

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2013**

Committee Members Present: Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Pastor Charles E. Brown, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Ericka Thoms / **Absent:** Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.,
Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Cheryl Fratalonie, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki

Board Chairperson, Harvey Snider, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Committee minutes of October 24, 2012, were approved as submitted.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Snider shared with Executive Committee members a Wall Street Journal article on Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper's State of the State speech that strongly addressed the need to overhaul its state's mental health system and subsequent plans. Mr. Snider read aloud portions of the article which included specific details and suggested that our Board might wish to consider support of similar initiatives.

Mr. Denihan noted that Governor Kasich is scheduled to present his State of the State speech on 2/5/13. To date, he has: (1) included funding for treatment for autism in the budget and (2) designated \$5 million for children with mental illness who have tendencies of violence. It was noted that the Governor is also receiving Republican support around the expansion of Medicaid for Ohio. Mr. Denihan suggested sharing this information with the OACBHA (Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities) as an advocacy and educational piece.

Executive committee members favored sponsoring a resolution to support governmental officials who are prioritizing mental health and to encourage such support for Ohioans.

Motion to recommend approval to the full Board of a resolution in support of governmental officials currently prioritizing mental health services for their constituents and to encourage such action in Ohio.

MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: P. Jones / AYES: C. Brown, B. Fowler, P. Jones, E. Thoms / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

3. BYLAWS REVIEW

Mr. Snider noted that the Bylaws draft distributed shows proposed revisions in red print. Based upon the Bylaws review, Committee members suggested several additional revisions that were noted by the recorder. Mr. Snider asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Bylaws amendments to the full Board. Mr. Denihan noted that additional changes to our Bylaws may be necessary once decisions are made at the state level regarding the new consolidated state department.

Motion to recommend approval of the Bylaws Amendments to the full Board. MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: C. Brown, B. Fowler, P. Jones, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

4. REVIEW OF POLICY STATEMENTS

Mr. Snider highlighted the proposed revisions recommended for the eight policies presented for their 3-year review, as stipulated by the Bylaws. Mr. Denihan confirmed that Board staff conducted an initial review and noted that only minor revisions were necessary and also shown in red print.

- Board Meeting Minutes
- Claims Appeal Policy
- Clients Rights and Grievance Policy
- Contract Modification Due to Change in Funding
- Education about False Claims Recovery
- General Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality
- Policy Development & Implementation
- Processing Requests for Public Records

REVIEW OF POLICY STATEMENTS (Continued)

As an outcome of the review, only one minor grammatical change was made to the Board Meeting Minutes policy.

Motion to recommend approval of renewing the revised Policy Statements (as previously listed) to the full Board. MOTION: C. Brown / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: C. Brown, B. Fowler, P. Jones, E. Thoms / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

5. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Denihan noted, for information only, that the changes made to both the Recruitment of Board Members Policy and the Bylaws regarding the process for recommendations for appointment vacancies to the County Executive, upon request, was a recommendation from the Board of Director's Nominating Committee.

6. MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Mr. Denihan noted his intention to collaborate with other organizations around the mental health community discussion. The session will be scheduled within the next 60 days. Several organizations mentioned were Mental Health Advocacy Coalition, The Center for Community Solutions, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, various universities and other local organizations. The intent is that the result of this discussion can influence the Governor and legislature as it deliberates the budget.

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Fowler wondered whether sister organizations, universities, hospitals, etc. might want to appoint individuals to attend our meetings to promote awareness of our mission and initiatives. Mr. Denihan will run this by other executives to get their input.
- Mr. Snider appealed to Executive Committee members, who serve as Committee Chairs, to plan to visit a provider agency or two to see first-hand the programs that are funded through the Board. Board members are encouraged to call the agency to make an appointment for a visit. Pastor Brown noted that the former AOD Board held some of its public meetings at various providers through the year as another possible way to visit provider agencies.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Harvey A. Snider, Esq., ADAMHS Board Chairperson