

Program Committee Meeting

Meeting date: Monday, March 13, 2023

Meeting time: 5:06pm – 6:07pm

Meeting location: 2 Oak Street, Norwalk

Recorder: Cari Williamson

Committee Members Present:

X	Katie Chieda 5:18pm	X	Lenora Minor
	Amber Boldman, Committee Chair-Excused	X	Laura M. Wheeler
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
 - Ms. Kristen Cardone shared the location of March’s Board meeting is Bronson Conservation Club, 295 Townline Rd 151, Norwalk.
 - Prior to Board meeting there will be an agency appreciation dinner. The event will begin at 5:30pm, dinner will be served at 6:15pm, and the Board meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Agency employees are welcome to stay for the Board meeting.
 - The dinner is being catered by Catering by Design, a buffet style dinner will be served with desserts from Walmart. There have been approximately 70 agency employees who RSVP’d, out of 125 total agency employees.
 - Program Committee Members discussed the appreciation dinner planning and program.
 - Board members and staff will be assigned one per table, to allow for engagement between the agencies and the Board.
 - Board members or staff will give recognition and gratitude to the agency and share information they learned by interacting with the agency employees.
 - Board staff will provide Board members with a high-level overview of each agency.
 - Committee members volunteered usage of a portable P.A. system, tech support, and photography.
 - Having a scrolling presentation on projection screen sharing agency logos and pictures of various events the Board has participated in.
 - Take pictures with agency’s holding signs expressing why Mental Health is important to them.
 - Potential ice breakers were discussed to have at each table.

- Having someone in recovery tell their story, sharing how each agency helped along the way.
 - Ms. Cardone will reach out to Family Dependency Court and Let's Get Real to see if they have anyone willing to speak.
 - Favors will be handwritten thank you cards with a \$10 coffee house gift card from either Sheri's Coffeehouse, in Norwalk, or Wired Coffeehouse, in Willard.
 - Each Committee member wrote thank you cards.
- April
 - Ms. Cardone shared in April the Board will begin planning for levy. She will present a levy guidance report to the Board in committee meetings.
 - Ms. Cardone reached out to agency's requesting a budget for how much funding they need in the future, requesting they plan ahead for the levy's 10-year period.
- Ohio National Guard
 - Ms. Cardone shared a Civil Operations Specialist for Prevention has been identified and the individual started working in Huron County on March 1, 2023. This individual will use MHAS office space when he is in the community.
 - Ohio National Guard pays for prevention staff to be based in different places throughout the State. Mr. Devin Pollick, Prevention Coordinator, worked diligently to have this person housed in Huron County. Currently he is only here one day week, the rest of the time he is tele-working. He lives over two hours away, but if he likes the area he will be relocating here.
 - Ms. Cari Williamson shared he is impressed with how progressive Huron County is and is excited to be here.
 - He will also be working closely with Huron County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Dave Ditz in areas such as helping Veterans.
- 988
 - Ms. Cardone shared she had a meeting discussing 988.
 - 988 is the 911 of behavioral health. It a state-wide initiative that has been in operation for about a year. Huron County's 988 provider is currently the Nord Center. Nord Center also provides services for 20 other counties, both partially and fully. According to the data from Nord Center, they are receiving about 10-15 calls from Huron County each month. Firelands Counseling and Recovery also handles crisis calls for Huron County, and they handle the Board's crisis services. Firelands will be providing accurate numbers of calls per quarter to compare, however, Ms. Cardone stated they receive a significantly larger number of calls per month than Nord Center.
 - Currently for Huron County, 988 calls get answered by Nord Center then redirected to Firelands.
 - An issue with 988 is when someone calls, they are directed to the county their area code is assigned to, for instance is someone lives in Huron County but has a 614-area code they are being directed to Franklin County. The State has identified this issue needs to be fixed by geofencing, similar to how 911 operates.
 - There will be a charge on phone bills for 988 services in the near future, just like there is for 911 services.
 - Ms. Cardone wants to keep the Board informed, recognizing there may be pushback regarding the Board paying for a hotline when 988 exists.

Discussion Items:

- SAMHSA Mental Health Awareness Training Grant (Attachment I, Motion)

