



**BUTLER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**Board Meeting**  
**October 21, 2009**

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The Butler County Mental Board held its regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Board offices located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Bob Myron called the meeting to order.

**II. ROLL CALL & OATH OF OFFICE**

Upon call of the roll the following Board members were present: Laura Amriott, Esq.; Pat Deis-Gleeson; David Delgado II, MSW; Barbara Desmond; Carol Jones; Ginger Justice; Bob Myron; Heather Nguyen; Mark O'Hara; Linda Snow-Griffin, PhD; and Kay Waldo.

Board members not present were: Debbie Stanton.

Staff members present at the meeting were: Terry D. Royer, PhD, LISW-S; Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC; Scott C. Fourman, LPCC; Ellen F. Harvey, LISW-S; Marion Rhodus; Cassandra Kiesey, Esq.; and Amber Reckner.

**III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Guests present at the meeting were: Kathy Becker, Chief Executive Officer for Transitional Living, Inc.; Chris Connolly, Asst. Vice President of Community Behavioral Health; Jim Beiting, Executive Director of Community Behavioral Health; Christa Carnahan, Residence Director for YWCA of Hamilton, Ohio; Shelly Wallpe, Executive Director of Catholic Charities; Sally Fiehrer, Executive Director of Butler County NAMI; Deb Miller, Associate Director of St. Joseph Orphanage; John Bohley, Executive Director of the Butler County ADAS Board; Dick Chartier, Butler County ADAS Board; Kim Stricklin, Chief Executive Officer for Butler Behavioral Health Services; Carolyn Barker, Interim Executive Director for Community Counseling and Crisis Center; Tabetha K. Violet, guest; Rebekah Ward, guest.

**IV. AGENDA REVIEW**

Mr. Myron requested to add item **B. Geisler IT Services Ohio Scales Database Software Contract** under New Business.

**Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to add item B. Geisler IT Services Ohio Scales Database Software Contract under New Business. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA**

*-None.*

**VI. BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF September 16, 2009**

**Ms. Waldo moved and Mr. O'Hara seconded for approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2009. The vote carried the motion.**

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Royer presented one article of correspondence from Kim Stricklin, CEO of Butler Behavioral Health Services regarding issues with the agency's waiting list for people who need subsidy-funded services. Board staff is currently reviewing this issue and will be meeting with the agency soon. It is expected information will be available for the November Board meeting.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Joint Ad Hoc Committee Meeting September 23, 2009**

#### **1.0 Joint Committee Report**

Ms. Amiott presented the Joint Ad Hoc Committee report. The group has been meeting for about a year gathering information to determine if it would be beneficial for Butler County to have a combined Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board. A formal plan for a merger/consolidation has not been created. Ms. Amiott noted that the Butler County ADAS Board has yet to bring the issue of endorsing a merger/consolidation before their Board. The next meeting of the Butler County ADAS Board is November 19, 2009.

**Ms. Deis-Gleeson moved to proceed in the process of developing a merger/consolidation plan with the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board. Ms. Waldo seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

### **B. Executive/Planning and Finance Committee October 6, 2009**

#### **1.0 State Hospital Update**

Mr. Fourman provided an update on state hospital usage. The average state hospital usage for the month of September was 6.8 beds, making the yearly average usage 7.3 beds. Dr. Royer shared that the Board has received notice from the Ohio Department of Mental Health recognizing the Board's payback of \$585,858 for under usage of the state hospital in FY 2009. The Board has yet to receive the payback.

#### **2.0 Levy Review Committee/Joint Social Services Levy Discussion**

Dr. Royer discussed the recent newspaper articles regarding the formation of a Levy Review Committee and a possible Joint Social Services Levy and what that would mean for the mental health system in Butler County.

#### **3.0 July and August, 2009 Board Operating Reports**

Mr. Rhodus presented the July and August, 2009 Board Operating Reports. It is the recommendation of the Executive/Planning & Finance Committee to approve the July and August, 2009 Board Operating Reports.

**Ms. Deis-Gleeson moved to approve the July and August, 2009 Board Operating Reports. Ms. Desmond seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

#### **4.0 Family and Children First Council FY 2010 Grant**

Mr. Rhodus presented the Family and Children First Council FY 2010 grant which consists of \$76,487 in state 404 funding. These funds were part of the state allocation that was received after the Board approved the grants and budgets at the May, 2009 Board meeting. These funds are earmarked by the state for the Family and Children First council and will be utilized to provide Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) services to children with serious behavioral problems in Butler County.

