**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

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**Board Minutes April 21, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Bagley, Alberta Chokshi, Walter Claypool, Martin Fay, James Lee Holden, Kathy Johnson, Carolee Lesyk, Jennifer Malainy, Gregory O’Brien, Steven Oluic, Michael Petruziello, Mary Ruth Shumway, Leila Vidmar

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Miller

**GUESTS:** There was no attendance taken of other meeting participants

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Adams, Savannah Florkowski, Amie Martin-D’Arienzo, Jim Mausser, Teresa Slater

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ms. Vidmar called the roll for attendance purposes and is reflected above.

1. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2021**

Ms. Chokshi moved to approve the Minutes as written. Dr. Lesyk seconded the motion. Discussion: Ms. Vidmar wanted to clarify that the section stating there is no cure for mental illness is referring to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Mr. Adams responded that is correct. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-13; NAYS-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED.**

1. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Ms. Bagley said in the interest of transparency, she wanted to share some of the behind the scenes events about the April 7th meeting. After that meeting, Mr. Adams and Ms. Miller received an email from one of the presenters who wanted to offer feedback on the process. She reminded them that two years ago her agency had tried a different approach which she felt failed. It was an attempt to educate the Board, most of whom did not seem to know what exactly LGRC does. Not only did that approach fail, but she reported they were held to a very strict time slot and were not permitted to complete their presentation. Due to that experience, the presenters carefully organized and choreographed their presentation for this year. It was their understanding that they had 45 minutes to present to the Board. She explained they carefully planned and practiced their presentation which was about 34 -35 minutes, leaving a good 10 minutes for questions.

She pointed out that their presentation started with one Board member casually announcing that he was drinking a beer. The author of the email expressed the opinion that whether they are at home on a virtual meeting or in the board room, it is still a meeting of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and it is her opinion that they should act accordingly.  She went on to indicate that it was at the very least unprofessional and rude. She said from there, it became a barrage of questions and interruptions as they continued. She expressed that many of those interruptions and questions would have been addressed if only the agency had been permitted the courtesy of completing their presentation. She also missed the opportunity for Board members to hear the full presentation about the health & wellness program for which they are seeking funding. She said once again, they walked away from this presentation feeling defeated and defensive. She indicated that a good 45 minutes was spent processing with her staff that evening after the presentation.

She suggested that perhaps a better format would be for the Board to send questions, then the presenters would respond to those questions during the time of the presentation while the Board listens, rather than have the agency prepare something that seems to have little impact.

Ms. Bagley reported after reading the email, she requested access to the Zoom recording which she reviewed very carefully. More than half the time the agency was allotted, in fact 26 out of the 45 minutes, was spent on the questions Board members asked during the agency’s presentation time. Ms. Bagley said after the meeting, both she and Mr. Adams heard from other Board members who were very frustrated that the agency had been repeatedly interrupted and thought the agency was disrespected as a result.

This morning, she and Mr. Adams talked with the author of the email and let her know that they really appreciated the feedback and to acknowledge that the remarks were warranted. Ms. Bagley apologized that they were not able to complete their presentation with the information they had prepared. She then said no one had announced for Board members to hold questions until after an agency had completed their presentation. Due to that feedback, the process was corrected for the meeting on April 14th and Board members will be asked to hold their questions until the agency has completed its presentation. If there is time after that for the Board members to ask questions, they will be able to do so. If not, Board members can submit their questions, which will then be sent to the agencies for follow up.

1. **CEO REPORT**

Mr. Adams reported that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services made funding available for programs that are specific to youth services. He met with various community representatives and came up with a plan to requests funds to remodel and renovate the Geauga Youth Center. Mr. Adams then submitted an application to OhioMHAS for this purpose and has been notified that the Board will be receiving $500,000 for this purpose. The facility will be updated so that up to 16 teens can be served. This will help alleviate the need to place kids outside of Geauga County. He said there will always be kids who need a higher level of care than can be provided here. Geauga JFS Director Craig Swenson has committed to providing all of the matching funds needed for this state grant. OhioMHAS will send out additional application information and will schedule another Zoom meeting with all of the parties involved within the next few weeks. Mr. Adams reported that only four Boards in the state were awarded this funding.

Ms. Shumway asked if emergency placements can be made or will an assessment have to be completed first. Mr. Adams replied that no matter where a child goes, they will need to have an assessment, but an abbreviated assessment can be done until a full one is completed. Craig Swenson and Vicki Clark have been working on a building design that will include a separate entrance to a respite care wing.

