa has been working with Dr. Terri Bucci at OSU to help with the Flagway program which is math camp. Veronica Payne from Mansfield City Schools would like to have Camp Invention at Mansfield Schools. Teresa is trying to get all the summer programs to work together to complement each other and utilize student workers who can be paid through the TANF grant or through local funds if their family income is too high.

1. **Adjourn**

**Adjournment:**

**Nikki moved to adjourn; Sharlene seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

President Nikki Harless adjourned the meeting.

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Nikki Harless, President Teresa Alt, Executive Director