**Ms. Amiott moved to approve the \$76,487 Grant for the Butler County Family and Children First Council. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

#### **5.0 Community Behavioral Health FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request**

Mr. Rhodus presented Community Behavioral Health's FY 2010 Budget Amendment request which incorporates all of the additional funding requests the Board approved at September's Board meeting.

**Ms. Jones moved to approve the Community Behavioral Health FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

#### **6.0 YWCA FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request**

Last month, the YWCA requested \$100,000 in new funding. The Board awarded \$50,000 in additional funding with the condition that the agency work with Board staff to become a certified Medicaid agency. The agency accepts this condition. The Board has now received the agency's completed Budget revision forms to incorporate the \$50,000 in additional funding and a formal motion is needed to approve the YWCA FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request.

**Ms. Amiott moved to approve the YWCA FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request. Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

#### **7.0 Butler Behavioral Health Services FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request**

Mr. Rhodus presented Butler Behavioral Health Services Inc.'s FY 2010 Budget Amendment request. He noted the request does not include any additional Board funding, but rather shifts funding between services to better reflect the services the agency is currently providing.

**Ms. Waldo moved to approve Butler Behavioral Health Services' FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

#### **8.0 Catholic Charities FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request**

Mr. Rhodus presented the Catholic Charities FY 2010 Budget Amendment request. The purpose of the request is due to receiving the final grant amount from the state concerning the Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative grant. The revision will increase the agency's 505 funds by \$4,000 to reflect the total grant allocation of \$56,442.

**Ms. Desmond moved to approve Catholic Charities FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request which adjust their budget to reflect the total allocation of 505 funds of \$56,442, an increase of \$4,000. Mr. seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

Last month, the Board reviewed as an additional funding consideration to fund a social worker at the Juvenile Detention Center for the purpose of performing evaluations, creating treatment plans and facilitating referrals for severely emotionally disturbed children. This funding would be for the remainder of FY 2010. For FY 2011, the full year's cost for the position would be \$70,167.

**Ms. Amiott moved to increase Catholic Charities FY 2010 Budget by \$47,988 for the purposes of hiring a social worker to provide assessment services in the Juvenile Detention Center. Ms. Waldo seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

### **9.0 St. Joseph Orphanage FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request**

Mr. Rhodus presented the St. Joseph Orphanage FY 2010 Budget Amendment request.

The first part of the request is for \$29,000 to partially fund a coordinator position that oversees treatment of Butler County children in out of home placement facilities across the state. The agency is losing \$29,000 per year in the travel costs associated with this position which is an unallowable cost for Medicaid. Children Services and the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities have been approached to pay a portion of this cost. Dr. Royer reported that Jeff Centers from Butler County Children's Services will be looking into funding a portion of this. The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities has pledged to support \$5,800 for this position.

**Ms. Desmond moved to approve the allocation of funds not to exceed \$29,000 to St. Joseph Orphanage for the purposes of supporting a coordinator position that oversees treatment of Butler County children in out of home placement. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

The second part of the request is in regards to the agency hiring a new therapist and a new case manager which will primarily serve Medicaid eligible children. The addition of these two positions will result in the agency increasing their Medicaid funded services which will require the Board to cover \$175,000 for the Medicaid Match. The requests also includes an additional \$10,000 in Board subsidy funding which would allow the therapist and case manager to serve indigent children who are ineligible for Medicaid funding.

**Ms. Amiott moved to approve St. Joseph Orphanage FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request which includes a \$175,000 increase in Medicaid match and \$10,000 in additional Board subsidy for the purpose of treating children who do not have Medicaid. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

### **10.0 Community Counseling and Crisis Center FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request**

Dr. Royer presented Community Counseling and Crisis Center's FY 2010 Budget Amendment request which includes a request for \$210,575 in additional Board subsidy funding and an increase in the Medicaid match of \$16,404.

