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15-124

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 7, 2015

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$1,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Huron County Recorder

ES Consulting	IT support	\$ 1,035.00
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Capital Improvement fund #021

Restaurant Equipment Repair	Booster heater for dish washer/jail	\$3,317.44	now therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 as listed above; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

- Aye – Gary W. Bauer
- Aye - Tom Dunlap
- Aye – Joe Hintz

15-125

IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR PROVIDING FOOD SERVICE AT THE HURON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/JAIL

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the contract for the food service at the Huron County jail needs to be bid; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section

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307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on Thursday, April 9, 2015 and notice can be located on the county's internet site on the worldwide web, at <http://www.hccommissioners.com> click on legal notice button, and bids will be opened on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye - Tom Dunlap

Aye – Joe Hintz

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received for provision of meals and food service for Huron County Jail by the Board of County Commissioners, Huron County (OWNER) Address, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857. Bid packets will be available beginning Friday, April 10, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., local time. Bids are due on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. and then will be publicly opened and read. The project consists of provisions for:

- Providing food service for Huron County jail as stated in the project's RFP bid packet. Services must provide three (3) meals a day, seven (7) days a week, for 110 inmates per day estimated population.

The RFP bid packet for this project may be examined at the following location:

Huron County Administration Building
Huron County Commissioners
180 Milan Avenue
Norwalk, OH 44857

The RFP bid packet may be obtained from OWNER during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. There shall be a tour of jail and kitchen facilities at the Huron County Jail at 255 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 on April 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Bidders shall provide proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in RFP. Each bidder must submit a bid guarantee made out to Huron County Treasurer in the amount of \$500.00 with its bid, and abide by submission requirements of RFP.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The length of the contract with the successful bidder shall be three (3) years with the option to renew for one (1) additional year.

The Board of County Commissioners, Huron County, Ohio, reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

This notice can be located on the county's internet site on the worldwide web, at <http://www.hccommissioners.com> click on legal notice button.

Publish:
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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County intends to continue to provide assistance to businesses within the county through the continued administration of its revolving loan fund; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency requires that all local governments continuing to operate a revolving loan fund enter into a "Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement" as provided by the Development Services Agency; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby agrees to execute the necessary "Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement" for the period beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, and submit two executed copies to the Ohio Development Services Agency, as required by that Agency; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Tom Dunlap
Aye – Joe Hintz

Agreement on file.

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IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN BHE,LLC (hereinafter "BHE") AND THE HURON COUNTY CHIP PROGRAM ("hereinafter "PROVIDER") SUBJECT PROPERTY: 2621 MURRAY RD. NEW LONDON, OHIO 44851

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Provider and BHE mutually agree to work together to assist the eligible owner occupant in achieving a lead-safe-home utilizing The Ohio Lead Hazard Control Grant and the Community Housing Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to approve a MOU by and between the Provider and BHE to work together to assist the eligible owner occupant in achieving a lead-safe-home utilizing The Ohio Lead Hazard Control Grant and the Community Housing Improvement Grant, subject property 2621 Murray Rd., New London, Ohio 44851; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the memorandum of understanding as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye - Tom Dunlap

Aye – Joe Hintz

IN THE MATTER OF MOU

Lead base contractor BHE – property 2621 Murray Rd., New London, Ohio CHIP project

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Subject Property: 2621 Murray Rd, New London, OH 44851

This UNDERSTANDING entered into between BHE, L.L.C. (hereinafter called "BHE") and the Huron County CHIP Program (hereinafter called "PROVIDER").

PROVIDER and BHE mutually agree to work together to assist the eligible owner occupant in achieving a lead-safe home utilizing The Ohio Lead Hazard Control Grant and the Community Housing Improvement Grant. The above stated address is in an eligible target area for both grant programs.

PROVIDER will supply the following services at the request of BHE:

- PROVIDER will supply BHE with the OHPO Clearance letter
- PROVIDER will provide bidding and contractor documents and Risk Assessment, if available, for inclusion into the Ohio Lead Hazard Control Grant Program's case files.
- PROVIDER will ensure the use of Ohio licensed lead abatement contractors to perform lead hazard control work as part of this agreement and will provide copies of proper licenses if needed.
- PROVIDER will provide copies of the final recommendation for payment to BHE.

