

**The Behavioral Health Board of Cuyahoga County  
(working title)**

**Executive Steering Committee (ESC)**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**CCCMHB Offices**

Board Members

Eugenia Cash, CCCMHB  
Darlene Darby Baldwin, ADASBCC  
Kathryn Gambatese, Chair, CCCMHB  
Russell E. Johnson, Chair, ADASBCC  
L. Douglas Lenkoski, M.D., CCCMHB  
Mary McElrath, ADASBCC

Directors

William M. Denihan, CCCMHB  
Russell S. Kaye, Ph.D., ADASBCC

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2008 Meeting
3. Interviews: Applicants for Facilitator  
  
5:15-5:45 MCS Consulting  
  
6:00-6:30 Community Transition partners (CTR)
4. County Administrator Meeting Update
5. Provider Forum
6. Other Business

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2008  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
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List of Active Items for Continuing Discussion in Future Meetings

- State Departments and Future Financial Matters
- Funding Issues (Financial Equity)
- Name Selection Process for the New Consolidated Board

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**ADASBCC Members Present:**

Darlene Darby Baldwin  
Mary McElrath  
Russell S. Kaye, Ph.D., Executive Director

Chris Paternoster, ADASBCC Staff

**Advisory Member (non-voting):**

Joan Leeb, ACAC

**CCCMHB Members Present:**

Katheryn Gambatese, CCCMHB Chair  
L. Douglas Lenkowski M.D.  
William M. Denihan, CEO

Rose Fini, CCCMHB Staff  
Scott Osiecki, CCCMHB Staff  
Tami Fischer, CCCMHB Staff  
Cassandra Richardson, CCCMHB Staff  
Vicki Roemer, CCCMHB Staff

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Ms. Katheryn Gambatese, CCCMHB Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Ms. Gambatese was pleased to introduce a new advisory member to the committee, Ms. Joan Leeb the current treasurer of the CCCMHB Adult Consumer Advisory Council (ACAC) will serve as a consumer representative on the committee. The committee then introduced themselves to the audience.

**Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2008 Meeting:**

Ms. Gambatese asked for approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2008 ESC meeting. There were no changes or corrections so the minutes were approved.

**Interviews: Applicants for Facilitator:**

Mr. Kaye presented the committee with an updated meeting schedule. He stated that some meeting dates and times have been changed starting in March going forward.

Mr. Kaye also distributed the questions that would be asked of the facilitators at this meeting. Mr. Kaye explained the process that would be followed during the interviews and how the point system would be used. He also supplied the committee with a copy of the reference questions and reference highlights for each facilitator for the groups review.

The committee met with MCS Consulting Service and Community Transition Partners during this meeting. Each group gave a brief background of their organization and highlighted how they will assist in the facilitation of this consolidation. Updated proposals from each group were distributed to the committee and included the changes previously requested of them.

The following questions were asked of the facilitators during the interview process:

1. Describe your success on a similar project.
2. What do you feel is the most important part of our consolidation project?

3. What challenges do you see for our consolidation project?
4. What techniques would you use to keep the consolidation project on schedule?
5. How would you resolve differences of opinion between Steering Committee members?
6. How would you prioritize the components of our consolidation project?
7. How would you ensure communication between your team members?
8. How would you keep the consolidation project on budget?

Additional Committee member questions were asked:

1. How would you describe the difference between a merger and a consolidation?
2. How would you assist in resolving conflict having to do with emotionalism?

Ms. Gambatese thanked each group for their presentations and indicated they would be notified as soon as a decision had been reached. Ms. Gambatese also indicated to the committee after the interviews that a decision would not be made at this meeting but is hoping to have a decision before the end of March.

**Provider Forum:**

Mr. John Lisy, President of the AOD Directors' Association stated that his group would be convening on Friday, February 29, 2008 to compile a list of questions and concerns for this committee. He expressed that their main worry is the impact on the consumers.

Mr. Steve Friedman of Mental Health Services, Inc and CAD stated that his group is in the process of developing a subcommittee that will focus on the current mental health system issues.

**Other Business:**

Ms. Gambatese informed the group that to assist in alleviating some of the concerns pertaining to the design of the new Board of Governors a blind survey is being developed for the current Board Members of each organization. The results of this survey will be discussed at a retreat that is set for Saturday, March 29, 2008. Board members from each organization will be in attendance.

Mr. Kaye stated that ODADAS is reviewing the new proposed legislation today, February 26, 2008 and that as of his last conversation with them no red flags had been noted. Mr. Denihan expressed that ODMH was very impressed with the language used having to do with grandfathering Board members. They feel this will work well in designing a balanced knowledgeable board.

Ms. Gambatese stated that due to time restraints the List of Active Items will be held for future meetings.

The Steering Committee will meet next on Monday, March 10, 2008 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the CCCMHB offices.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

