

Program Committee Meeting

Meeting date: Monday, March 11, 2024

Meeting time: 5:04pm-5:39pm

Meeting location: Huron County DJFS

Recorder: Cari Williamson

Committee Members Present:

X	Katie Chieda	X	Lenora Minor
X	Amber Boldman, Committee Chair (arrived at 5:05)	X	Laura M. Wheeler (arrived at 5:10)
X	Julie Landoll, First Vice Chair	X	Silvia Hernandez
X	Erin Bohne		

Board Staff Present:

X	Kristen Cardone, Executive Director		Ashley Morrow, Community Engagement & Resource Manager
X	Cari Williamson, Office & Fiscal Manager		

Unfinished business/updates:

- March Meeting
 - Location: Milestone Event Center, Norwalk
 - The Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00pm. It will follow the Behavioral Health Appreciation Dinner, which starts at 5:30pm at Milestone Event Center, 11 S. Prospect St, Norwalk, OH 44857.
 - At the dinner multiple people in recovery will be presenting their stories through a project called Photovoice, which was created through the HEALing Communities Study.
- Levy Committee
 - Ms. Cardone shared that there will be a change in the Levy Committee meeting date from the first Wednesday to the second Wednesday of the month. Ms. Cardone and Ms. Lenora Minor are on the Executive Committee for the Family and Children First Council and the Council's meetings cause a conflict. The first meeting, in April, will remain on the first Wednesday of the month.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or concerns.
- Board Member Appointments
 - Ms. Cardone shared that Mr. Tom Sharpnack resigned effective 2/28/24.
 - According to his resignation letter he fully enjoyed his time working with each member of the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, but he has continued to have unforeseen and unavoidable commitments elsewhere. He wishes the Board continued success in all its endeavors.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that four Board Members have terms ending 6/30/24. Ms. Cardone will email applications to Ms. Laura Wheeler, Ms. Nora Knople, Ms. Silvia Hernandez, and Ms. Lenora Minor. She requested that they let her know their decision by the end of April 2024.
 - Ms. Hernandez shared she will not be renewing her term on the Board.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or concerns.

Discussion Items:

- CISM
 - Ms. Cardone shared that last month she touched on some challenges National Alliance on Mental Illness Northwest (NAMI NW) were having with their administration. In January 2024 there was a split in NAMI NW for Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) services, which are now being provided by Connections Recovery Services. The Board contracted with NAMI NW for the first half of the fiscal year for CISM services. For the second half of the fiscal year, Connections Recovery Services will be providing these services. The Board will need to reduce NAMI NW's contract by \$3,847 and enter into a contract with Connections Recovery Services for \$3,847.
 - Motion: To reduce NAMI Northwest's SFY 2024 contract by \$3,847.00.
 - Motion: Authorize Executive Director to enter into a contract with Connections Recovery Services in the amount of \$3,847.00 utilizing OhioMHAS funding.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in support of adding both motions to the agenda.
- Guardianship
 - Ms. Cardone shared that there has been an increase in individuals needing guardianship services. Currently, Catholic Charities provide these services. They are at full capacity and have been for most of the year. They also have been more selective about which individuals they accept as clients.
 - Recently there have been a couple insurances with individuals presenting with severe mental health challenges and have required law enforcement to become involved. Catholic Charities has not been able to help them. Recently, a meeting was held between Catholic Charities, Judge Cardwell, and Ms. Cardone discussing these challenges and to identify alternate solutions. The only solution Catholic Charities suggested regarding the increased need for guardianship was to expand by hiring another individual and have the Board pay for their full wages and benefits, which the Board cannot do.
 - Judge Cardwell suggested entering into a contract with an attorney to provide guardianship. This is how other boards handle guardianship; Erie County has multiple contracts with attorneys for these services. Judge Cardwell contacted Ms. Frombaugh from Frombaugh Law, who agreed to provide guardianship services at a rate of \$75/hour. Judge Cardwell requested that the Board hold the contract for this service. The contract amount of \$4000.00 will be used to bill from, so the money will only be used if Ms. Frombaugh has a client. Ms. Cardone is unsure how much will be used or needed this year and in the future.
 - A Program Committee member asked if there is a law that states the Board must pay for these services.
 - Ms. Cardone shared there is not a law that she is aware of, though our Board and other Boards in the area pay for the guardianship for those who struggle with mental health challenges.
 - A Program Committee member asked if the Board pays for the lifetime of the client.
 - Ms. Cardone shared the Board pays for the client while they continue to need guardianship, which could be for their lifetime.
 - A Program Committee member suggested there should be a Request for Proposal (RFP) for guardianship services.
 - A Program Committee member suggested reaching out to other agencies to see if they provide guardianship or who provides guardianship for them. Ideas included Services for Aging, Seneca County, Goodwill Industries, or Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that currently Catholic Charities and Ms. Frombaugh are the only choices to provide guardianship. The Board will research other options for the future.

Huron County Public Health is now holding prevention, these funds should be going to them. According to the contract, it may be amended if both parties agree. Sandusky County Public Health is in support of terminating the contract with our Board and entering into a contract with Huron County Public Health.

- Motion: Terminate the Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success contract with Sandusky County Public Health effective immediately.
- Program Committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in support of adding the motion to the agenda.
- One Ohio (Possible Motion)
 - Ms. Cardone shared that she would like to apply for One Ohio funds to fund mobile crisis services in Huron County, which is an approved use of the funds. There is a meeting on March 12, 2024 and afterwards she will have more information about the application process and organizations that intend to apply. She has also scheduled a meeting with local agencies to request their support in funding mobile crisis services. Ms. Cardone will have more information by the Board meeting on Tuesday.
 - Potential Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to One Ohio for funding for mobile crisis, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or concerns. They were in support of potentially adding the motion to the agenda.
- A Committee member asked if they will be receiving a list of everyone who will be attending the Behavioral Health dinner.
 - Ms. Cardone shared there will be name tags at the dinner to identify everyone. She also encouraged Board members to sit separately and try to have one member at each agencies table.