BHE will supply the following:

- BHE has determined this household to be eligible for the Lead Program.
- BHE will provide a Paint Inspection/Risk Assessment and a Clearance Examination.
- BHE will provide \$ 2,000 of lead hazard control grant funds toward the lead abatement work identified and made a part of the contract.
- BHE identified this home as eligible for Healthy Homes Funding in the amount of \$2,000.
- BHE agrees to make the check payable to Huron County and the Contractor awarded the CHIP Contractor for this project and submit the same with Certification that the house has passed a lead clearance test to Huron County for payment at the completion of the contract.

BHE, LLC

Susan Smith, President
Susan Smith, President

Date

4-1-15

HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tom Dunlap, President
Tom Dunlap, President
Huron County Commissioners

Date

4-7-15

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION, AND CONTINGENCY PROGRAM (PRC) FOR THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services receives funds from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services to operate the PRC program as required by ORC Chapter 5108; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family operates the PRC program through the delivery of direct services and through contracts with various agencies, following the processes prescribed in ORC Chapter 5108; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services has amended its PRC plan to better serve the residents of Huron County and such plan has been discussed and reviewed by the Huron County Job & Family Service Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the PRC Plan of the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, with the requirements of Chapter 5108 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the revised PRC plan effective May 1, 2015 as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye - Tom Dunlap

Aye – Joe Hintz

- PRC on file.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE STATUS REPORT FOR CDBG GRANT B-F-14-1BJ-1

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a Status Report for B-F-14-1BJ-1 has been prepared by WSOS Community Action, Inc., and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Status Report for B-F-14-1BJ-1 and has found that to the best of their knowledge the data in the report as attached herein has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Status Report for B-F-14-1BJ-1; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Status Report for B-F-14-1BJ-1 be made a part of this resolution hereof of the same as if fully written herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye - Tom Dunlap

Aye – Joe Hintz

- Report on file.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Gary W. Bauer moved to approve the following traveling request this day. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye - Tom Dunlap

Aye – Joe Hintz

Kathleen Schaffer, Treasurer to Dublin, Ohio on May 12 – 14, 2015 for the County Treasurer's Conference.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Jeff Deeble/Building & Grounds/Compensatory Time/5:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. April 10, 2015/Compensatory Time/5:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. April 17, 2015/Compensatory Time/5:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. April 24, 2015/Compensatory Time/5:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. May 1, 2015.

Ronald Ackerman/Building & Grounds/Sick/9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. April 20, 2015.

Cheryl Nolan/Commissioners/Sick/8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. April 6, 2015.

Vickie Ziemba/Commissioners/Bereavement/8:00 a.m. April 7, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. April 8, 2015.

Maria Lyons/Building & Grounds/Sick/5:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. April 6, 2015.

Larry Burdue/Building & Grounds/Vacation/9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. April 10, 2015/Vacation/9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. April 17, 2015/Vacation/9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. April 24, 2015/Vacation/9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. May 1, 2015/Vacation/9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. May 8, 2015/Vacation/9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. May 15, 2015.

Sue Bommer/Human Resources/Personal Time/8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. April 3, 2015.

At 9:40 a.m. Public Comment

Susan Hazel, came before the board in regards to her postage meter contract. Ms. Hazel explained this machine they share with the court and they have been dealing with the same company for the last 5 years. Ms. Hazel explained that the court pays for one quarter of the services and she pays three quarters of the services along with all the supplies. They each pay for their own postage. Ms. Hazel explained that she currently has an agreement to lease their own postage meter, which is \$7.00 a month less then what they are paying now, the style of machine is different from their current machine, with the cost of imprint being 1/3 less as well. Ms. Hazel explained that the contract is written for 36 months instead of 60 months so if changes come out, they have options. Ms. Hazel explained that she has signed the contract, however she feels that the Commissioners should have to approve the contract as well. It's a custom agreement with FP Mailing Solutions, working with Auto Mailing Shipping Solutions. A resolution will be completed for Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

Administrator/Clerk's report

Ms. Nolan presented the letter for ODSA 2015 grant funds, we are currently receiving \$80,000.00 instead of \$90,000.00. Ms. Nolan explained that they are requiring us to use some of our RLF Funds, must be 50% or up to \$100,000.00 prior to the conjunction with the 2015 Community Development Program.

