

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES: JANUARY 10, 2018

Executive Committee Members Present: Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Other Directors present: Elsie Caraballo, Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA

Absent: Max M. Rodas, MA

Board Staff: Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Eugenia Kirkland, called the Emergency Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

2. PASSING OF VALERIA A. HARPER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms. Kirkland noted the purpose of the emergency meeting was to address the very sad and untimely passing of Chief Executive Officer, Valeria A. Harper, on January 9, 2018.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Kirkland announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of an Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Motion to enter into Executive Session. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / A roll call vote was taken. AYES: E. Kirkland, R. Fowler, P. Jones, B. Gohlstin, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.** [Dr. Blue arrived & joined the Executive Session.]

Motion to exit the Executive Session. MOTION: B. Gohlstin SECOND: H. Snider / A roll call vote was taken. AYES: E. Kirkland, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Blue, B. Gohlstin, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve the appointment of Scott Osiecki, Chief of External Affairs, effective January 10, 2018, as the Acting Chief Executive Officer with all responsibilities consistent with the title of CEO, together with the Director of Human Resources, the support of the Executive Team and outside consulting, if needed.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / **SECOND:** H. Snider / **AYES:** E. Kirkland, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Blue, B. Gohlstin, H. Snider / **NAYS:** None / **Motion passed.**

Mr. Osiecki shared that yesterday, on behalf of CEO Harper, he made a presentation to the Ohio City, Inc. Human Services Group and relayed the vision of Ms. Harper for the Board and behavioral health system. He assured Board members that it is his intention to carry forward her vision during this interim period. Dr. Jones stated that he heard that the presentation was excellent.

The Board Chair noted her confidence that Mr. Osiecki will do well as Acting CEO and have the full support of the Board. With regard to next steps for a CEO search, Mrs. Kirkland acknowledged the Executive Committee's direction to consider the top three candidates interviewed during the selection process earlier in 2017. Human Resource Director, Tami Fischer, was asked to facilitate the process.

A press release, drafted by Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, External Affairs Officer, was shared; committee members approved the draft for distribution that is attached to original set of minutes. Mrs. Kirkland announced that the previously scheduled Board committee meetings for the afternoon of January 10th would be cancelled. All Board members in attendance were thanked for their participation, compassion and support during this difficult time period.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, ADAMHS Board Chairperson