Mr. Claypool said when he was a Commissioner, that building was originally used to house kids coming from Lake County. He asked what type of kids are currently housed there. Mr. Adams said the main criteria is that the kids have to be involved with more than one system, including those with pending drug or alcohol charges. Mr. Claypool asked if we are changing the criteria or will it stay the same. Mr. Adams said it will stay the same, with the addition of respite care. Mr. Claypool asked if we are expanding the number of beds. Mr. Adams said the current occupancy is between 9 and 11 and it will be increased to at least 16. The number of beds has been regulated by Medicaid for quite some time; otherwise, the facility would need to fit into another category of housing. Mr. Claypool commented that Metzenbaum Center was closed because it was determined to be an institution. He then asked when the project would be moving forward. Mr. Adams said Mr. Swenson wants to start tomorrow. The full application will come from the Commissioners and Job and Family Services. OhioMHAS would like the project to start within 90 days. One of the biggest issues is that there is currently no line of sight to all of the residents due to a staircase that was placed in the middle of the facility. Ms. Bagley asked if the facility was originally started through the Juvenile Court. Mr. Adams replied that is correct. Ravenwood Health was then asked to take over the program in the 1990’s when additional therapeutic services were brought in, but court staff still took care of the day to day issues. The Juvenile Court decided they did not want to have any more involvement and it was completely taken over by Ravenwood. Mr. Adams said Ms. Chokshi used to be the Director of the youth group home. Mr. Adams said Mr. Swenson is willing to put in additional funds if needed. Mr. Petruziello commented that the match funds needed for the grant is 25%.

Mr. Adams said an updated copy of the Director’s Goals and Objectives was included based upon discussion at the last Planning and Policies meeting. The committee has received a draft of the strategic plan to review, which will then be given to the Board.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Agency Relations**

Ms. Bagley said Ms. Miller is not able to attend this evening and asked her to report the following: Finance and Agency Relations heard presentations from Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers and Signature Health on April 7th, and from Family First Council, Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance and Family Pride on the 14th. The joint committees will hear presentations from Ravenwood Health and WomenSafe on the 28th, and from Catholic Charities and NAMI Geauga on May 5th, when they will also review the proposed System of Care and Board Administrative Budget.

* 1. **Finance**

Mr. Petruziello said the Finance and Agency Relations committees have been meeting together to hear agency presentations and he did not have anything further to add.

* 1. **Planning and Policies**

Ms. Vidmar asked everyone to look at the Goals and Objectives to see if there are any questions at this time. She said the committee needs to schedule a meeting in early May to review the office budget and strategic plan.

Mr. Claypool said it is his understanding that there is a vacancy on the Planning and Policies committee. Ms. Vidmar asked Ms. Bagley if new members can be added to that group. Ms. Bagley replied that she would have to review the policy manual. Mr. Claypool recommended that Ms. Johnson be on that committee. Mr. Adams commented that Mr. Niewulis was on the Finance committee. The Chair can appoint someone to any committee they would like, but the lower number of individuals is on Finance. Ms. Vidmar said there are six people on both Finance and Planning and Policies. Ms. Bagley suggested that Ms. Johnson observe and see if she wants to be on that committee.

Mr. Claypool said the committee has discussed that these Goals and Objectives are oriented around state requirements. He has expressed his opinion that Mr. Adams is very experienced and has the ability to establish more aggressive goals with outcomes specific to our Board. There are some things he would like the Board to accomplish over the next year. Ms. Bagley suggested addressing that at the Planning and Policies meeting in May. Mr. Claypool said he wants these goals to be more challenging. Mr. Adams replied the bigger goals are incorporated into the Strategic Plan and the Community Plan. Ms. Vidmar ask committee members to let her know of any other agenda items.

* 1. **Housing**

Mr. O’Brien said he is meeting with Mr. Adams Friday to discuss housing. Mr. Claypool asked what the Housing committee does. Mr. O’Brien replied that the committee was tasked with reviewing the opportunity to use Metzenbaum housing, discuss if there is a need for a specific type of housing, and if the Board can sustain overall financial support to fulfill that need. If it can’t be supported for a designated period of time, it doesn’t make sense to do it. Ms. Bagley said this came up as a direct response to a question presented to Mr. Adams about Metzenbaum housing. It was originally presented as being very urgent and something that needed to be done right away. It then became very complicated and we are trying to work through it and see if it is even feasible. Dr. Oluic said there is an urgent need for mental health housing.

