

Program Committee Meeting

Meeting date: Monday, April 10, 2023

Meeting time: 5:06pm – 5:51pm

Meeting location: 2 Oak Street, Norwalk

Recorder: Cari Williamson

Committee Members Present:

	Katie Chieda - Absent		Lenora Minor-Excused
X	Amber Boldman, Committee Chair	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 April Board meeting will be at Huron County Department of Job and Family Services, 185 Shady Lane Dr, Norwalk, OH 44857 on April 18, 2023 at 6:00pm.
 - Ms. Cardone shared Reach Our Youth and OhioGuidestone will both be presenting.
 - Ms. Cardone shared the Board has a policy for providing food at committee meetings, this policy has been on hold the past few months. The Board now has a credit card to use for food, so the policy has started back up. She requested the Committee Members' input on whether food should still be an option and if so, what kind of food. (Potential motion)
 - Committee members discussed the policy which requires food be provided at Board meetings. They agreed that the money would be better spent in the community. They suggested only having drinks and snacks during committee meetings.
 - Ms. Cardone will present this to the Finance Committee members and this may result in the policy being updated to allow for this change.
- Levy Discussion
 - Ms. Cardone shared that all contracted agencies were asked to submit a 10-year budget which is due at the end of April 2023. Once received, this will guide the Board in deciding how to move forward with the Levy renewal, then Levy discussions will begin.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or comments regarding Levy discussion.
- FY24 Funding
 - Ms. Cardone informed the committee that FY24 budgets from contracted agencies were submitted to the Board on or before March 31, 2023. Since the Board is funding the same amounts as last year the only changes will be shifts in line items. The Budgets will be on the agenda in May for approval.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or comments regarding FY24 funding.
- Grant updates

- Ms. Cardone shared that last month the Board approved the submission of Prevention Action Alliance Stipend. When it was time to submit the application there was a part in the application that required indemnification. According to the Board's legal representative, Mr. Randy Strickler, the Board cannot sign a contract with this clause. Prevention Action Alliance would not remove this clause, causing PROSPER to not be able to apply for the stipend. The Board is having the same issue with HEALing Communities and Mr. Strickler is working with their legal team to get this resolved.
 - Indemnification is defined as compensation for harm or loss. It is an undertaking by one party (the indemnifying party) to compensate the other party (the indemnifying party) for certain costs and expenses, typically stemming from third party claims.
- Ms. Cardone shared the Drug Free Communities grant is still in the process of being transferred from Huron County Department of Job and Family Services. This has been a challenging process, but it is anticipated to happen soon. Ms. Cardone and Mr. Devin Pollick are required to attend 4 weeks of 3-day virtual training, put on by CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Commission of America). These training courses occur every other month or so, with the first one being last week. It will be helpful in developing a solid coalition.
- Program committee members had no further questions or comments regarding grant updates.
- Compensation Committee
 - Ms. Cardone shared last June there was discussion, while in executive discussion, around forming a committee for compensation for Board staff. They will review things such as pay raises, compensation for grant approvals, and licensure compensation. Ms. Lenora Minor, Ms. Laura Wheeler, and Ms. Sandy Hovest have volunteered to be on this committee. The first meeting will be on May 1, 2023 at 8am. If any other Board members would like to be a part of this committee, please notify Ms. Cardone.
 - Program committee members had no further questions or comments regarding Compensation Committee.

Discussion Items:

- OhioMHAS Prevention Rule and potential impact (Attachment I)
 - Ms. Cardone discussed the Prevention Rule in Attachment I, which is effective October 1, 2023. This rule was the reason Mr. Pollick could not work under the Board. It states the Board cannot allocate prevention funds from Federal, State, or Local funds unless the agency is Prevention certified.
 - Ms. Cardone has a meeting next week with Ms. Bobbie Boyer, from OhioMHAS, to discuss how the Board should move forward and get clarification on the policy.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or comments regarding OhioMHAS Prevention Rule.
- Ms. Wheeler asked if the Board had heard anything more on Praxis.
 - Ms. Cardone shared she received information that Praxis discharged a blind man with no means to get home. She is working with Willard Fire Department and Willard Police Department to gather more information.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or comments about Praxis.
- OACBHA (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities) Opiate Conference June 5, 2023- June 6, 2023
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the Board members the date of this year's State Opiate Conference, asking if any Board members would like to attend. In the past Ms. Julie Landoll, Ms. Nora Knopke and Mr. Mitch Cawrse have attended. The Board will receive two complimentary tickets and the Board will pay for a hotel room for Board members or staff who are interested in

attending. Ms. Cardone will email Board members a flyer providing details of the conference. Please notify her by Friday, April 14, 2023 if you would like to attend.

- Ms. Wheeler and Ms. Landoll were interested in attending.
- Ms. Cardone shared that in the past the Huron County Commissioners have attended this conference. She spoke with Mr. Terry Boose about the conference, he will get back with her about them attending.
- Program Committee members had no further questions or comments regard State Opiate Conference.
- Crisis Services discussion
 - Ms. Cardone shared that last year the State released 988 as the crisis hotline for the state. There have been issues that need fixed and once they are resolved, the goal of the state is for all crisis calls to go through 988. There will be conversations around the best way to manage crisis services and how we can move forward ensuring the residents have all the crisis services available when they need them. Ms. Cardone will be meeting with Mr. Mircea Handru, Executive Director for SOSW Board, Ms. Diane Taylor Executive Director for Erie County Board, and Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services to discuss a potential regional solution.
 - Ms. Cardone will keep the Board updated.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or comments regarding Crisis Services.
- Board members discussed the success of the Board's Agency Appreciation Dinner.
 - Ms. Cardone shared some feedback she received from agencies. They were happy with the length of time allotted for the dinner, they appreciated the Board members introducing the agencies stating it gave them the opportunity to see who the Board members are and enjoyed interacting with them. They suggested having the agencies stand when being recognized and potentially including some games. Overall, they really liked the event. The Board has received numerous thank you messages stating they appreciated the dinner, the handwritten thank you cards and the coffee gift cards. The goal is to continue this event annually.
 - Program Committee members had no further questions or comments regarding the Agency Appreciation Dinner.

Attachment I

OhioMHAS has final filed its prevention service rule, O.A.C. 5122-29-20, with an effective date of October 1, 2023. The final rule, which is attached to this email, provides for the following:

- Prevention services must be certified for a provider to receive federal funds, state funds or funds administered by an ADAMH Board.
- Provides exceptions to the certification requirement for:
 - An educational entity under the jurisdiction of the Ohio department of education or Ohio department of higher education;
 - A board of health of a general or city health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code that has received accreditation from the public health accreditation board;
 - A faith-based organization that is actively working with a prevention specialist or prevention consultant certified under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code, as verified in writing by that specialist or consultant; and
 - A family and children first council established under division (B)(1) of section 121.37 of the Revised county Code.
- Specifies a certification grace period applicable to coalitions. Coalitions have until July 1, 2025 to become certified.
- Specifies that the applicability of the certification requirement to coalitions does not prohibit an ADAMHS board from participating as a member or convener, serving as a fiscal or administrative agent, providing staff support, or submitting an application for certification on a coalition's behalf in accordance with certain requirements.
- Paragraph (E) – Provides a streamlined application process for coalitions and exempts them from the certification fee.