

**Minutes of the Macon County Mental Health Board  
February 23, 2022, 5:30 p.m.  
141 S. Main St., Room 512**

Board Members Present: Mr. Rathnow, Ms. Little, Mr. Smith, Ms. Arnold  
Mr. Risby, Mr. McRae, Mr. Johnson,

Board Members Absent: Ms. Hawkins, Ms. Dunn

Staff Members Present: Mr. Macken, Ms. Shoemaker, Ms. Farmer,  
Ms. Tangney, Ms. Roettger, Mr. Pansch

Guests Present: Mr. Ian Bain, May Cocagne & King, P.C.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Little called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Ms. Tangney recorded the minutes.  
A quorum was present.

**Public Comment(s)**

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

1.0 Ms. Little presented the minutes of the December 16, 2021 Board meeting, asking the Board for any changes or comments.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Arnold; Second-Mr. Smith) “To accept the minutes for the December 16, 2021 Board Meeting.” (Ayes-7, Nays-0) Motion carried.

**Budget & Finance Reports**

**FY21 Audit**

2.0 Mr. Ian Bain, from May Cocagne & King, P.C. presented the final audit for FY21. The audit had no findings and offered an unmodified opinion of the Board’s financial statements. Ms. Little invited comments and/or questions from Board members.

**Finance**

3.0-3.4b Ms. Shoemaker reviewed with the Board the financial statements and reports, the budget summary, and the investment report inviting questions and/or comments.

**FY22 Lapse Report**

4.0 Mr. Macken and Mr. Pansch presented the lapse report detailing the funding amounts expended to providers to date.

**Board Action:** n/a

### **Mental Health Marketing Campaign**

5.0 Mr. Macken and Ms. Shoemaker presented to the Board the proposed marketing/public awareness campaign aimed at helping the public to find resources for mental health and substance use issues. The campaign would include television, radio, and billboard advertising as well as advertising inside and outside public transportation buses to raise community awareness.

**Board Action:** (Mr. Johnson/Mr. Rathnow) “To approve the initial one-time funding of up to \$30,000 for the proposed Marketing/Public Awareness Campaign regarding the crisis of increased suicide and opioid overdose deaths.” (Ayes-7, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **Special Needs Childcare Funding**

6.0 Mr. Macken discussed with the Board the issue with the only special needs daycare program being closed recently. The local school district opened an afterschool service for persons living in the district, but this service is limited and will only be available during the school year. A group of local people and United Way are seeking state grand funding to help operate a year-round program. We are proposing providing one-time funding to operate this program for the month of June, to assist the program between the end of the school year and the start of the program in July 2022.

**Board Action:** (Mr. Johnson/Ms. Arnold) “To approve the initial one-time funding of up to \$30,000 for the proposed special needs daycare for the month of June 2022.” (Ayes-7, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **Director’s Report**

7.0 Mr. Macken updated the Board on the upcoming Focus On The Future being held at the Mt. Zion Convention Center on March 1<sup>st</sup>, a recent meeting he attended in which the lack of access to acute inpatient psychiatric care in Decatur/Macon County was discussed, the State of Illinois receiving additional federal funding for Medicaid recipient reimbursements, and the Woodford Homes Carrie Lane project.

**Board Action:** n/a

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.