Mr. O’Brien said he and Mr. Adams will discuss the needs assessment report. Mr. Adams will then put together his final report and the committee can meet to discuss it. He will reach out and see when everyone can meet. Mr. Adams asked if everyone received the housing inventory. Dr. Oluic said he did receive it but thought the group would meet and talk about it. Mr. Adams said he also sent needs assessment information from Ravenwood Health and Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers. He said there is a constant need for ongoing development for mental health and drug and alcohol services. He will consolidate all of that information. He will be submitting an application for general capital improvements to the Geauga Youth Center and another application on behalf of Ravenwood Health for a drug and alcohol treatment facility in Geauga.

Mr. Adams reported that he recently heard back from Commissioners about meeting to discuss the Metzenbaum facilities and potentially entering into a long-term lease. Mr. Rice is working out some of the issues with the EPA. Dr. Oluic asked why the Board is limiting themselves to Metzenbaum and Mr. Adams agreed with that. Mr. Claypool commented when looking at the housing report, first someone needs to explain it, and second, we need to get HUD out of Geauga and back in Washington. Mr. Adams said the spreadsheet shows how the various projects are funded, along with an inventory of current housing programs provided by Ravenwood and Lake-Geauga. Mr. Claypool commented that we are a mental health board, not the housing board. Mr. Petruziello said HUD has been very active in the area and we brought that on ourselves. Mr. Petruziello commented that we only need the Metropolitan Housing Authority in Geauga. Mr. Adams said the funding we receive from HUD and other state and federal sources is very specific and can only be used for individuals with mental health/recovery needs.

1. **BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS**
   1. **Resolution 21-04-1 Reimbursement to Geauga Safety Center**

Mr. Adams said OhioMHAS allocates this funding reimbursement based on county size and the medications used in the local jail. A few years ago, the legislature changed where the funding was located in the state budget and it is now classified under mental health. We now have the ability to track what medications are used. Ms. Bagley commented that this used to be paid by the county.

Dr. Oluic moved to approve the Resolution. Ms. Chokshi seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Petruziello asked what the amount is annually. Mr. Mausser said this is done semi-annually and is usually anywhere from $15,000 to $18,000. Mr. Adams said this money is only for mental health medications. In most cases when someone comes in to jail they lose their Medicaid and the county has to pick up the cost. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-13; NAYS-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED.**

* 1. **Acknowledgment of 2019 County Audit**

Mr. Mausser reported that the Board is part of the audit done for the county. That has now been completed. The management letter and other pertinent sections were sent to the Board for review. The entire audit is 320 pages and can be viewed at the link on the first page. The Board is not included in the management letter which talks about non-compliance findings and recommendations. Mr. Claypool said some of the findings are important to mention because the concepts apply, such as limiting public records requests, and those having to do checks and balances and separation of duties. We should be complying with all of those. Mr. Mausser commented that the Board has built-in separation of duties since the Auditor does act as the Board’s fiscal agent, our money is deposited with the Treasurer, and checks are cut by the Auditor. We are not permitted to have our own checking account.

* 1. **Financial Reports**

Mr. Mausser reported that expenditures from the administrative budget were just under 60% at the end of March. There was an expense from the Community Education budget for Constant Contact, the subscription service used to create and distribute the Board’s monthly newsletter. The County’s Calendar Budget through March was $1,723,270.71. The Unencumbered Balance was $3,469,220.50. He received the fourth quarter payments from the state yesterday so any negative balances will be zeroed out or become positive.

* 1. **Approval of Voucher Recap**

Dr. Lesyk moved to approve Voucher Recap Schedule #657 in the amount of $657,310.44. Ms. Shumway seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-13; NAYS-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED.**

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business discussed.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Claypool had two items he wanted to discuss under New Business: 1. the mental health costs of Covid; and 2. SOGI.

No. 1: Mr. Claypool referenced a presentation made by Mr. Adams last week to the Geauga Trustees Association. During the course of the conversation, the impact of the current health decisions on the mental health community was discussed. Mr. Claypool said that raised big concerns for him. He said the statistical information for the state of Ohio for what we call a pandemic is insignificant. He feels the Board should at least have a conversation about the cost to our community due to the health orders being issued by the local and state boards of health. He said the cost is not worth the outcomes sometimes, and we should remove some of these orders. A lot of people are already ignoring them, but he still sees a lot of people panicking over the miscommunications from the local and state level. He said the statistics do not support the case being made. We owe it to our community and the mental health community to challenge the health department and consider the cost of all these orders.

