

Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting time: 12:30pm – 2:37pm

Meeting location: Conference room, 12 Benedict Ave.

Recorder: Kristen Cardone

Committee Members Present:

X	Dave Light, First Vice Chair, Committee Chair	X	Lisa Hivnor
	DeEtte Zimmerman	X	Dorothy Ruffer
	Tom Sharpnack	X	Steven Fawcett
X	Katie Chieda	X	Mike White

Invited Staff Present:

X	Kristen Cardone, Executive Director	X	Ashley Morrow, Administrative Assistant
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Community members Present:

Unfinished business/updates:

Discussion Items:

- Keelsra discussion (Handouts)
 - Ms. Cardone updated the committee members concerning the issues Board staff currently has had with their financial consultant, Keelsra. In the previous months there has seemed to be a lack of attention to detail in the budget as evidenced by accounting errors on monthly expenditure reports. These concerns have been addressed and expenditure report has been updated with correct amounts.
 - Ms. Cardone reached out to multiple agencies and boards at the direction of the Board members to identify possible solutions and alternatives. Ms. Cardone spoke with Mr. Handru, the Executive Director of the Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board who submitted a proposal in which Huron County MHAS would contract with the SSW Board for fiscal services. The SSW Board would employ the fiscal consultant and the MHAS Board would retain this individual's services 8 hours per week.
 - It was clarified that this consultant would be in place of Keelsra, not in addition to.
 - The committee stated they felt it would be a responsible decision to have a fiscal consultant who understands how boards operate to handle the finances of the Board, as well as someone who is able to be on site multiple times per month.

- The Committee agreed to move forward with the proposal from the Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot Board to contract with their fiscal consultant 1 day a week.
 - This will be added as a motion on the May Board meeting.
- FY20 RFI proposal review and discussion
 - Ms. Cardone described the overview of each agency that submitted an RFI for funding for FY20. She shared what the agency currently does, what they are requesting funding for, and the amounts of funding they are requesting.
 - Oriana House
 - Ms. Cardone shared that Oriana House, Inc. operates the Rigel Recovery Services which is in Norwalk. Rigel is an OMHAS-certified outpatient substance abuse treatment service site. They currently offer services such as: Substance Abuse Diagnostic Assessments, Individual Psychotherapy, IOP, Outpatient group, Aftercare treatment services, Medication Assisted Treatment (Vivitrol), and drug testing.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that they propose to use funding for the following services:
 - Uncompensated clients, MAT in the jail, Substance Use Disorder Assessments in the jail, Family Matters (a weekly support group for families affected by addiction), mental health treatment for Huron County residents at Crosswaeh CBCF, and residential withdrawal (detox).
 - The following discussion and questions arose from the proposal:
 - How will they be providing MAT in the jail?
 - How will they address their staffing issues?
 - Why is money needed for residential withdrawal when many detoxes take individuals without insurance?
 - Further explanation of the mental health services at CBCF and the number of Huron County residents expected to receive services is needed.
 - Clear Minds Counseling
 - Ms. Cardone shared that Clear Minds Counseling is a new agency, currently not in operation but is proposing to offer services to those who are exposed to trauma on a repeated basis, such as: emergency room workers, child & family services workers, first responders, and dispatchers.
 - Ms. Cardone shared they propose to use funds for the following services: mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, prevention, trainings, crisis, chaplain/coach peer support.
 - The following discussion and questions arose from the proposal:
 - The committee felt this may be a duplication of services due to the fact that there should be a protocol already in place for first responders affected by trauma and some

locations, such as Norwalk Police Department, already have multiple trained chaplains on staff.