Other Business:

Mr. Bauer explained that at the building meeting, Mr. Tkach would like to see the cost to re telephone the entire county anything in General Fund. Mr. Bauer stated that Mr. Tkach would find the money from the budget commission. Mr. Bauer explained that he spoke to Ms. Ziembra and we do not have figures (cost), he asked Ms. Ziembra to email Brad Beal (Frontier) not to waste his time figuring out hard numbers, but to give a ball park so Mr. Bauer could work with Mr. Tkach on see if the budget commission really wanted to come up with the money.

Mr. Bauer stated that the new building will not be opening May 1st, due to the parking lots being wet. Mr. Bauer explained that everyone is on the same page with A.J. Riley who is the contractor paving the parking lots.

At 9:58 a.m. the board recessed.**At 10:06 a.m. regular session resumed.**

Jessica Hunter, Huron Metro Housing presented her annual report. Ms. Hunter explained that currently they have 556 families currently under housing assistance, with \$200,000.00 a month in rental assistance. The budget is a little over 2 million dollars a year. Ms. Hunter explained they are fully leased, at this time they are at a turn over which means as they lose people through nutrition, they get married or terminated from the program they are being replaced. Ms. Hunter explained that last year they processed over 400 families off their waiting list out of that 106 went under contract. The remaining families a small percentage were ineligible because of income or background checks. Ms. Hunter explained that their wait list is currently at a 1 ½ years because they won't be pulling those 400 names. Last year when they were given their budget they were told this is what you spent, this is the amount you will get.

Ms. Hunter explained that they are currently pulling around 20 names a month from the waiting list. She explained that 35 – 42% of the names they pull from the wait list go under contract. They are currently in really good shape.

Mr. Dunlap questioned where are the units are located at? Ms. Hunter stated around 50% are located in Norwalk or the townships, along with Bellevue and Monroeville. However the majority are in Willard and Norwalk. Mr. Bauer questioned if they are individually owned? Ms. Hunter explained they have a lot of apartment complex in Norwalk, Willard has a lot of single family homes. Mr. Hintz questioned if you are a family that is eligible for metro housing is there a time limit of eligibility? Ms. Hunter explained there is no time limit.

Ms. Hunter explained that the families with no income must come in every 60 days to be interviewed to make sure they are following Federal regulations. Ms. Hunter explained that families who are currently under contract must come in yearly for their annual interview along with an in home inspection.

Mr. Dunlap questioned where there office was located at. Ms. Hunter stated right next to the old bistro, 17

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At 10:30 a.m. Jean King, MHAS presented her semi-annual report to the board.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The Ohio Association of Senior Centers (OASC) presented its *Community Partnership Award* to the Huron County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services (MHAS) at OASC's Spring Conference in Worthington March 23d. Huron County Senior Enrichment Service' Director, **Lucinda Smith**, presented the award for this exemplary partnership.

Senior Enrichment Services and the Huron County MHAS Board have collaborated for **over two decades** to provide the *Age Exchange* program, which **connects persons of grand parenting age with elementary age youths** who have been identified by their schools to benefit from this asset-building program.

Elementary schools in Norwalk and Willard identify children in **grades K-3** who could be assisted to improve their academic and social achievements by attending **this once-a-week group mentoring program**. Four groups meet weekly with ten children and ten senior citizens in each, either at the **Senior Center in Norwalk or Willard**.

The Search Institute's *40 Developmental Assets* program provides the framework for *Age Exchange*. This is a **strengths-based** approach to youth development **rather than a deficit-based approach** (eg. labeling youths "at risk"), which does not inform how to assist youths. The *Developmental Assets* approach focuses on the building blocks of healthy development that help youths grow up resilient, caring and responsible. Relationships with caring adults are critical assets.