Ms. Chokshi asked how he proposes to do that. Each Board member may have a different view and each would have to say how they feel. She understands that is his position, but asked if we as a Board should do that. Mr. Claypool responded that there is perception and there is fact. There are real numbers to look at, such as drug and alcohol abuse and the costs associated with increased clients. He said Ms. Martin-D’Arienzo can compare and document the costs associated with the orders, which are also putting people out of business and putting people out of work. The Governor and health departments have no legal authority to issue the orders they have issued. There have been a number of court rulings that said these orders are unconstitutional. There is no science about being six feet apart and wearing masks. We need to put together a case to the health director by documenting the cost and harm to the general community. We need to also take the costs associated to the state mental health board and undo this and get back to a state of normalcy at some point in time. He refuses to go forward like this as a way of life. He doesn’t behave that way in his life. He refuses to even wear a mask when he goes to therapy at the clinic. He thinks that it is all silly. He said everyone can respond as they choose to, whether by wearing a mask, staying in their homes or any other behavior. He said it is the Board’s duty to the citizens of this county to review the data and to look out for their best interests and he doesn’t feel we are doing that. Mr. Petruziello said people are getting sick from anxiety and fear of this. He said the statistics show it is no worse than the flu. He said it is bad that people are dying, but statistics are now showing that it is no different than the amount of flu deaths, at least for the last few months. Ms. Bagley said reasonable people would agree to disagree. Mr. Petruziello said you can’t disagree with the science. Mr. Claypool said you can’t disagree with the facts. There are numbers out there. Ms. Bagley agreed that there is a huge cost from Covid to people’s wellbeing and mental health. It is a very big challenge, but she doesn’t understand how taking a stand on masks is the purview of the mental health board.

Mr. Claypool said the masks are a symbol. The overall set of orders is limiting the conducting of business and there is a cost to our society in doing that. We are creating undue panic due to decisions that have not been based on science, but on political purposes and emotional feelings. There are people drinking more alcohol, taking more drugs, and people afraid to go to work. That is the real cost and is not perception. Mr. Petruziello says it goes beyond mental health because families are being destroyed over this. Ms. Bagley asked to hear from other members what their position is about the mental health board getting involved in this. Ms. Vidmar suggested that we get some data from the agencies, who can look at service provision by demographics and what the numbers are from 2019 to 2020 to 2021 about increased alcohol abuse and treatment. She suggested taking an evidence-based approach when looking at the data and what the agencies are seeing. She said there has definitely been a huge increase in children and adolescents at the Cleveland Clinic. Ms. Shumway said she agrees with Ms. Vidmar that we need to gather the information first, but after the data is gathered, the Board would have to decide what it is we would like to accomplish. We know that it has had an impact. She doesn’t know if we can mandate any changes because we have no legal ground either. Ms. Vidmar asked what other counties are doing about these costs.

Mr. Claypool said what the Board needs to do is change the narrative. We have to get the state to acknowledge that their orders are not based on science. That should be relatively straight forward to do. Dr. Lesyk said that is not part of the Board’s mandate or responsibility. Mr. Claypool replied that these orders are impacting the mental health of the community and it is the Board’s responsibility to try and change that if we can. This issue should be raised at the local and state level. Masks, social distancing and the other mandates around those orders are creating mental health problems and we need to change the narrative. If we change that narrative, we can move back to a sense of normalcy and a lot of the mental health issues people are currently experiencing will recede. Ms. Bagley said it is her impression that some of the basis for Mr. Claypool’s process is assuming certain things that we don’t all agree with him on, such as wearing masks and social distancing and hand washing. She expects that we all have a lot of different opinions about that. Mr. Claypool replied that this is not opinion, but this is about science. You either believe in science or you don’t. It is not about masks or separation. It is about the whole political narrative which creates panic in the public. We need to undo this panic created by all of this narrative. The way to do that is to start someplace by going to your local and state health directors to start a dialogue. Ms. Shumway said it would be informative for the Board to have the data from the agencies to see how or if they were impacted by Covid. Although by the time the data is gathered, some of the restrictions in place will already be loosened.

