

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

FISCAL & CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2025

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Present: Christine Lakomiak, Jim Mausser, Teresa Slater, Reba Dykes, Kathy Johnson, James Lee Holden, Michael Petruziello

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dykes called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

2. Fiscal & Capital Charge of Committee

Copies of the Charge of Committees from the Finance and Capital Planning Committees, along with a proposed draft Charge of Committee for the Fiscal & Capital Committee, were distributed.

The first paragraph is the same as all other committee charges. Director Lakomiak read the responsibilities section, which combines the responsibilities from the prior charges. Discussion: 1. No change recommended. 2. No change recommended. 3. Finance will be changed to Fiscal & Capital. 4. No change recommended. 5. No change recommended.

The committee then reviewed the duties section. Discussion: A. Mr. Petruziello suggested reviewing the prior two years when the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan is prepared. B. It will be changed to "Maintain an inventory..." since the inventory report has already been developed. C. No recommended changes. D. No recommended changes. E. No recommended changes. Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Charge of Committee with the changes discussed. Mr. Petruziello seconded the motion. Voice Vote: Ayes-4. Motion approved.

3. Acknowledgement of County Budget for Calendar Year 2025

Director Lakomiak explained that one of the standards in the Culture of Quality review is to ask for confirmation that board members have seen and reviewed the calendar year budget approved by the Budget Commission. Mr. Petruziello moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the full Board. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Ayes: 4. Motion approved.

4. Board Financial Reports

The Financial Reports for the January Board meeting were distributed for committee members to review. The reports include information for November/December 2024.

5. Generator Quotes – Action Requested

The generator quotes were reviewed, and Shepp Electric submitted the lowest bid. Details: The gas line will run from the main meter, over the drop ceiling, and then to the generator, located on a cement pad behind the building. An updated meter may be needed. The Prosecutor's Office will not approve down payments for purchases. Mr. Mausser will contact Gary Lewis to advise him that we can certify a purchase order for these funds but cannot make a down payment. Staff will inquire about the generator's annual maintenance cost. There is a ten-year warranty. The 48kW generator is needed to run everything, including all four furnaces. The specific contract details will be worked out among the parties and the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Holden moved to accept the generator quote of \$27,890.00 from Shepp Electric and allocate up to \$30,000.00 for any additional costs that may be incurred. Mr. Petruziello seconded the motion. Voice Vote: Ayes-4. Motion approved. A resolution will be submitted for approval at the January Board meeting.

6. TLC Expansion

Several staff and Board members meet bi-weekly with the contractor and architect. Weekly reports are also submitted. Some additional construction costs may be incurred due to the upcoming extreme cold weather. We are currently under budget in some other areas of the project. The next meeting is Wednesday.

7. Family First Council

a. FY2025 second half billing \$137,500.00

It is an ORC requirement that mental health boards participate with the local Family First Council. This Board is also one of the funders of Geauga Family First Council and allocate \$275,000 yearly, which is paid in two installments. During the SFY2025 RFP process, Family First Council Coordinator Tim Kehres suggested revisiting this halfway through the fiscal year because they may not need to collect the balance of \$137,500. A substantial amount of their funds are used to place youth in residential treatment facilities, which can cost up to \$800 a day. FFC has reviewed its budget/costs and will not need to collect second-half payments from any of its funders. Director Lakomiak is not aware of how the funding ratio came about or when it started, but a new formula to determine this will be implemented next fiscal year.

8. Ravenwood Health SOS 4.0. – Action Requested

In the past, boards had to apply for these funds on behalf of agencies. These funds have been available for the last six years, and Geauga agencies receive approximately \$1.4 million in SOS funds annually. Lake-Gauga Recovery Centers, Ravenwood Health, Family Pride, and Red Tulip Project applied for and received SOS 4.0 grant funds. No agency received the amount that was requested.

Ravenwood Health applied for \$1.32 Million but received only \$837,000. Ravenwood informed the Board staff and asked about approaching the Board to help. They are pursuing other funding sources for approximately \$119,000 of the shortfall. Ravenwood CEO Vicki Clark provided information about the programs funded with the SOS grant,

what was requested for each program, what was received for each program, and what they could potentially reduce/eliminate. Additionally, one of the SUD grants for \$350,000 has ended. The two grants constitute roughly a \$700,000 loss to the substance abuse program. The Board has applied for a recovery housing grant through HUD on behalf of LGRC and Ravenwood, which they will use to fund the shortfall.

Director Lakomiak explained that OhioMHAS said there would be SOS 4.0 grant funds but never explained they were changing the process. Agencies applied for this grant based on the amount of funding needed to move forward with the programs already in place and additional programs as requested through the application process. OhioMHAS awarded grants to each Geauga agency that applied. The total amounts received were less than requested, and agencies were not initially told which programs the funds could be used for. It was reported that state agencies received 65% of what was asked and agencies roughly 50%. The OhioMHAS team decided to fund everyone who applied but did not disclose how they came up with the percentage for each entity. Guidance from OhioMHAS included asking boards to fund any gaps.

Ravenwood will pursue other funding sources for some of its programs but is requesting money from the Geauga Board for the MAT and peer support programs. Individual success rates increased dramatically when a peer support worker was involved. Their time cannot be billed separately when the peer support worker attends group sessions. Additionally, 82% of clients in the MAT program maintained sobriety. Ravenwood requests \$122,500 from the Board - \$100,000 for medication and \$22,500 for the peer support worker. Director Lakomiak explained that this request would not increase the overall budget since the Board would not be billed for the second half payment to FFC of \$137,500. Mr. Holden responded that if this is the Board's responsibility, then the committee should recommend approval.

Dianne Kellogg of Red Tulip Project said they received about 55% of what was requested and asked for funding for new and innovative programs, as noted in the SOS application process. They did not pursue a contract with the Board because SOS 4.0 funds would be available.

Mr. Holden moved to recommend approval of a \$122,500 allocation to Ravenwood Health for the purposes stated. Mr. Petruziello seconded the motion. Voice Vote: Ayes-4. Motion approved.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Petruziello moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holden seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.