

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

**Executive Steering Committee (ESC)**

**Monday, May 5, 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  
L. Douglas Lenkoski, M.D., CCCMHB  
Mary McElrath, Acting Chair, ADASBCC  
Cynthia Miller, ADASBCC

Directors

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

Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

Gwendolyn Haywood, ADAS CAC  
Joan Leeb, CCCMHB ACAC

County Prosecutor's Office

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2008 Meeting
3. Continuing Discussion of Board Member Retreat  
**Guest:** Ann Kent, Business Volunteers Unlimited
4. Preparation for May 13<sup>th</sup> All-Members Meeting with Commissioner Hagan  
*Questions in advance*
5. Directors' Update  
*Dennis Madden Meeting (4/28<sup>th</sup>)*  
*ERIP*  
*Legislation*  
*Site Location Status*
6. Discussion of the Council of Agency Directors' Recommendations
7. Provider Forum
8. Other Business

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 19, 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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Ms. Katheryn Gambatese, CCCMHB Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Ms. Gambatese welcomed all in attendance. Ms. Gambatese stated that Mr. Johnson is currently on medical leave and Ms. McElrath will be filling in for him during his leave.

**Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2008 Meeting:**

Ms. Gambatese asked for approval of the minutes from April 21, 2008. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

**Continuing Discussion of Board Member Retreat:**

*Guest: Ann Kent, BVU*

Ms. Kent came and spoke with the group about the retreat that was held. She was asked a few questions by the group and she recapped what was supplied in the final report. Ms. Kent was asked if another pre-retreat survey should be done before the retreat that is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kent's response was that the new facilitator should decide this. The new facilitator may want to do a survey to get a feel for the group and what the main topics of discussion should focus on.

**Preparation for May 13<sup>th</sup> All-Member Meeting with Commissioner Hagan:**

*Questions in Advance:*

A list of questions was distributed to the committee for discussion. The questions supplied were:

- Why did the BOCC instruct the two boards to consolidate their operations? What factors led the BOCC to see a consolidation as preferable to independent boards?
- How does the consolidation of these boards advance the county's overall plan of government? Is there a comprehensive plan that this consolidation fits into?
- What outcome expectations does the BOCC have for this consolidation? How do you see this consolidation impacting the citizens of Cuyahoga County?

The committee went over each question and decided for the most part that the questions were on point. Ms. Leeb suggested asking "What factors led to a consolidation as preferable and what precipitated the need to consolidate at this time?" Several members expressed the same question

of “why now”. It had been mentioned several times over in the past; however, the consolidation process was never pushed until now, just mentioned and discussed.

### **Directors’ Update:**

- **Dennis Madden Meeting (4/28)**

Mr. Denihan and Mr. Kaye met with Dennis Madden on April 28<sup>th</sup> for approximately 1hour. During this meeting many topics were discussed which included:

- Location:
  - BOCC does not support the building of a new facility
  - Does support leasing or purchasing new facility & renovations however will not commit at this time to fund any renovations to a new location
- Facilitator: Has not been presented for approval as of yet
- BOG Retreat
- Hagen Meeting
- Bi-laws
- Re-instatement of the 3% reduction
- Staffing level of the Boards and no-layoffs due to consolidating
- Reduction of Administrative costs

- **ERIP**

- If this process goes forward it must be completed no later then 6.30.09
- No debt can be carried into the new organization
- Employees have 12 months to either take the ERIP or not
- Only 30%-40% of those open positions will refilled

- **Legislation**

- The legislation has not yet been introduced for the vote
- Hoping to have attached to the Budget next month
- Mr. Denihan has a call into Rep. Skindell and is waiting to hear if it will be attached or not

- **Site Location Status**

- Still waiting for funding clarification from the BOCC before any hard decisions can be made

### **Discussion of the Council of Agency Directors’ Recommendations:**

Mr. Denihan and Mr. Kaye received an email from John Nosek, president of the CAD and distributed the email to the group. At the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting the AOD Directors Association submitted recommendations to the committee, this email endorsed 7 of the 14 recommendations that were presented.

### **Provider Forum:**

There was no provider discussion at this meeting.

### **Other Business:**

Several items were discussed and will be tabled for future discussion.

- State Departments & Future Financial Matters
- Funding Issues
- Legislation passing/Naming Process-press release that will announce the passing of legislation and announce the Board naming process
- Survey for Joint Retreat

The Steering Committee will meet next on Monday, May 19, 2008 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the CCCMHB offices.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.