- Additional duplications include QPR, Kid's Connection, CISM, and PAX
 - The committee discussed that FTMC currently has a service in place for anyone who comes through the hospital for trauma. This service invites anyone involved in a traumatic incident, including first responders, to a debriefing and connects them to support services.
 - The committee discussed the fact that this agency is just starting up and the data and outcomes currently are not available to identify the depth of need.
 - Questions regarding staff listed in the proposal.
 - Services for our first responders is a top priority to the Board so the committee asked Ms. Cardone to schedule a meeting with leaders in first responder agencies to determine: what services are already in place for first responders in each town throughout the county, what services do first responders want, and how often would services be utilized.
- Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services
 - Ms. Cardone shared that Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services currently provide mental health and addiction services in Huron County.
 - Ms. Cardone shared they propose to use funds for the following services: Mental health and substance use disorder treatments
 - The following discussion and questions arose from the proposal:
 - FLC states they provide IHBT (In Home Based Treatment) and IOP (Intensive Outpatient Treatment) however, are these services available in Huron County?
 - The committee wanted to know of the clients served number submitted in the proposal, how many of those clients are strictly Huron County residents.
 - Who are the site directors for each of the Huron County locations (Norwalk, Willard, and Bellevue)?
 - House of Hope:
 - Ms. Cardone shared that FLC has recently taken ownership of the House of Hope in Willard Ohio which is a sober living facility for men.
 - The committee did not have any discussion or questions.
 - Kids Connection:
 - Ms. Cardone shared that FLC currently has Kids Connection in every school in Huron County. Kids

Connection is a curriculum based support group for children ages 4-12 that helps teach them essential life skills to help them cope with difficult family situations, resist negative peer pressure, respect others, set and achieve goals, make healthy choices, and refuse alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. CBSG is not a clinical service but a preventative intervention.

- It was discussed in the committee meeting that the schools that currently have Kids Connection are very happy with the program and the results.
- Women Halfway Home Foundation
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee the overview of the Women Halfway Home Foundation. They are a women's residential substance use disorder treatment facility located in Castalia Ohio.
 - Ms. Cardone shared they propose to use funds for the following services: the proposal for funding would include the Board paying for 2 beds to be held/used for Huron County women who would receive services there.
 - The following discussion and questions arose from the proposal:
 - Is it possible to fund the beds as they become a need?
 - Does the Board want to "tie up" money in one location when there are other treatment facility options for women in the surrounding areas that can be used as well?
- Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee that Firelands currently does mental health and substance use disorder treatment, crisis intervention, case management services, vocational services, prevention, consultation, mental health day treatment, supplemental behavioral health services, and trainings.
 - Ms. Cardone shared they propose to use funds for the following services: crisis services, mental health and substance use disorder services, prevention, training, recovery support services, and other services such as vocational.
 - The following discussion and questions arose from the proposal:
 - The committee asked about the number of clients served vs. the amount of funding received.
 - The committee asked about the possible duplication of services/funding in the proposal.
 - The committee asked Ms. Cardone to ask other boards in surrounding counties how they fund Firelands.
 - The committee asked about what Firelands currently does in their vocational groups.

- ROY (Reach Our Youth)
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee an overview of the ROY program. ROY is a one-to-one mentoring program that matches volunteers with at risk youth. The goal of the program is to help youth grow into well-adjusted adults who contribute in a positive manner to their community.
 - Ms. Cardone shared they propose to use funds for the following services: gas cards for mentors (retention), purchase of equipment (camera and supplies for activities), creation of website for marketing and online applications, scholarships for youth in program, passes to the Norwalk Park & Rec for mentors (retention, benefits youth), field trips, and group activities.
 - The following discussion and questions arose from the proposal:
 - There is a lack of volunteers in the community which can be a barrier to the program.
 - The committee discussed the possibility of the program expanding to surrounding counties.
 - The committee discussed when mentors are done mentoring, giving back the rec pass they received.
- Huron County Juvenile Court/Family Dependency Treatment Court
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee the overview of the Family Dependency Treatment Court and their proposal.
 - The committee did not have any discussion or questions
- Senior Enrichment/Age Exchange
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee the overview of Age Exchange and their proposal.
 - The committee did not have any discussion or questions
- Catholic Charities (Miriam House/Guardianship)
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee the overview of Catholic Charities proposal
 - The committee did not have any discussion or questions
- Drug Free Clubs of America (NEDC)
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee the overview of NEDC's proposal for Drug Free Clubs of America.
 - Ms. Cardone shared that for the upcoming fiscal year, Family Life will not be involved, the program will be fully under the direction of Norwalk Economic Development Corporation.
 - The committee did not have any discussion or questions
- Presentation schedule
 - Ms. Cardone shared with the committee the potential presentation schedule for agencies. Ms. Cardone asked from the proposals

reviewed, what agencies would the committee like to present to answer questions from the discussions.

- The committee agreed the agencies that will be asked to present will be Firelands, Family Life, Clear Minds Counseling, and Oriana House.
- Review Bills and Financials (Handouts)