

Minutes
553 & 377 Joint Workgroup Session
October 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Laura Beavers called the joint meeting to order at 1:33pm.

ROLL CALL: Vern McGinnis, Judy Buchanan, Cory Tello, Ron Morehead, Sonja Reece, John Zuenick, Susan Schafer, Mary Caisley and Robert Kohlhase

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Beavers, Phaedra Morris

ESTABLISH AN AGENDA: No discussion

APPEARANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Edith Brady, Pantagraph

CY17 FUNDING DISCUSSION:

A. BOH Budget Worksheet

Crisis & Treatment

1. Laura Beavers reviewed the crisis and psychiatric programs. Based on board feedback collected over the last two months, the overall full funding recommendations are as follows:
 - McLean County Center for Human Services Psychiatric program at \$318,000
 - McLean County Center for Human Services Crisis program at \$366,000
 - PATH Crisis program at \$38,000

Criminal Justice

1. Laura Beavers reviewed the criminal justice applications.
 - She explained to the boards that Chestnut Health Systems withdrew their original application submitted for Specialty Courts and have collaborated with McLean County Court Services to submit a joint application for the Problem Solving Courts program requesting \$208,000. The BOH contract would be with Court Services who would then contract with Chestnut for substance abuse treatment and CYFS for the MRT program.
 - McLean County Court Services also submitted an application for their Risk Need Responsivity (RNR) program. The board could not come to a conclusion whether or not to fund this program.
 - Labyrinth merged with YWCA as of July 1, 2016.
2. Based on board feedback, funding recommendations for criminal justice applications are as follows:
 - McLean County Court Services Problem Solving Courts program at \$208,000
 - YWCA/Labyrinth at \$41,600
 - McLean County Court Services RNR program funding will be determined at November board meeting. Susan Schafer added that she and the County Board would like to see this fully funded. She stated she has a report from the Auditor that over a period of

years some monies that have not been spent from the tax levy has been accruing for both BOH and 377. There is about \$48,000 in the fund balance. Susan will contact the Auditor's office for exact figures and report back to Laura.

Children

1. Laura Beavers reviewed the children programs.
2. For the Chestnut School Based Services and McLean County Center for Human Services programs, Laura stated board members expressed concerns that these two programs may be duplicating each other. Laura has had conversations with both agency's and they are willing to combine their efforts to serve the community preventing such duplication. Laura will be meeting with Olympia and Ridgeview School District Superintendents this week to gauge their needs and concerns since they are the schools at with highest risk. It was determined after board discussion there is a potential to create a joint pilot program (longer than a year) with these two agency's but will need further discussion after Laura meets with the schools.
3. Based on board feedback, funding recommendations for children applications are as follows:
 - The Baby Fold at \$66,744
 - Project Oz at \$134,297
 - Chestnut/MCCHS program funding will be determined at November board meeting. Laura requested the board email their feedback, ideas, and suggestions to her regarding this pilot program process.

B. 377 Budget Worksheet

Supportive Housing

1. Laura Beavers explained that Homes of Hope application was for \$184,406 (\$8,000 per person). Laura, Vern McGinnis and Judy Buchanan have been working with Advocate and found that the Center for Integrated Health and Wellness can serve the same amount of people from Homes of Hope for \$60,000 vs. the \$184,406 Homes of Hope is requesting. Laura stated the BOH needs to consider this public/private partnership as a potential pilot program. Ron Morehead stated the agency needs to develop better grand writing. Further discussion needed.
2. Laura stated she toured a Shelbourne apartment from Marcfirst per the the board's request. The apartment was in wonderful shape. The occupants, Michael and Raphael shared their stories of how supported housing and employment helps them live their everyday life to the fullest. Some board members recommend reducing, but staff is recommending fully fund the supportive housing program for Marcfirst.
3. Based on board feedback and staff recommendations, funding recommendations for supportive housing programs are as follows:
 - Homes of Hope funding will be determined at the October board meeting.
 - Marcfirst at \$149,894

Early Intervention

1. Recommended funding for Easter Seals for one additional person from CY16.
2. Many board members recommended to fully fund Marcfirst SPICE at \$60,276 which is a 99% increase over CY16, Staff recommends to fund at \$30,806.
3. There was a lot of support from the 377 to fund the YWCA program, however it doesn't fit in our priorities. Laura reminded the board that this is a great program, but when we fund something new we have to take away from another program.
4. Based on board feedback and staffing recommendations, funding recommendations for early intervention are as follows:
 - Easter Seals at \$13,972.14
 - Marcfirst (SPICE) at \$30,276
 - YWCA funding will be determined at October board meeting.

Supportive Employment

1. LifeCIL considered a vital service. Funding recommendations from \$0-full funding. It was recommended to fund LifeCIL an increase over CY16, but not fully fund their CY17 request of \$21,648.
2. United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) supportive employment is one of the 377 Board's priorities and at the core of what our community needs are.
3. Laura added to Shelbourne story mentioned earlier that one of the men living in that apartment works two jobs. One is at Target and he has to begin work at 5am. He has been working there for years stocking shelves and loves his job. Supportive employment for this population is necessary and a priority for the 377 Board. Some board members recommend reducing funding, but staff is recommending to fully fund again this year.
4. Based on board feedback and staff recommendations, funding recommendations for supportive employment are as follows:
 - Fund LifeCIL at \$15,000
 - Fully fund UCP at \$182,904
 - Fully fund Marcfirst at \$290,000

C. Final Questions for Mental Health Advisory Board

1. A final request for MHAB questions was made.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm.