

# 377 Board Meeting Minutes

## September 13, 2016

**I. ROLL CALL:** Ron Morehead called the meeting to order at 8:30AM and took roll call. Ron Morehead, Vern McGinnis, Diane Crutcher, Mary Caisley and Phylis VerSteegh present. Staff present: Laura Beavers and Phaedra Morris.

**II. APPEARANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None**

### **III. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **A. CY17 Budget**

- Laura Beavers reviewed the budget items included in packet. The 377 Board budget for CY17 is \$718,843.00. The amount available for CY17 funding is \$687,162. This leaves \$31,681.00 used for administrative expenses which Laura highlighted line by line to the board. As we begin funding discussions, please keep in mind that if you as a board choose to fund new items this year you will have to take away from another agency and will there be a negative impact in the community.

### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **A. CY17 Funding Applications**

- Laura Beavers reviewed with the board that we are only at .018 of the levy which means we are projected to have \$687,162 to fund for CY17. Overall, Laura is pleased with the caliber of applications this year compared to last. When looking at our guidelines, we have prioritized supportive living and supportive employment while also funding some early intervention. Our purpose for this meeting today is to have general discussion for each program in hopes of then being able to make final funding recommendations at the October 13<sup>th</sup> 377 Board meeting.

#### **B. Easter Seals**

- Board consensus to support funding at approximately \$14,000 on a fee for service basis, which serves 13 children.
- Families are stuck in a horrible quagmire when they don't have a diagnosis. They can't move forward. Saying that, when you continue to fund you continue to reinforce the way people do business.
- Concern that Easter Seals is limiting the number of Medicaid patients they are taking.
- Easter Seals has the most national recognition of all agencies we fund. Should we cut them, it seems they would have easier time raising funds than some of the other agencies we fund.
- Board would like to send following comments to agency: 1) Would like to see an authority board in McLean County rather than an advisory board with no authority. 2) Would like to ensure agency is not cherry picking private insurance clients above others. 3) Would like to see more attention paid to efficiency of handoffs to the 11 different professionals during the diagnosis process.

#### **C. Homes of Hope**

- No clear support amount decided, but range is from \$0 - \$144,316
- Concerns with agency asking for different amounts in application. Some items on budget worksheet and in application were incorrectly added/entered.
- Board comments: 1) Pool is only source of exercise for some. 2) We want new projects to happen and need to give special emphasis to new programs. 3) How does existing staff do this without additional FTE for this program? 4) Pool at Advocate BroMenn

seems to be built for this program. 5) This agency has the ability to already do what this program is requesting; I have a problem funding salaries when they are already getting paid; people on the Foundation Board should be creative and guide this agency showing them how to do it. 6) Would only want to fund one year.

- Laura will contact agency to ask what is the bare minimum needed to fund this program. Laura will also look into Advocate BroMenn to research their facility as an alternative to Four Seasons.

**D. LifeCIL**

- Board consensus to support funding at \$15,000.
- We are their only funding source. They have a board that is primarily McLean County members.

**E. Marcfirst - SPICE**

- Board consensus to support funding at \$60,276
- Only early intervention program that accepts Medicaid; agencies that have stopped accepting Medicaid are now referring to SPICE which is cause for increased request over last year.

**F. Marcfirst – Supported Living**

- No clear support amount decided, but range is from \$97,926 - \$140,000
- Staff turnover rate is 27%, compared to 8% in comparative agency.
- They are not able to open more homes despite people out there waiting for homes because they can't attract staff. I have concerns about the condition of one of their homes. We visited a home on Shelbourne, built in 1952, and by their own admission has not been updated.
- Supportive living may be more important to fund than supported employment.
- Board would like to send following comments to agency: 1) Something needs to change to reduce staff turnover rate. 2) Would like to set up a tour (before September 30) of the Shelbourne home to understand why their living conditions are so terrible.

**G. Marcfirst – Supported Employment**

- No clear support amount decided, but range is from \$175,167 - \$290,000
- If we have to cut either supportive housing or supportive employment, we should cut supportive employment first.
- They don't achieve as well as they try. Some people have been in the supportive employment pipeline to get a job for 7 years.
- They continue to support clients when there is no more DORS funding. They continue to provide coaching services because many clients never outgrow the need for that service.

**H. YWCA**

- No clear support amount decided, but range is from \$10,000 - \$23,260
- Extraordinarily cost effective, \$4.97 an hour
- Much better presentation this year
- Support for only one year and they would have to sustain after that

**I. United Cerebral Palsy**

- No clear support amount decided, but range is from \$128,031 - \$182,904
- We are 82% of their funding source
- 40% turnover rate, but higher placement ratio.
- No board members from McLean County
- Have we been getting the results we want? Their statistics are not acceptable.

**V. BOARD ISSUES - None**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – Vern McGinnis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Diane Crutcher seconded motion. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.