

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 5, 2010

Committee Members Present: Eugenia Cash, Bob Fowler, Kathryn Gambatese, Amy Leopard, Harvey Snider, Ericka Thoms, Mary Warr / **Absent:** Rev. Charlotte Still Noble

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Christina Delos Reyes, Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There was no audience input regarding agenda items.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Committee minutes of February 10, 2010 were approved as mailed. Follow-up issue from 2/10/10 minutes - Dr. Garrity distributed and reviewed the one-page timeline for the Needs Assessment, Appreciative Inquiry and Strategic Plan. Ms. Gambatese noted her concern about the number of clients in the private sector that we may be unaware of with respect to the Needs Assessment. (Copy attached to minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

3. ISSUE 15 UPDATE

Mr. Osiecki was pleased to announce that Cuyahoga County's Health Human Services Issue 15 passed on May 4th by 66.3%. Results were 147,511 votes for the levy with 74,853 votes against. Over 20,000 phone calls were made through the volunteer phone bank. Mr. Denihan commended Mr. Osiecki and his staff for their extraordinary efforts. Mr. Denihan also noted that across the state seven levies were up for renewal and only two passed--Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties. A noticeable change in our county's recent election was that over 50% of those who voted were doing so by absentee ballot; consequently, campaign efforts started earlier in order to impact those voters.

[Amy Leopard and Eugenia Cash arrived.]

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Cash reported that Nominating Committee members have been actively working to make initial telephone contacts with those candidates who have submitted Board applications. Ms. Fini has been instrumental in addressing any possible conflict of interest situations of prospective applicants. Twelve applications are being considered, and the Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet later in the afternoon at 5:30 p.m.

5. MEDICAID MATCH DISCUSSION

With regard to Franklin County ADAMHS Board's decision to withhold levy dollars from being used for Medicaid match, Mr. Denihan has not yet received a copy of the resolution. At this time, he is not prepared to make a recommendation before considering all ramifications. Mr. Nosek, CAD Director, noted that the Council of Agency Directors is taking the position of being an interested observer.

6. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) PROCESS

Mr. Denihan noted that the RFI process is going extremely well in terms of the proposals and the thorough review. The majority of the Executive Team members are present at the individual meetings with providers. Board members, Bob Fowler and Mary Warr, have attended several meetings and may continue to do so in the future. Ms. Gambatese noted her appreciation that the process includes Board members which also speaks to the level of transparency in the process.

Ms. Richardson noted that individual Board participants are to turn in evaluations on 5/18/10. A two-day analysis will be done on May 20th & 21st to sort through all of the findings and to begin to develop the budget recommendations. The FY2011 budget recommendations will be addressed at all Board meetings in June.

7. APPEAL PROCESS FOR LATE PROPOSALS

Mr. Denihan noted that considerable time was spent in communicating to providers the need to submit proposals by the established deadline. He reported that all proposals received after the deadline were sent back unopened to the senders. The Appeal of Board Decision policy will be followed if an agency requests an appeal. Discussion followed on anticipated next steps if the RFI process and recommendations determine that specific services are missing or still needed.

8. ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

The ADAMHS Board's First Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The theme of the FY2009 Annual Report will be the final wrap-up of the consolidation. The Annual Reports will be printed in-house in an effort to conserve costs and will feature the black and white photography of Ken Tomaro's artwork. Award recipients have been selected. The ticket cost is \$30 per person; the consumer price is \$5.00. Parking fee will be included in the price of the ticket.

Regarding the status of the Ohio Room microphones, Mr. Osiecki reported that Board staff has been working with the company that originally installed the system. Since the sound reception is not acceptable from the current system, the microphones will be traded in for a different style, cables rerouted, etc.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT DISCUSSION

Ms. Gambatese and Mr. Denihan have begun to plan a Board of Director Retreat in August 2010 (date yet to be determined).

10. CEO EVALUATION & SALARY

Ms. Gambatese noted that the C.E.O.'s performance evaluation is due. Mr. Denihan reported that he does not intend to ask for an increase; however, due to his being voted the President Elect of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities in Columbus, he would like to address the anticipated increase of his car and travel expenses.

11. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Gambatese shared with Executive Committee members the primary personal reasons for the difficult decision reached to resign from the ADAMHS Board by the end of May 2010 after the May General Meeting. She announced that her daughter may pursue employment with one of our providers which causes a conflict of interest. She also announced that she has been asked to run for a seat on the newly formed Cuyahoga County Council and is seriously considering this possibility. Ms. Gambatese noted that she will be leaving the ADAMHS Board in excellent shape.

Executive Committee members were taken aback by the announcement; however, several Board members noted their understanding of her decision. Committee members concurred that they would sincerely miss her and her leadership abilities. Ms. Warr noted that Kathryn was the right person at the right time for this Board to lead it through the consolidation and subsequent transition period. Mr. Denihan echoed Ms. Warr's remarks. On behalf of providers, Mr. Nosek noted their appreciation for her leadership, voice of reason and fairness. He noted that the fact that she was a family member made her comments even more poignant.

Mr. Denihan stated that the ADAMHS Board needs to play a pivotal role on the selection and review of candidates running for the Executive Officers on County Council. Now that Issue 15 has passed, we need to work toward equity of levy dollars or our own levy. To date, Mr. Denihan has met with five of the candidates running for County Council. As transition committees are busily meeting, Mr. Denihan has offered our office space for this process.

12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Kathryn E. Gambatese, ADAMHS Board Chairperson