

## **Program Planning and Oversight Committee/Community Relations Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

1115 Gilman Ave, Marietta OH

December 8, 2022 5:15p.m – 6:45p.m

**Attending:** Laura Silwani, Larry Schwendeman, Mike Beardmore, Anthony Touschner, Robert Marion, Alicia Abramski, Beverly Prigge, Jim Raney, Jarett Barnhouse, George Goddard, Heather Parcell, Mike Dennis, Doug Pfeifer, Jennifer Simmons

#### **House of Hope:**

Mike Dennis brought a proposal to the committee to as per the prior request of the board regarding the procurement of a new location for the House of Hope. The committee reviewed the proposal but no action was taken because one of the precipitating factors in a potential move was discussion of the Board using the current House of Hope to start up recovery housing. As there a no firm plans for acting on that concept, the Board is fine with House of Hope continuing to use the property.

#### **SOS 3.0:**

Board staff informed the committee that the application for the \$231,344 allocation has been submitted and that approval is pending.

#### **L&P Advance Request:**

Doug Pfeifer appeared before the committee to request an advance on his current contract. Doug shared that a lag in reimbursements from Medicaid and Private insurers as well as a lag in Medicaid's approval of qualified/credentialed staff has led to low billing. Doug indicated that an advance was required for L&P to avoid a disruption of services that could occur as early as this month. Several committee members expressed serious concerns as to the long-term viability of L&P Services due to the cash flow issues they are experiencing.

The decision was reached to provide a \$25,000 advance as allowed under board policy in accordance with the current contract with L&P Services.

The PPOC Committee moved to bring the discussion of an additional \$25,000 advance to the full board.

#### **Family Counseling and Rehabilitation Center of Ohio:**

Jennifer Simmons appeared near the end of the meeting and addressed comments to the committee. She indicated that she is experiencing difficulties in getting referrals, and that community transportation options for helping people get to her services are lacking. The PPOC Committee referred her to Assistant Director Goddard to determine how we can be of assistance. They will meet next week.