



## Consolidation Planning Teams Offer Recommendations

On the request of William M. Denihan, CEO of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB), and Russell S. Kaye, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADASBCC), the Co-Chairs of the **Consolidation Planning Teams** have submitted recommendations on staffing, duties and space requirements for each department of the new behavioral health board.

Mr. Denihan and Dr. Kaye will consider each team's recommendation when developing the table of organization for the new board.

Each team recommendation was developed with the following direction:

1. Explain the rationale for each department, its duties and structure, and how it would make the new behavioral health board an exemplary board.
2. Define department goals and responsibilities.
3. Identify space and technology needs to assist the department in accomplishing goals and responsibilities.
4. Construct each department staffing structure based on the premise that no staff will be laid off and overall staff will not increase.

Mr. Denihan and Dr. Kaye are planning to present a draft table of organization to the Executive Steering Committee.

**NOTE NEW DAY:**  
**Consolidation Executive Steering Committee will now meet on Mondays**

The Consolidation Executive Steering Committee is a public meeting held at the CCCMHB offices, 1400 West 25<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44113

- Monday, March 24, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 7, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 21, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 5, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 19, 5:00 p.m.

**NOTE NEW TIME:**  
**Site Review Committee will now meet at 4:00 p.m.**

The Site Review Committee is a public meeting held at the ADASBCC offices, 614 W. Superior, Suite 300, Cleveland, OH 44113.

- Tuesday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 1, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 29, 4:00 p.m.

## Facilitator Update

The Consolidation Executive Steering Committee (ESC) developed and issued a **Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Services** on January 18 to facilitate the consolidation planning process and the implementation of a business strategy.

A Bidders' Conference was held on January 28 to answer any questions from potential bidders. A total of five firms attended the conference.

Staff reviewed and rated the three proposals that were received and presented their review during the February 13 ESC meeting.

Mr. Denihan and Dr. Kaye, along with two staff members, met with the two

finalists on February 21 to discuss narrowing the scope of work to the essentials to reduce the overall cost.

During the February 26 ESC meeting, the committee interviewed the two firms. Each firm was asked to present on their proposal and submitted a revised budget. Each committee member asked the same questions to each firm.

On March 10, Dr. Kaye and Mr. Denihan explained the committee's overall ranking of each firm and presented a joint recommendation for the selection of one of the firms.

The committee discussed the recommendation and voted to move the recommendation

to each full board so that a final recommendation can be voted on and submitted to the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners (BOCC), who have agreed to pay for the facilitator.

# BOCC Passes Resolution Accepting Consolidation Plan

Cuyahoga County Commissioners  
Jimmy Dimora - Timothy F. Hagan - Peter Lawson Jones



## Cuyahoga County

The Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio,  
takes profound pride and deep personal pleasure in

### Adopting A Plan to Consolidate the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board and the Community Mental Health Board

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has charged the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board and the Community Mental Health Board to consolidate; and

WHEREAS, the Boards have moved forward collaboratively to gather stakeholder views and guidance and have identified key issues; and

WHEREAS, the Boards have presented a joint Plan to Consolidate to the BOCC; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC recognizes the Boards' due diligence and finding it to be commendable; and

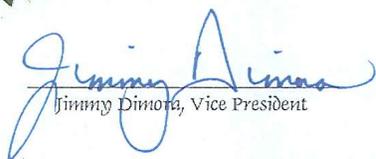
WHEREAS, the BOCC supports the guiding principles of the consolidation planning process.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BOCC accepts the Plan to Consolidate.
2. The BOCC will seek state legislative authority to consolidate the boards no later than June 30, 2009.
3. The BOCC will ensure an equitable appointment of members to the new board, five with an interest in mental health programs and facilities and five with an interest in alcohol and other drug addiction programs.
4. The BOCC will reappoint members of the existing boards to the new board, no later than July 1, 2009, on the recommendations of the existing boards, with one-third of the appointments for terms of two years, one-third for three years, and one-third for four years.



  
Peter Lawson Jones, President

  
Jimmy Dimora, Vice President

  
Timothy F. Hagan

Duly adopted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008

During the January 31 **Cuyahoga County Board of County Commissioners** (BOCC) meeting, the BOCC unanimously passed a resolution accepting the Plan to Consolidate, that was jointly developed and submitted by the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County.

The resolution also resolves that the:

- BOCC will seek state legislative authority to consolidate the boards no later than June 30, 2009.
- BOCC will ensure an equitable appointment of members to the new board, five with an interest in mental health and five with an interest in alcohol and other drug addiction programs.
- BOCC will reappoint members of the existing boards to the new board on the recommendations of the existing boards, with one-third of the appointments for terms of two years, one-third for three years, and one-third for four years.

*Consolidation Update* is a joint publication developed and distributed by the communication staff of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County to keep the community informed on the consolidation process.

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