Mr. Claypool again said that the health department has no authority to enforce these orders in the first place and we need to get back to normal life. That is his objective. The mental health board has the responsibility and duty to look at what is impacting mental illness and creating mental health problems. Ms. Chokshi said the agencies are presenting information related to Covid including whether cases are up or down. It is already there and it may be repetitive to ask for this information again. They can say where services are up or down, if there are increases in opiate or alcohol use, or if they are seeing more children. Ms. Vidmar said she assumes they have that data, and that we should also look at suicide rates and attempts, and then we would have something the Board could work from.

Mr. Petruziello said we know the numbers are up and the Board needs to determine how this is affecting Geauga citizens. Some of these problems won’t go away because they have created paranoia. If people want to wear masks and rubber gloves he is ok with that, but for this board not to meet in person is crazy. We have vaccinations, medications, and the death rate is .008, which is less than that of the flu. There are treatments for all of these things if they are caught earlier enough and can then be taken care of. We went from 15 days to now 15 months. Mr. Claypool said the political will is finding benefit in keeping these orders in place and we need to find a way that will benefit the mental health community. Ms. Bagley asked who is benefitting from keeping these orders in place. Mr. Claypool said from a political standpoint, everyone is. It is all about power for them. Now they learned they can shut us down any time they want for something called Covid. The next thing will be that guns are a health crisis. We are now seeing all of the time that racism is a health crisis. They shut our society and economy down and deemed a disease that 99.5% of people survive as a health crisis. It is all about power for the political class. There is also a lot of benefit from controlling the movement of goods, what businesses succeed, control of the mental health board, and the money that flows through the political establishment. He said Chesterland township received $500,000 of Covid funds they did not need. The government is handing out money to benefit themselves politically, but it is hurting society and hurting people in the mental health community.

Dr. Oluic doesn’t disagree but we are not a political organization. He then asked Mr. Claypool what it is he actually wants to do – some kind of statement? The Board has spent a lot of time talking about this. Mr. Claypool said he wants to start putting together the data and documentation, and then draw a connection between the orders and different mental health issues, such as if there is an increasing number of people addicted to drugs. Dr. Oluic asked what his outcome would be. Mr. Claypool responded to get people out of their homes. Mr. Petruziello suggested a resolution that we are not accepting all these rules and laws which are unconstitutional and here is how they are affecting the mental health of Geauga. Mr. Claypool said he is a township trustee chair and the health advisory committee which governs the health board is made up of township chairs. He said Mr. Adams spoke to the trustees about the impact of the Covid orders on the mental health population. The root cause in this situation is the orders. The narrative needs to be changed, including the replacement of the current health director if necessary. We need to change the dynamics that created this situation. We owe it to Geauga citizens to try.

Ms. Chokshi responded that Mr. Claypool’s perspective may not be the perspective of every person on the Board. He is implying that he speaks for all the Board. Mr. Claypool said we need to get the information necessary to make a case and then everyone can evaluate and vote. Mr. Adams could then present the findings to the health director. If we get enough support we could take some action. Ms. Chokshi asked what is their role as the Board and if Mr. Adams as CEO should proceed with that. All of this needs to be clarified first. We need to find out what the mission is in getting the statistics, what other Board members feel about this, and can we go forth and do that in our role as the mental health board. Mr. Claypool said we can decide what our role is. The Board can review the information and determine what our objective is.

Mr. Petruziello made a motion to have Mr. Adams give the Board all the data to determine any impact from Covid and decide whether or not to move forward from there. Mr. Holden seconded the motion. Mr. Petruziello then commented that the Board would then have the data instead of sitting around arguing about it. Now is the time to do that. Mr. Fay asked if that would be a good use of Mr. Adams’ time. Mr. Petruziello replied that Mr. Adams has already introduced most of the data. Ms. Shumway said it wouldn’t hurt for the Board to have that information to determine the true impact and then decide what to do with that, such as increasing mental health services in the county. Mr. Claypool said it has had a huge impact but we have not taken the time to understand it.