**Ms. Waldo motioned to table Community Counseling and Crisis Center FY 2010 Budget Amendment Request until February, 2010. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

#### **11.0 Kim Grimes/King Consultation Services Contract**

Dr. Royer presented the King Consultation Services contract. Ms. Kim Grimes, CPA provided her expertise in Butler County last spring when she conducted Board funded training for agencies on financial reporting requirements. Board staff is currently exploring options to deal with issues of agencies overspending/under spending Board funds and issues with the calculation of proper unit rates. This project is a combination of accounting and quality improvement initiatives. The contract would be for Ms. Grimes's financial consultation services related to this project with the cost of the contract not to exceed \$1,200.

**Ms. Jones moved to approve the King Consultation Services Contract for the purposes of receiving offsite email/phone consultation services form Kim Grimes, CPA regarding behavioral healthcare financial management issues. The cost of the contract shall not exceed \$1,200. Mr. O'Hara seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.**

### **IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Royer presented his Executive Director's Report to the Board. He shared about House Bill 381 which is the Governor's recommendation to delay the state income tax reduction by two years in order to fill the gap in the state's budget. If this bill is not passed, it is anticipated all state departments will face additional reductions in order to balance the budget. If the Ohio Department of Mental Health's budget is reduced, the reductions will be passed down to the local Boards.

The Statehouse Report publication distributed by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities was presented. It was noted there has been an 8% increase in Medicaid enrollment in the last year. Nearly 1 in 5 Ohio residents are insured by Medicaid.

Dr. Royer announced Transitional Living's Community Nights at Walt's Barbeque event scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2009 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Transitional Living's staff will be working at the restaurant those evenings and 10% of all proceeds will go to the agency.

Dr. Royer also announced the annual YWCA's Outstanding Women of Achievement luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 11:30 am at the Courtyard Marriot in Hamilton, Ohio. There are six seats available and Board members interested in attending should contact Amber Reckner.

Publications from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities were distributed. Immediate Past Board President Laura Amriott was featured in the Board Member Spotlight portion of this month's newsletter which focused on healthy living for Older Ohioans.

Finally, Dr. Royer invited all Board members to utilize the Ask Terry worksheets or email him with any questions they may have.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Voucher Approval (9/9/09, 9/14/09, 9/15/09, 9/18/09, 9/22/09, 9/25/09, 10/1/09, 10/5/09, 10/7/09, 10/9/09, 10/13/09) & Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for September, 2009

Ms. Waldo moved to approve the vouchers dated 9/9/09, 9/14/09, 9/15/09, 9/18/09, 9/22/09, 9/25/09, 10/1/09, 10/5/09, 10/7/09, 10/9/09, 10/13/09 & the Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for September, 2009. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

### B. Geisler IT Services Ohio Scales Database Software Contract

Dr. Royer presented the Geisler IT Services Ohio Scales Database Software Contract. Board staff is interested in contracting with Geisler IT Services to develop a database that will allow the continued gathering of Ohio Scales data from Butler County agencies. This data is a crucial component in the Board's Quality Improvement initiative. The cost of the contract is not to exceed \$1,584.00.

Ms. Desmond moved to approve the Geisler IT Services Ohio Scales Database Software Contract with the cost of the contract not to exceed \$1,584.00. Ms. Amriott seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

## XI GUEST COMMENTS

Ms. Kathy Becker announced the Light the MATCH concert happening Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Redeemer Church in Fairfield Township. The concert will begin at 2:00 pm. Admission is free but tickets are required. Those interested in attending were encouraged to pick up some tickets from Kathy at the end of the meeting.

Mr. John Bohley thanked the Board for showing respect to the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board members by waiting for the merger/consolidation issue to be addressed at their November Board meeting. The meeting will take place on November 19, 2009 at 5:00 pm at the Neighborhood Housing Services Homeownership Center, Second Floor Meeting Room located at 100 South Martin Luther King Blvd in Hamilton, Ohio.

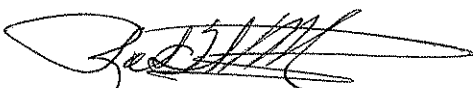
Ms. Sally Fiehrer thanked all who attended, sponsored and donated for the 2009 NAMI Walks for the Mind of America Event last weekend. Around \$40,000 was raised to support Butler County NAMI which provides advocacy and support services for people with mental illness and their families.

Ms. Shelly Wallpe, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, thanked the Board staff for being supportive of the agency as they enter into a new relationship with the Board which requires new reporting responsibilities.

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Waldo seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



**Bob Myron, Board President**