Youths in the program gain social and educational assets, while **senior citizen mentors** gain opportunities to bond with children while helping them with homework, social skill development and problem solving, thereby achieving **generativity**: the guiding of the next generation (Erik Erikson: Stages of Psychosocial Development).

Previous Executive Director of Senior Enrichment Services, **Marjorie Harper**, proposed this program to the MHAS Board for funding 22 years ago. Our two organizations entered into a contract **July 1, 1993** to implement *Age Exchange*.

LEVY REPLACEMENT

Huron County voters ratified the Huron County MHAS Board's **10-year 0.5 mill replacement levy by 53.74%** of the 13,873 county residents who voted. The Board's campaign focused on **the benefits provided by this healthcare safety net system that delivered treatment, support or prevention** services through the Board's contract providers to **7,700** youths and adults in the past year or to **1 in 8 county residents- nearly 13% of the county's population**.

SFY 2016-2017 STATE BIENNIUM BUDGET

In the SFY 2016-17 Biennium Budget presented to the Ohio Legislature by Governor Kasich, titled **Blueprint for a New Ohio**, the proposed General Revenue Fund (GRF) allocation to OhioMHAS is as follows:

- FY 2016: \$381,179,156 (\$3.8M of Ohio's FY 16 Budget of \$35.3 B = **1.08%**)
- FY 2017: \$387,203,505 (\$3.9M of Ohio's FY 17 Budget of \$37.0 B = **1.05%**)

(Total GRF funds in FY16 Budget are proposed at **\$35.3 billion; \$37.0 billion in FY 2017**.)

While the FY15 OhioMHAS Budget was \$364,058,109, the **approximate 4% increase** proposed for FY 16, will not mean more funds for community behavioral health. The additional funds have been designated primarily for **the Criminal Justice System, state psychiatric hospitals and state-operated prevention programs**.

Funding cuts to Boards are proposed in the Budget. \$50M from Line Item 507 (**Board Regional Collaboratives**) and \$10M from Line Item 421 (**Continuum of Care**) are proposed to be cut. Also, for the Huron, Sandusky-Seneca-Wyandot and Erie-Ottawa Boards, the Criminal Justice Linkage Grant ended 3/31/15 (Grant=\$142,315; Huron Co.'s use= \$27,752).

Rep. Sprague (R), House District 83 (Findlay) is considering a proposal to change the funding formula used to allocate community funds to **per capita funding**, which would reduce Huron County's funds by an

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estimated \$375,846. Even if the funding formula stays the same, Board funds will be cut by an estimated \$202,173.

This is at the same time the legislature stipulated in Mid-Biennial Review legislation last year that Boards must extend their Continua of Care to include a list of new services and supports by January 1, 2016.

NEED FOR EXPANSION OF EMERGENCY SYSTEM

The 3 Boards of Huron; Ere-Ottawa; and Seneca-Sandusky-Wyandot Counties contract with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services to provide Behavioral Health Emergency Services on a 24/7 basis.

Firelands' Afterhours Emergency Service provides crisis care for residents living in a **3,084 square mile region**. There are **17 locations** from which afterhours crisis services are provided: **9 emergency departments, 6 county jails and 2 detention homes**. During business hours, emergency services also are provided from Firelands' **10 outpatient offices**.

Delays in providing assessments or accessing inpatient psych or detox beds for persons in crises have been experienced not only due to an increase in the number of interventions but also due to an increase in the complexity of interventions.

