

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

Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

**Monday, March 10, 2008
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
CCCMHB Offices - Buckeye Room**

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

Consumer

Joan Leeb, CCCMHB ACAC

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2008 Meeting
3. Applicants for Facilitator: Further Deliberation

*Action: Recommendation of a Consolidation Facilitator to the Board of
County Commissioners*

4. Board Member Survey and Retreat Agenda

Name Selection Process for the New Consolidated Board

5. Consumer Involvement
6. Provider Forum
7. Other Business

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 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)

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ADASBCC Members Present:

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

Chris Paternoster, ADASBCC Staff

Advisory Member (non-voting):

Joan Leeb, ACAC

CCCMHB Members Present:

Kathryn Gambatese, CCCMHB Chair
L.Douglas Lenkoski M.D.
William M. Denihan, CEO
Eugenia Cash

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

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

Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Gambatese welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2008 Meeting:

Ms. Gambatese asked if this agenda item could be deferred until the next meeting as she hadn't seen the summary as of yet. The committee as a whole agreed.

Applicants for Facilitator: Further Deliberation:

Mr. Kaye distributed two documents to the group, the first being the Facilitator Applications: Summary of Review Activities the second being the Facilitator Selection: Joint Directors' Recommendation. The first document gave a breakdown of the scoring of the facilitators from the first round and second round of interviews. Mr. Kaye reviewed the document with the group. The second document reviewed was the Joint Directors' Recommendations. This document represents the director's scores, which assisted in their recommendation to the committee.

The director's recommendation to the committee was MCS Consulting. The directors feel that MCSs cost and experience will work well within the boundaries that were set for the consolidation. Both committees discussed and asked questions about each organization. After much discussion a vote was taken by each committee. The ADASB members agreed with the recommendation and will be forwarding their recommendation to the Board for approval. The CCCMHB members took a vote and it was also decided to take the recommendation to the Board for a vote. If both Boards agree with the recommendation it will be forwarded to the BOCC for approval. Once approved, the BOCC will issue and maintain the contract for the new facilitator.

Another area of discussion revolved around whether or not the Board of Governors of each Board needed to vote on the recommendation before it would be presented to the BOCC. Mr.

Kaye explained that because ADASB will not be maintaining the contract and will not be paying out any funds to the facilitator that no vote needs to be taken by the Board. He explained that his ESC has been given the right to vote and decide on steps to be taken without Board vote. Ms. Fini explained that the CCCMHB resolution does not give the CCCMHB ESC the right to vote and make major decisions without Board input and a vote by the Board. She recommended that if we would like to be able to go forward without having to take a vote on most decisions a modification to the resolution will need to occur.

Board Member Survey and Retreat Agenda:

Draft copies of the Board Survey were distributed to the group. It was explained that this is a 3rd draft and that Ms. Kent will be possibly revising one more time before being distributed to the Board members. The blind survey will be sent out on March 13, 2008 to all Board members with a return date of March 21, 2008, all response will then be reviewed by the committee at the March 24, 2008 meeting. The retreat will be facilitated by Ann Kent of the Bureau of Volunteers Unlimited on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Idea Center located at 1375 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Ms. Kent will take the surveys and develop a briefing and show the trends that developed from the surveys.

It was asked if staff would be able to attend this retreat, however due to space available it was said that only Board members were to be in attendance at this retreat.

Name Selection Process for the New Consolidated Board:

The selection process of the new Boards name was discussed. It was stated that the committee would like as many people involved in this process as possible. The community as a whole should have input into the new Boards name and what the name represents. The new name should be chosen no later than one month before the legislation is facilitated. It was suggested that a type of contest be held to assist in the naming of the new Board, Mr. Kaye indicated that Ms. Julie Fogle and Mr. Scott Osiecki will be working on this campaign.

Consumer Involvement:

Mr. Denihan spoke pertaining to Consumer involvement on the consolidation committees. These consumers would work as consultants however would not have voting rights in the committees. The CCCMHB has recommended several consumer members and alternates for them for several committees including the ESC and the Consumer Rights committee. A set of consumers were also recommended for the Training and Education Committee however it was asked that these members not be recommended until the committee is further in the development stages.

It was asked that one ESC member meet with one of the consumer groups on a regular basis to get their input on the changes going on and the impact on them during this process. Mr. Kaye expressed the he would like to see the CCCMHB consumers and the ADASB consumers meet and discuss the changes that are currently taking place and if we are hitting the bench marks they expect of us. This meeting will also give insight to the effects of the consolidation on our target population of consumers. It was suggested that the ADASB's ACAC group be invited to the CCCMHB monthly Brown Bag seminar. Ms. Rose Fini will discuss this with her staff.

Provider Forum:

Mr. Steve Friedman of Mental Health Services, Inc. spoke to the group pertaining to his groups plan of meeting with AOD agencies to discuss what is currently happening. The MH group feels that this a great opportunity to build and advanced system of care for our consumers.

Other Business:

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 24, 2008 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the CCCMHB offices.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.