**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 26, 2018**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, February 26, 2018, at Lyons Township Mental Health Board Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525. Meeting was called to order by President Alan Dorobiala at 7:00 P.M.

President Dorobiala asked for the Roll Call.

Roll Call: Commissioners present: Alan Dorobiala, Bob Bures, Sophia Mallas, Jim Durkan, Nicholas Kantas, Steve Palmer, Michael Porfirio and Anthony Przeklasa. Commissioner William Seith called in.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ron Melka, Executive Director and Barbara Minneci, Administrative Assistant

Agency Directors: Alan Morales, The LeaderShop; Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand Center and Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health.

Guests: Emily Witt, Attorney, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC.,

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda was reviewed.

**A MOTION** was made by Durkan, seconded by Mallis, to approve the Agenda as distributed. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 22, 2018 were reviewed.

**A MOTION** was made by Palmer, seconded by Porfirio, to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting as distributed. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Ron Melka, Executive Director, submitted his written report, which is on file. Ron wanted to highlight a few things that occurred in the last week. The Coalition conducted a Parent Café on Vaping at the La Grange Park District on February 21, 2018. There is a lot of Nicotine in these Vaping mixtures, even when it says there is none. The mixtures are a lot of kids flavoring like bubble gum, marshmallow and fruit flavors. Argo High School on March 22nd will be having a Vaping Workshop Parent University. We participated with Riverside Township, who asked us to bring the “Teen Bedroom”. We were one of ten panelists. The panel was led by the Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti, the Chief of Police and an EMT also participated in the panel. It was a very interesting evening. The CDC has identified 26 toxic chemicals in vaping. BEDS Plus is having a ribbon cutting this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. of their new supportive housing followed by an Open House from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Legislative Committee reviewed over 70 Bills and they made a recommendation on each of them and most of them are on the watch list. The Lyons Park District, Brookfield and Countryside Police have all requested Mental Health First Aid.

**AGENCY DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand Center reported three of their homes took in water due to the rain and flooding. The clients are fine and the clean-up went quickly and they were able to move the clients back into their homes after a few days. It was a big unexpected expense that Helping Hand wound up having. Helping Hand had their first art gallery this weekend and sold 55 pieces of art that the clients had made, either pottery, card design and paintings. It was very successful and Helping Hand will be doing that more often.

Diane Farina-White, Community Support Service, reported that they had similar problems due to the rain and flooding. One of their homes got sewage over the weekend and their administrative offices are leaking. CARF is coming next week, and Ron will be meeting with one of their auditors. CSS’s event is April 20 and the invitations are in the mail.

President Dorobiala asked if the insurance would be picking up the expense of the water damage. Bill Dwyer said they had some flood issues in October and that put them over their limit and that’s whys it is going to cost them.

Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health, reported that at the end of March they are going to have a Leadership retreat for their new Leadership team. It’s a two day retreat that has been funded by Community Memorial Foundation. They became an owner/member of a Statewide Clinically Integrated Network for Behavior Health organization, called the Illinois Health Practice Association. Also, they had the Vision Clinic on Saturday and 120 patients come through, there were 87 pairs of glasses given and they are working with Midwestern University of Optometry who would like to make this site a permanent vision clinic rotation site for their optometry students.

Alan Morales, The LeaderShop thanked the Commission for sponsoring the Party 4 Youth event on April 13. LTMHC sponsorship will receive 8 tickets for that event.

President Dorobiala reminded the Commissioners that Center for Independence, Aging Care, and BEDS Plus Care reports were also in the Commissioners’ Packet for review.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ron reported to the Commission that he contacted other banks and got their current rate. Bridgeview Bank met the highest rate which was 2.0% at 24 months. The Loan Officer, Bridget Murphy said that the rate should hold through next month as well.

**A MOTION** was made by Bures and seconded by Porfirio to take the Bridgeview offer with the guidelines that Ron presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Bob Bures, Mike Porfirio, Alan Dorobiala, Bill Seith, Sophia Mallis, Jim Durkan, Nicholas Kantas, Steve Palmer and Anthony Przeklasa. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Kantas said he spoke with Linda Hussey, from Aging Care Connections and she highlighted a couple of events for the aging. They are having a Power of Attorney and Living Will Event, and another event on How to Fix Your Home for Fall Prevention, as well as talking about different housing options whether to stay in their home versus leaving their home. These are huge stresses for the elderly. There is also depression screening, mental health first aid and Linda said they are up to 50 events this year. Last year they did only 35.

**A MOTION** was made by Przeklasa and seconded by Kantas to approve a $2,500 grant request from Aging Care for “Aging Well Month”. Roll Call: Ayes: Anthony Przeklasa, Nicholas Kantas, Alan Dorobiala, Bill Seith, Bob Bures, Sophia Mallis, Jim Durkan, Steve Palmer and Mike Porfirio. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Durkan and seconded by Mallis to move the location of the March 26th Meeting to the LTMHC and the April 16th Meeting location to The LeaderShop. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Treasurer Bures presented the Treasurer Reports for February 26, 2018 as follows:

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2017: $2,280,129.94

Receipts during January 2018: 354,782.25

Disbursements during January, 2018: $ 365,367.52

Ending Balance as of January 31, 2018: $2,269,544.67

**A MOTION** was made by Durkan and seconded by Mallis to approve the Treasurer Reports dated February 26, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Treasurer Reports was accepted.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Treasurer Bures presented the list of Twenty-seven (27) Payables dated February 26, 2018 in the amount of $349,526.51.

**A MOTION** was made by Przeklasa and seconded by Kantas to approve the Payables Monthly Report dated February 26, 2018 in the amount of $349,526.51. Roll Call: Ayes: Anthony Przeklasa, Nicholas Kantas, Alan Dorobiala, Bill Seith, Bob Bures, Sophia Mallis, Jim Durkan, Steve Palmer and Mike Porfirio. Ayes: Unanimous, Nays: None. Motion to accept the Monthly Payables was approved.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Palmer asked Angela Curran how everything is coming together with the merger. Angela responded it is coming together. There is still a lot of things that need to be done, but the most overriding thing from a service standpoint is finding an Electronic Health Record System. Angela said this is the biggest challenge and expense from the merger standpoint.

Commissioner Przeklasa asked the Agencies to comment on the youth mental health issues arising from the Florida School Shooting. Angela did comment on what they are already doing at Pillars Community Health. Alan said they have the Mental Health First Aid in place and strongly support the training. Alan said we have to figure out a better way to connect parents with what is really going on in a way that is going to engage them. Commissioner Durkan asked if there is any way we can tie into gatherings, and he would be willing to “shake trees” and get one pastor, or clergy member to give Alan some time “on the pulpit’ or “platform” and take a lead, maybe others might follow. Bill Dwyer said that his pastor was told not to talk about it because of the guns “stuff”, however, he talked about it all day in church. Diane said that as a result of the shooting a couple of years ago in California, it was her staff who reacted and all new security in now at all CSS’s sites.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. was made by Bures and seconded by Mallis. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Meeting adjourned.

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Alan Dorobiala, President Sophia Mallis, Secretary