While crisis screenings provided by FCRS have **increased in number by 37% from FY11 to FY15 (from 3,691 in FY11 to 4,704 in FY15)**; the **number of hours of crisis services has grown by 58% for this same time period (from 2,331 in FY11 to 3,649 in FY 15)**. The 21% difference between the number of prescreens provided and the hours necessary to complete them indicate that **prescreens are taking longer to complete**. This is due both to the characteristics of those who use emergency services and to the providers of crisis, inpatient and detox beds, described below:

- There are a **limited number of psychiatric resources/medical detox beds** in this region of Ohio and **increasingly complex protocols in place for admissions** (eg. medical clearances required) and for transfers of patients to other facilities if needed;
- The **demographic characteristics** of persons needing crisis interventions over this time period have changed with increasing numbers of emergency assessments provided to persons with **mental health and substance abuse disorders incarcerated in county jails** and provided to **drug (eg. heroin) users**, with drug use of persons in particular limiting resources and intensifying placement difficulties; and
- **NOPH more tightly enforcing its admission criteria** for those who may be using substances, often creating lengthy delays in the admission process.

This expansion of the number and complexity of afterhours interventions has resulted in the need for **more frequent on-call manager's involvement**, also affecting business-hour services and the recruitment and retention of managers.

The 3 Boards of Huron, Erie-Ottawa and Seneca-Sandusky-Wyandot Counties and Firelands are entertaining ways to **restructure and reinforce the emergency system that include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- **the addition of a 3d team of afterhours mental health professionals** to decrease delays in reaching persons in crisis in this 3,084 square mile area with 17 "safe-site"; and
- **the addition of crisis beds at Rescue, Inc., which is the major contract provider of intensive crisis care for these 3 Boards.**

EVALUATION OF THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM

The Board contracts with **Managed Resources Unlimited (MRU)** to provide **monthly QA/UR reviews** of a sample of emergency system cases and to prepare an **annual Crisis Services Trend Report** in which it **aggregates data from the cases it has reviewed throughout a fiscal year**.

The cases that MRU reviews are the ones that result in individuals returning to non-restrictive environments after their crisis interventions. **These are the cases that present the most liability for the agency and the Board.**

In its SFY 2014 *Crisis Services Trend Report*, MRU found the following:

Stabilizing an individual in a crisis situation and returning him or her to a non-restrictive setting requires staff skilled in **identifying the immediate/precipitating causes of a crisis** and in **identifying the failure of a client's coping strategies** that result in him or her exhausting those strategies.

GENDER: Typically there have been **fewer men/boys** who utilize crisis interventions than women/girls. However, the gender distribution in FY14 was nearly 50% for both genders (27 Men/Boys to 32 Women/Girls), which **may be indicative that men/boys are increasingly willing to access this service when having crises.**

AGE: The age distribution of those receiving emergency services in SFY14 is typical of the age distribution in previous years with **42% of cases reviewed of youths aged 8-18** and **27% of cases reviewed of young adults aged 19-29**— for a combined **69% of the cases reviewed of young persons between the ages of 8 and 29.**

The younger the clients, the more likely they are to not yet have internalized coping mechanisms. They have less history with relationships and can be struggling financially to establish independence. Love relationships, school issues, parent/child conflicts and substance abuse issues are more **volatile** in younger people.

Another population that may experience a greater risk of vulnerability is the older population, although this population represented only 5% of the cases reviewed in FY14. Aging adults, like young adults, often experience life changes that may create grief and turmoil, such as job, living situation and health changes. Census data indicate that **16% of Huron County's population is 60 years of age and older.** However, by 2020, that number of **9,661** persons 60 and older will grow to **15,000** in Huron County, a **55% increase in 5 years,** so planning for this population's needs is critical.

CLIENT STATUS (NEW, OPEN OR FORMER CLIENTS): In SFY 2014:

- 46% of the crisis services were provided to persons **NEW** to the behavioral health services of FCRS;
- 35% of crisis services were to clients with **OPEN** cases at FCRS; and
- 19% of crisis cases were **FORMER** FCRS cases.

This distribution of cases demonstrates **that persons who have not previously sought services from Firelands are aware of how to access crisis care** and that **existing clients are aware** of this intensive option that can be accessed between regularly scheduled appointments. Firelands did an excellent job of making follow-up appointments post-crises for persons, generally within a 1- 3 days.