- Motion: Authorize Executive Director to apply for the SAMHSA Mental Health Awareness Training grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- If Board approves, Ms. Cardone will provide an update to the Board of the final funding request once the grant application has been written.
 - Ms. Cardone discussed the grant in Attachment I with Committee members. Ms. Ashley Morrow is currently working on the narrative and budget for applying for the grant.
- Program Committee members had no further questions regarding SAMHSA Mental Health Awareness Training Grant and were in favor of adding the motion to the agenda.
- Prevention Action Alliance Stipend (Motion)
 - Motion: Authorize Executive Director to apply for the Capacity for Prevention stipend through the Prevention Action Alliance in the amount of \$3,000.00.
 - Ms. Cardone shared this stipend is to increase prevention related intervention and prevention services. This is identified as one of the Board's areas of focus. The Board will be a passthrough for this stipend, the Prevention Coalition will be overseeing it.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions regarding Prevention Action Alliance Stipend and were in favor of adding the motion to the agenda.
- Oriana House NOBARS 120 Day Notice (Attachment II, Motion)
 - Ms. Cardone shared she sought permission from Governance Committee before sending Oriana House's 120-Day Notice for NOBARS. She is seeking post approval from full Board.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that as she was writing the 120-day notices she realized Oriana House has two services the Board funded in FY23, Riegel and NOBARS. Since the Board decided not to fund NOBARS after FY24 and the court will be terminating this program, their wording on 120-day notice needs to be different. Formal approval will be needed at the Board meeting.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions regarding Oriana House NOBARS 120-Day Notice and were in favor of adding the motion to the agenda.
- Ms. Cardone shared she emailed the Board members an invitation to Riegel's open house at the end of the month. They will be celebrating moving into their new building.
- Other discussions
 - Ms. Cardone shared she received email from Ms. Melissa Tester, from Beacon Behavioral Health Services. They will be opening an office in Willard providing outpatient substance use and mental health services. If Ms. Cardone receives any additional information, she will share it with the Board.
 - Ms. Silvia Hernandez shared Operation Hope out of Bellevue has been transporting patients from Praxis.
 - Ms. Lenora Minor asked if anything further is needed from Department of Job and Family Services for Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant.
 - Ms. Cardone shared nothing further should be needed. DFC stated MHAS has been approved and they are in the process of transferring the grant from DJFS to MHAS.
 - Ms. Hernandez shared Willard is having an event featuring Laruen Sisler as the speaker on March 27, 2023 at 6pm at the Willard City School Auditoria. She is an ESPN sports broadcaster who has a personal story of family addiction. She will be speaking to the school in the morning then later in the day to the community. Ms. Cardone emailed the flyer for this event to all Board members.
 - Ms. Minor shared the Department of Family Services Child Abuse Prevention walk is scheduled for April 12, 2023 with guest speaker John Ward, who was adopted just before turning 18 years old.

Attachment I

Mental Health Awareness Training Awards

- Due Date: May 1, 2023
- Estimated award amount: Up to \$200,000.00 each year
- Length of Project: Up to 3 years
- No Match Required

High level overview of grant opportunity:

SAMHSA expects recipients to use funds to implement high quality programs, practices, and policies that are recovery-oriented, trauma-informed, and equity-based as a means of improving behavioral health.

The purpose of this program is to: (1) train individuals (e.g., school personnel and emergency services personnel including fire department and law enforcement personnel, veterans, armed services members and their families, etc.) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders and how to safely de-escalate crisis situations involving individuals with a mental illness and (2) provide education on resources available in the community for individuals with a mental illness and other relevant resources, including how to establish linkages with school and/or community-based mental health agencies. With this program, SAMHSA aims to increase the number of individuals prepared and trained on how to respond to individuals with mental disorders appropriately and safely. In accordance with [Executive Order 14074](#), this program will help build secure, safe, and healthy communities; reinforce partnership between law enforcement and communities; and increase public trust and enhance public safety.

Activities

1. Implement in-person, virtual, or hybrid evidence-based mental health awareness training to include recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness and identifying resources available in the community for individuals with a mental illness and other relevant resources.
2. Identify resources and supports in the geographic catchment area and develop written and electronic materials for the individuals being trained so they may assist the selected population of focus.
3. Establish mechanisms that increase the ability of the individuals trained to refer and link the population of focus to behavioral health resources and services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for diverse populations.
4. Develop and implement a mental health awareness training plan.
5. Develop collaborative partnerships with relevant community agencies to assist with responding to mental health issues and improve coordination of services for the population of focus.
6. Utilize social media for the dissemination of mental health awareness information, resources, training opportunities, community outreach activities to decrease stigma related to mental health.

Attachment II

**120 DAY NOTICE TO ORIANA HOUSE, INC. OF
SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO FY 2024 SERVICE CONTRACT FOR NOBARS
February 24, 2023**

In accordance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 340.036(D) and the fiscal year 2023 service contract between the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“Board”) and your organization, the Board is hereby providing notice of the following:

1. The Board is proposing to not renew the contract upon its expiration due to a lack of available funding.

Disputes concerning substantial changes to contract terms proposed by either party for FY24 contracts will be addressed in accordance with the requirements of section 340.036(D) of the Revised Code, 5122:2-1-06 of the Administrative Code and provisions for contract renewal dispute resolution contained in the current contract.

Please contact the Board with any questions or concerns about the content of this Notice.