

**Program Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Lake County ADAMHS Board, One Victoria Place, Ste. 205, Painesville**  
**Monday, February 11, 2014**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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Members Present:

Joanne Zeroske	Chair
Troy Hager	
Tricia Hart	
Roberta Kalb	

Members Absent:

Don Filipski  
Karen Tarase

Staff Present:

Kim Fraser	Executive Director
Jackie Bruner	Director of Business Operations
Christine Lakomiak	Director of Quality & Clinical Operations
Kelly Tuttle	Secretary/Receptionist

Guests:

Spence Kline	Beacon Health
Damir Pavicic	Bridges
Carol Casey	Bridges
Jim Clements	Catholic Charities Services
Mike Matoney	Crossroads
Sandra Langenderfer	Extended Housing
Mary Wynn-Peaspanen	Family Planning
Melanie Blasko	Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers
Carrie Dotson	Lifeline, Inc.
Paul Brickman	Signature Health

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Ms. Zeroske called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**SFY15 Non-Medicaid Contract Realities** Ms. Fraser stated that it is that time of year to begin the Request for Proposal (RFP) planning process. There will be no substantial changes for the fiscal year. If a provider has no major changes to their programming it can be noted in the proposal. If there are major changes they will be asked to elaborate on them in the write up.

Ms. Fraser highlighted the following timeline for SFY15 RFP's:

- The RFP will be brought before the Board for their approval at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. If it is approved by the Board that evening it will be posted online and available for pick-up on the afternoon of March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The RFP will be due on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- April committee meetings will be canceled and rescheduled on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This will allow Board staff to present an overview of the proposals to Board members.
- At the June committee meetings, staff will present recommendations to the Board. Board staff will be working closely with agencies so they will know what is being recommended.

- The annual Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at which time the Board will formally vote to enter into SFY15 contracts.

Ms. Fraser noted the Board is currently deficit financing in the amount of 1.8 million. Board staff continue to make recommendations that are sustainable. The Board expends 5.9 million on Medicaid billable services, 6.3 million on support services that are not Medicaid eligible services, \$950,000 on the Board operating budget and \$836,000 on system wide initiatives that benefit the system at large.

Ms. Fraser anticipates asking the Commissioners to go on the ballot for a renewal issue in November 2014. This will be discussed at the Long-Range Planning committee meeting on Wednesday. A renewal will allow for status quo funding the next several years.

Going into SFY15, Medicaid expansion will be fully implemented. The Board's revenue has significantly changed the last several years. Five years ago 40% of the dollars were from local levy dollars. Currently 75% of dollars are from local levies. Local funds are 2 million less than a few years ago due to devaluation, TPP and deregulation.

Ms. Fraser reminded an increase of \$50 million was included in the biennium budget to aid mental health agencies and addiction services. A per capita formula was used and Lake County netted \$103,000, which was significantly less than anticipated. For the second year of the biennium these dollars could be withheld at the state level allowing for the potential of not receiving any of these dollars locally in SFY15.

Since hiring the new System Wide Coordinator, there has been more work and effort into initiatives at the Board level. Ms. Grady has done a great job. Contracts will be adjusted accordingly for programs that were previously overseen before she was hired at different agencies.

This was informational and no committee action was required.

**Medicaid Expansion** Ms. Fraser reported that Medicaid Expansion went into effect on January 1, 2014. The expansion allows those making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level to be eligible for Medicaid. It is anticipated that 4500 adult Lake county residents' ages 19 to 64 will be able to access treatment through Medicaid. Currently Board staff is working with the contract agencies to determine how many of their clients fall at or below the poverty level. There will be a six month window to help get clients on Medicaid and there will be no reductions in current contracts. If someone refuses not to use Medicaid they will become a self-pay client.

Those who fall between the 139-250% poverty level will create a different challenge. They will be eligible for the exchange but their copays and deductibles might be too high to access services. Board staff has been working closely with peer staff in Columbus discussing how statewide to address the needs of this population. It is not known at this time how many individuals fall into this category.

This was informational and no committee action was required.

**Medicaid Expansion Policy** Ms. Fraser reviewed the Medicaid Expansion Policy and Procedure noting that if it is approved by the Board it will become effective on April 1, 2014. The new policy will ensure all contract provider agencies assist every client determined to have a household income at or below 138% of federal poverty level with the Medicaid application process within 30 days of their first appointment or immediately for existing clients. If the agency is unable to assist in completion of the Medicaid application

within 30 days due to clinical reasons, they may request one 30-day extension from the Board which will be approved on a case by case basis by Board staff.

Clients may become Medicaid eligible retroactively. Medicaid claims can be billed within one year after the date of service. If services were paid by the Board's non-Medicaid funding the agency must pay the Board back for all services within 30 days of receipt of funds from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). The agencies will be subject to random audits of retroactive claims.

Ms. Kalb moved to recommend to the full Board that they accept the Medicaid Expansion policy and procedure as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hager and the Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Opiate Update** Ms. Fraser reported there are currently eleven bills that pertain to opiates before the House; one bill speaks specifically to ADAMHS Boards on treatment services.

Ms. Fraser noted that she has made several presentations recently on behalf of the Opiate Task Force to a number of rotaries, the Chamber of Commerce, school principals and vice principals. She will be presenting to school superintendents this week. Please contact the Board office if you have any groups who would be interested in hearing the presentation.

Ms. Fraser stated the Lake-Geauga Recovery Center continues to expand programming and meet the changing needs of the community. Nevaeh Ridge, the group home for women with children, recently opened. As of today they have four residents. The Governor's new focus is on women who are pregnant or have children and are addicted to opiates. This could be an opportunity for Lake County to apply for new funding at the state level.

Ms. Fraser was excited to announce officers from Franklin County will be back in Lake County to present Operation: Street Smart on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson. The training is designed to educate parents, educators, social workers, or anyone with a tie to children on current drug trends. More information will follow closer to May.

This was informational and no committee action was required.

**Culture of Quality** Ms. Lakomiak reported that Board staff is preparing for the Culture of Quality (COQ) recertification review on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be fiscal and policy updates for the review brought before the Board for their approval at the February Board meeting. Twenty-five out of fifty-three Boards in Ohio are COQ certified. Boards will be required to become COQ certified by 2017.

This was informational and no committee action was required.

As there was no further business, Ms. Hart moved for adjournment. Seconded by Ms. Kalb, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 12, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake County ADAMHS Board