

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2018

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

Steve Killpack, MS

Max M. Rodas, MA

ABSENT: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Elsie Caraballo, Cassi Handler, Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Hugh B. Shannon, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Mary M. Step, Ph.D., Ericka L. Thoms

ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Ada Cancel, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, John Garrity, Carol Krajewski, Chris Morgan, Michelle Myers, Ralph Piatak, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Maggie Tolbert, Linda Torbert, Leshia Yarbrough

OTHERS: Rev. Brenda Ware-Abrams, Community Representative serving on the Planning & Oversight Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER / AUDIENCE INPUT

Planning & Oversight Committee Chair and Board Vice Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., called the Special Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ADAMHS BOARD RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

Dr. Fowler explained that the Special Meeting was called for the sole purpose of conducting a follow-up review and discussion regarding the Board's Residential Assistance Program (RAP). This topic was addressed at both the March 14, 2018 and April 11, 2018 Planning & Oversight Committee meetings. At the April 11th meeting, Terry Russell, Executive Director of National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio, registered his concern about the Board's decision to suspend RAP and advocated for increasing the RAP program by one million dollars in order to handle growth.

Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, utilized the power point presentation previously shared with the Planning & Oversight Committee at its meeting in March. The final slide noted that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County had exceeded its RAP budget for the past two calendar years by \$1 million. The budget for CY2018 is \$2,500,000.00. Based upon current monthly utilization at \$214,000.00, expenses will come in at budget to sustain the 223 active clients. The ADAMHS Board intends to continue to monitor utilization with a goal to identify a timeframe to lift the moratorium. Both Mr. Doud and Michelle Myers, Residential Specialist, addressed questions of Board members.

Dr. Fowler then specifically asked Board staff, particularly Ms. Cassandra Richardson, Acting Chief Financial Officer, if there were any possibility of freeing any funds for allocation to RAP. Ms. Richardson reported that there were no unallocated funds available and that therefore there was no such possibility.

Based upon the discussion and information shared, Dr. Fowler reported:

- Adult Care Facility (ACF) Operators were notified about 2018 RAP funding reductions.
- As individuals roll off the RAP program into the Residential State Supplement (RSS) program, there essentially is no cost saving realized.
- With regard to the request for additional or reallocated funding for the RAP program made by Mr. Russell, it was noted that the Board does not have uncommitted funds available unless it would take funding from other mental health programs.

Dr. Fowler noted that the Board re-emphasized its empathy with those individuals affected by the current level of RAP funding as we do to all of our clients for whom we lack adequate funding, but fairness to others dictates that funding levels for RAP be maintained at current levels.

Mr. Snider commended Board members for inviting Mr. Russell to present his concerns and for the extra steps taken to follow-up and consider the various issues involved.

Mr. Osiecki noted that Mr. Russell will receive a letter notifying him of the Board's review with the thinking that this issue will be included in the upcoming priority decision-making process.

3. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Chair