DIAGNOSES: The most prevalent diagnostic code used in the audited cases was **311- Depressive Disorder- Not Otherwise Specified (NOS).** That disorder is a common diagnosis for a crisis service. If future treatment services are provided to someone initially diagnosed with Depressive Disorder-NOS, their diagnosis may evolve into a more specific diagnosis such as **Major Depression** or **Adjustment Disorder with Depressed Mood.**

Adjustment Disorders represented the next most prevalent group of disorders, with **PTSD and other anxiety disorders** coming in next. (An **Adjustment Disorder is a debilitating reaction, usually lasting fewer than 6 months,** to a stressful event or situation. It is not the same as **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD], which usually occurs in reaction to a life-threatening event and can be longer lasting.**) There were **minimal thought disorders** (eg. schizophrenia). Many of the individuals seen for crises had more than one diagnosis.

SUMMARY

MRU reviewers at **no time detected instances of dangerous or risky case dispositions.** On the contrary, they found that FCRS provided **supervisory support for all cases during the disposition process.** **The documentation of the majority of cases was found to be good to excellent.** Mrs. Maute, President of MRU, concluded that the Board may take pride in the crisis services provided to those in the Huron County community by Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services.

SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVES

- **Newly recorded Public Service Announcements**
- **The establishment of *Same Day Access* to treatment**
- **The adoption of a more affordable Sliding Fee Schedule**

- **The update of the Board's contracted Networkofcare Web-site**

- **Newly recorded Public Service Announcements**

The MHAS Board is fortunate to have the Police Chiefs of the two largest cities in Huron County serving on it -**Norwalk Police Chief David Light and Willard Police Chief Mark Holden** -and to have them willing to record Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for radio and TV to promote suicide prevention.

These are intended to provide county residents with the knowledge that the Board, law enforcement and Firelands work **collaboratively to promote the well-being of the community** as well as to provide them with **useful facts/information** about suicide prevention that can assist them to **respond quickly to, and make referrals of**, individuals who may be suicidal. Facts that most people do not know about suicide featured in the PSA's recorded by the police chiefs included:

- The frequency of suicide- which is committed **2 times more often than murders**;
- The gender that commits the majority of suicides is **men (4 times more often than women)**;
- The **speed with which suicidality needs to be dealt with**- like someone having a stroke;
- The **short-lived acuity of suicidality** that if lived through can save a person's life; and
- The suicide prevention strategy of **QPR, Question-Persuade-Refer**, that is taught to **students in all high schools in the county is available to any business or group, paid by the Board.**

The **suicide rate** (i.e., per 100,000 pop.) for a small population (i.e., a small sample can **undermine the reliability** of a conclusion) needs to be viewed over a period of years- such as a decade –and not evaluated by findings from any one year to establish validity. While for 2011 in Huron County there were 13 suicides (18.7 per 100,000 pop.), the data for 2012 indicate 3 suicides (5.1 per 100,000 pop.). **On average over a period of years, Huron County is neither exceptionally high nor low in suicide deaths.** In the *Huron County Vital Statistics 2000-2012*, comparative data for the county, state and nation are as follows: **Suicide Rate per 100,000 population 2000-2010**

Huron County:	10.63
Ohio:	11.00
U.S:	11.12

Huron County is lower than state and national suicide rates for the decade. The *Healthy People 2020* goal for suicide deaths is 10.2 per 100,000 population (about 6 per year in Huron County). **No suicides are wanted however.**

HOTLINE and face-to-face **Emergency Services** can be accessed by calling the **HOTLINE at 1-800-826-1306.**

- **The establishment of *Same Day Access* to treatment**

To better meet the mental health and alcohol/other drug treatment needs of county residents, ***Same Day Access*** was adopted in Huron County **July 1, 2014 by Firelands**. This program changes the wait time for individuals seeking treatment. With ***Same Day Access***, nearly everyone who calls for treatment services (419-663-3737 or 1-800-242-5393) between 8:00AM and 9:00 AM any weekday is **given an appointment that day**. After 9:00AM same-day scheduling is based on availability. Those who need to **schedule appointments** in advance also are accommodated, such as those whose health insurance requires them to be seen by specifically licensed MHP's who may be in short supply.