Ms. Bagley asked about bringing this information to the May meeting. Mr. Adams said we only have five staff here and we are in the midst of the busiest time of the year for the Board office. If we need to get all of these statistics before the May meeting then something else is going to fall off. Mr. Adams commented that Mr. Claypool has talked about studies and numbers. Mr. Adams would like to see that information from Mr. Claypool. Mr. Adams has reviewed information from the American Medical Association, the American Board of Psychiatry, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and the National Institutes of Health to see how they perceive the pandemic. They are the biggest organizations that impact substance abuse and brain disease, and all refer to the findings of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. One of the findings is one-third of the people who tested positive for Covid will have then go on to have psychological issues and/or brain diseases. He asked how would you quantify that in dollars. He said the wave is coming from those who got sick and will have physical disorders that manifested after the disease. He asked how do you weigh that cost and how do you determine what every person’s life is worth by opening up the community. Health Director Quade has said he does not have the authority, and Mr. Adams is not sure what impact we can have at the local or state level who must comply with whatever the Governor decides. Mr. Adams is not aware of Franklin or Cuyahoga counties tackling this issue and he is not sure how we would accomplish this. Ms. Shumway asked how do you measure the ripple effect and gave the examples of parents with five children who now can’t take care of their kids or an elderly person who needs someone to take care of them now. Mr. Claypool said he knows of multiple medical doctors who have been influenced to code issues as being related to Covid.

Mr. O’Brien said this is all very interesting and he would like to see that information, but he is hearing from Mr. Adams that something else will fall to the wayside that is part of the Board’s mission. He doesn’t think we should deploy our human resources for this purpose. Mr. Petruziello said the motion is to gather data to show the impact of Covid on mental health in Geauga County. Ms. Bagley offered an amendment that the information be gathered for presentation at the August meeting because the Board already has a lot that needs to be done. Dr. Lesyk seconded the amendment. Mr. Petruziello then amended his original motion to have agencies provide statistical data from 2019, 2020 and 2021 by category and demographics to determine if there has been an increase in services and the number of patients due to Covid. Mr. Adams said we already have that information and what you will see is a drop this year because people didn’t come out for services. Ravenwood Health is starting to see an increase. One caveat that he may be wrong is the fact that the Board does not have access to Medicare/Medicaid data. He said alcohol purchases are up 200%, but that doesn’t mean it will translate into people seeking treatment. Mr. Adams asked to see all of the reports that Mr. Claypool is talking about so that there can be a comparison.

Mr. Claypool would like to see what data we have by the next meeting. Mr. Adams responded that we have lots of data. Mr. Petruziello said that data doesn’t say whether there was an increase or decrease. Mr. Adams said much of the information Ms. Martin-D’Arienzo sent out does show that. Mr. Mausser can send out a spreadsheet with comparisons for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Ms. Vidmar commented if Ravenwood is adding a residential treatment facility there must be data which shows that is increasing. Mr. Claypool asked Mr. Mausser to send him the spreadsheet and he will bring the comparison to the next Board meeting. Ms. Bagley replied he can bring the information to the meeting but is not sure there will be time to discuss it because the Board already has a very busy agenda. Mr. Claypool said he will bring his data to the next Board meeting and will compare it with the information from Mr. Mausser. He may even bring a guest or two. Ms. Bagley reiterated that the Board already has a very full agenda next month and they may not get the opportunity to speak. She then pointed out that we are beyond our usual time frame and that the Board has gone about as far as it can with this discussion tonight.

Mr. Claypool’s second point is that he would like to have a discussion at the next Planning and Policies meeting about SOGI. He is diametrically opposed to what SOGI is currently doing in our schools and feels it is harming our kids. Mr. Adams has challenged him on that and Mr. Claypool then did some research about the organization, and wants to have more discussion at the next Planning and Policies meeting. Ms. Bagley said that topic is more appropriate for Agency Relations. Mr. Claypool said we can discuss it at Agency Relations also. He said this issue needs to be on the Board’s docket because our kids are at risk and he has a real concern about that.

Mr. Petruziello said there is still a motion on the floor that needs to be voted up or down. Mr. Adams said since we have some sort of resolution for now, he suggested that someone should entertain a motion to table this matter and then it can be revisited at a later time. Mr. Claypool and Mr. Petruziello agreed since we do have a plan in place to move forward. Mr. Claypool then moved to table the motion at this time. Mr. Petruziello seconded that motion. **VOICE VOTE: AYES-13; NAY-0; ABSTENTIONS-0. MOTION APPROVED.**

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Lesyk moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Oluic seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Ms. Teresa Slater**

**Secretary/Receptionist**

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**Ms. Ann Bagley**

**Chairman of the Board**

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**Ms. Leila Vidmar**

**Secretary of the Board**