

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 23, 2012

Committee Members Present: Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Pastor Charles Brown, Eugenia Cash, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin, Sr., Pythias Jones, M.D., Harvey Snider, Ericka Thoms / **Absent:** None

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Carol Krajewski, Esmat Nasr, Scott Osiecki, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

Chairperson Rev. Charlotte Still Noble called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Committee minutes of October 26, 2011 were approved as submitted.

2. PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A NEW CONTRACT WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Rev. Noble appointed a Special Committee to discuss the concept of negotiating a new contract with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) William M. Denihan. The Special Committee met on May 16, 2012, and recommends approval of going forward in the negotiation process. Consequently, the Board Chair entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Motion to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: B. Fowler / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: C. Brown, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, C. Noble, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Eugenia Cash arrived.]

Motion to exit the Executive Session and resume the Executive Committee Meeting.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: H. Snider / A roll call vote was taken. AYES: C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, C. Noble, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

Motion to recommend approval to negotiate a new contract with William M. Denihan, CEO, to the full Board.

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

3. PROPOSED PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING NEW COMMITTEES OF THE ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the ADAMHS Board Bylaws state that the Board of Directors may establish special committees in addition to the standing committees outlined in the Bylaws, an orderly process is being proposed. Rev. Noble asked for feedback on the Proposed Process for Establishing New Committees of the ADAMHS Board of Directors. Committee members concurred on the process as proposed and agreed to keep it as an informal process. (The document is attached to the minutes stored in the Executive Unit.

Motion to recommend the Establishment of the Faith-Based Outreach Committee to the full Board.

MOTION: E. Cash / SECOND: E. Thoms

It was noted that the Faith-Based Outreach Committee would be non-sectarian and all-inclusive; as a result, an amendment was proposed to add the word, "non-sectarian" to the proposed resolution. The discussion also included consideration of those individuals who do not consider the faith concept as part of their recovery. It was noted that spirituality is one component of recovery and Mr. Denihan stated his thought that this is an opportunity to engage and reach those individuals who initially reach out to their faith communities for help and who are in need of treatment.

Motion to amend the draft Resolution No. 12-05-03 to include the word, non-sectarian. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

Motion to recommend approval of Resolution No. 12-05-03, Establish Faith-Based Outreach Committee, as amended, to the full Board. AYES: C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

4. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (C.O.G.) BYLAWS

Mr. Snider noted that the Council of Government (COG) has been established to permit the three counties—Franklin, Hamilton and Cuyahoga--as an entity to develop the Shares Health and Recovery Enterprise System (S.H.A.R.E.S.), information system. The Bylaws have been formulated to document the authority, membership, duties of Directors, Officers, etc. A provision has been included to allow other Ohio Boards to join the organization and utilize the S.H.A.R.E.S. information system.

After previously providing feedback toward the development of the proposed Bylaws, Mr. Snider's only continuing question was in the section regarding the Suspension of Membership, item 3.53, "Failure of a member to participate in the meetings of the Council or to otherwise participate in Council business. His question was how do you quantify participation? It was noted that these Bylaws can and probably will be amended in the future.

Motion to recommend approval of the Draft Council of Government Bylaws to the full Board.

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

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, ADAMHS Board Chairperson