

practices related to material items during the current audit period for either agency. It was noted that there were no findings and no Management Letter for the audited agencies. Ms. McKivitz acknowledged the work of the agency directors and their staff to achieve clear audits and thanked Ms. Pockl for presenting the audits to the MHR Board.

Board Members received copies of the February 23, 2016, minutes in the mail or by e-mail. **IT WAS MOVED BY MARSHA McCORT TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016 MEETING MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHN SHAVER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (copy attached)

FINANCE

a. PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Bills for the Board system for the month of March were presented totaling \$132,958.67. Ms. McKivitz reviewed the bills for March and noted any new or unusual charges. Providers are being paid for January services. Ms. McKivitz commented there is no Then & Now Certificate for the month of March for invoices dated prior to purchase order dates. **IT WAS MOVED BY JOHN SHAVER TO ACCEPT PAYMENT OF ALL MARCH BILLS TOTALING \$132,958.67. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAULA GINTHER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (copy attached)

b. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. McKivitz presented the “Budget vs Actual Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016”, covering expenses through February 29, 2016 for the Board. The budget target is 66.7% and the expenses are under budget at 59.8%. (copy attached)

Ms. McKivitz then referred to the “Agency Expenditure Report” for In-County Agencies’ Non-Medicaid Expenditures noting that the targets are based on actual provider billing through January. She explained that Tri-County Help Center expenditures are higher than anticipated and staff is meeting and discussing this with staff at Tri-County Help Center. She also mentioned that Crossroads expenditures are lower than anticipated and they are also meeting and discussing this with staff at Crossroads Counseling. She then reviewed the “Grants and Other” section for services provided with grant funds and other board supported services. Ms. McKivitz commented that Children’s Residential is over the target budget expenditure level due to the number of children being placed in residential facilities. She also commented that as discussed last month, the Strong Families, Safe Communities Grant with the Belmont County Department of Developmental Disabilities is slow in submitting invoices to the Board. This makes it difficult to determine exactly where expenditures are in relation to allocation. Ms. McKivitz continues to communicate with the agency. Ms. Devney commented that she and Mrs. Krusec will be meeting with the persons involved with the jail services grant to discuss their billing for services. (copy attached)

MANAGEMENT (QUALITY) REPORTS

a. HOSPITAL UTILIZATION REPORT

Mrs. Krusec pointed out the two graphs for the Hospital Bed Days, the bottom graph shows a comparison of FY2016 (blue) and FY2015 (red). The graph shows that in FY2016 the trend in comparison to FY2015 had been going up, that is due in large part to a forensic population in the jail requiring hospitalization. However, it has stabilized in the last month or so. She commented that as you can see for the month of February the average bed days were at 3.03, this is below our target of 5.86 which is also lower in comparison to FY2015. Mrs. Krusec commented that she feels this decline is due to not as many jail inmates are sent to Athens as in the past due to the jail services grant. (copy attached)

b. ACCESS REPORTS

Mrs. Krusec presented the Access Reports. The agencies are to provide the Board with the average number of days an individual has to wait for an appointment for that month. Beginning in January the agencies were asked to provide additional information for this report including average number of days between intake and 2nd scheduled appointment; average number of days for new adult and youth client to be scheduled with a psychiatrist; percentage of clients completing their program for recovery supports/residential services that continue with outpatient or another level of care within 7 days. Mrs. Krusec commented that 1 out of 3 of the providers are reporting this information. She has had several conversations with the agency providers and they seem to struggle to capture the information needed or they are not sure how to calculate this information. She and Ms. Devney feel this in part may be a lack of electronic records. They plan to meet with the agency directors to discuss this compliance concern. Southeast, Inc. is reporting this information, as required. The chart for Southeast, Inc. shows for January and February the number of clients for the month and the number of days the consumer may wait from their initial call; and the number of days until their 2nd appointment; along with the number of days until they see the psychiatrist. (copies attached)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Devney asked if there were any questions from the written Director's Report that covers many topics and may help prioritize the information that needs to be discussed at the Board meetings. There were not questions or comments.

a. MEDICAID BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN

Ms. Devney updated the Board on revised dates on the Medicaid BH Redesign. Some implementation slated to begin on July 1, 2016 has been delayed until January 1, 2017. This was to allow for time and technical assistance for providers and system stakeholders to thoughtfully transition to the new evaluation and management (E & M) and nursing activity code set.

The deadline for final transition remains unchanged; all providers must be fully implemented by July 1, 2017. Also, the planned "go live" for the Specialized Recovery

Services program and rendering provider changes remain set for July 1, 2016. The SRS refers to the services available

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under the approved 1915 (i) waiver to cover services for individuals previously covered by Medicaid but who will lose their eligibility. New services available through SRS include recovery management, individualized placement and support–supported employment, and peer support services.

This delay makes offering FY 2017 contracts based on the current rates more realistic, and provides the Board more time to evaluate what payment structures could be in place for services to non-Medicaid clients. However, it likely means a mid-year contract revision. The Budget and Finance Committee will continue to work on this transition.

b. ANNUAL BOARD TRAINING

Ms. Devney informed that our Annual Board Training is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. here at the MHR Board Office. The topics of interest for our Board Training is “Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of Board Membership” and the “State of the State (Ohio’s Mental Health and Addiction Services System)”. Cheri Walter, CEO at (OACBHA) Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities will be the presenter for the training. We will have a brief Board Meeting following the Annual Board Training.

c. CROSSROADS COUNSELING SERVICES

Ms. Devney informed that Sandra Nicholoff, Executive Director at Crossroads Counseling has turned in her resignation to the Crossroads Board of Directors, effective May 31, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

a. JOINT PLANNING & PROGRAM AND BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Devney reported the joint committee meeting was held on March 10, 2016. There were no decisions or recommendations from that meeting to report. The two committees have agreed to meet again on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

b. CULTURE OF QUALITY SITE VISIT

Ms. Devney reminded the MHR Board that the Association will be here to do their Culture of Quality (Peer Certification Review) on Monday, March 21, 2016 and Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Board Chairperson, Debbie Ruffner has scheduled to meet with them on Tuesday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a. BOARD POLICY REVISION - DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

Ms. Devney explained that within this policy there are names of appointed officials related to the Disaster Plan and some of those names have been changed, therefore, making these changes the policy needs to be revised. **IT WAS MOVED BY JOHN SHAVER TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERT KESTER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. MHR BOARD CALENDAR

Enclosed in the Board Packet is an MHR Board Calendar. The Board Calendar shows some of the scheduled dates for various documents that are completed within the office on a monthly, quarterly or bi-annual period. Also listed on this Board Calendar are the events targeted statewide or nationally so that the staff can recognize these events, and if any articles could be sent to the newspaper to be published.

Ms. Deveny also referred to a News Release in the Board Packet that was submitted to the local newspapers in regards to Problem Gambling.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, IT WAS MOVED BY JOHN SHAVER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAULA GINTHER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Debbie Ruffner, Chairperson

Randy Proctor, Vice-Chairperson