With ***Same Day Access***, persons **receive treatment when most needed**, resulting in the **"no show" rate for Diagnostic Assessment appointments at Firelands dropping from 50% to 1%**. This change in intake methodology allows **individuals to obtain treatment prior to their distress creating crises such as suicidality.**

- **The adoption of a more affordable Sliding Fee Schedule**

The Board voted to update its ***Sliding Fee Schedule*** to the **2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines** to assure affordability.

- **The update of the Board's contracted Networkofcare Web-site (huron.oh.networkofcare.org).** The Board updated its Network of Care Web-site so that its most recent *Mental Health/AoD Community Plan* and the *2014 Huron County Health Needs Assessment* are on it. **Extensive information about such topics as Depression and suicide prevention** is available on that Web-site, as well as assistance for **special populations, such as veterans.**

Ms. King explained that last year Firelands in Erie County received a grant for screening, brief intervention and referral treatment for adults with alcohol and drug issues and depression. Ms. King explained that they did so well with it in Erie County was offered more money and they are extending it into Huron County this year. Ms. King explained that they have a meeting with Fisher-Titus today, to determine the site or sites within Huron County. This is a program where people are given an initial screen, if they qualify this program has 4 levels of intervention at this health care setting.

At 11:00 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:09 a.m. regular session resumed.

Mark Blaser, Time Warner came before the board to present for Time Warner. Mr. Blaser explained State Term Pricing. Mr. Blaser questioned if the county has an IT tech. Mr. Dunlap explained this is something the county is currently looking towards. Mr. Blaser explained the Wideband Internet Access Options, data-intensive applications and services such as data, voice and video are dominating the internet. Mr. Blaser questioned if the county is working on 9-1-1 dispatch. Mr. Dunlap explained they are currently working on this. Mr. Blaser explained that the centralized dispatch can be done considering where you house it, and you can do centralized purchasing through the conjoint effort no matter what carrier you go through. The State pricing is based on how many connections there are through the county. Mr. Dunlap questioned how many years down the road will we be able to eliminate the wires and use an antenna on the roof to deliver WIFI to the county agencies? Mr. Blaser stated that would be considered on the distance involved. It will be possible eventually.

Mr. Blaser explained that his intent was to notify the county what their options are regarding centralizing dispatch and what networks are available. He is currently working with a lot of government agencies without a contract, he needs to have these entities with a current contract. Mr. Dunlap explained that the county will need to hire an IT tech before they can move forward with Time Warner.

At 11:43 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:58 a.m. regular session resumed.

Mitch Zurcher came before the board in regards to presenting three quotes for a steamer and a stove. Mr. Zurcher stated that they could save \$1,000.00. Mr. Zurcher explained that one of the quotes is for a new stove, the current stove has six pilot lights on it. It takes about \$14.00 a month to run one pilot light, costing \$1,000.00 a year for this stove. Everything in that kitchen except the tilt skillet is 21 years old. Mr. Zurcher explained he received 3 quotes for the steamer and 3 quotes for the stove. Mr. Bauer questioned if Mr. Zurcher thought is to just replace the stove. Mr. Zurcher stated he would replace the stove with a new one. Mr. Dunlap questioned if they have to go with a six burner stove. Mr. Zurcher stated that is correct, the cook uses all burners when she is cooking.

Mr. Dunlap questioned who Mr. Zurcher got the quotes from. Mr. Zurcher explained from different vendors, one guy they have used, Cooks is a place they get a lot of their equipment from. Mr. Hintz questioned do they really need the steamer? Mr. Zurcher explained that she has worked around the steamer for the last 4 years, and it is something she needs. These quotes are all state bid pricing. Mr. Hintz questioned the price on the steamer, Mr. Zurcher stated that it is the smallest steamer they make at a cost of \$5,500.00. The stove is around \$5,000.00. Mr. Bauer asked Mr. Zurcher to research the vendor Breckenridge Kitchen Equipment and Design out of Huron, Ohio. Mr. Bauer stated that his opinion the stove is a no brainer. Mr. Bauer suggested they speak to the Sheriff regarding the steamer.

At 12:07 p.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to adjourn. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION

The board Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

APRIL 7, 2015

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on April 7, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p. m.

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