

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2013

Board of Directors Present:

Harvey A. Snider, Esq.	Richard A. Folbert
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Elsie Caraballo	Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW	Ericka L. Thoms
Stephanie J. FallCreek, D.S.W.	William J. Tobin

Absent: Mary Boyle, Pastor Charles E. Brown, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Mary R. Warr, M. Ed., Anngela Williams

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Frank Brickner, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There was no audience input on agenda items.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The General Meeting minutes of 02/27/13 were approved as submitted.

3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 03/06/13 and highlighted several issues on the agenda; details can be found in the CR&A minutes posted on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.

- Legislative/Advocacy Update:
 - SFY14-15 Budget
 - Medicaid Expansion
 - SB7: Law Enforcement Protection Act
 - SB43: Civil Commitment
 - Federal Sequestration Reductions
 - S2257: Federal Excellence in Mental Health Act
- ADAMHS Board Mental Health & Addiction Services Levy Discussion
- Sponsorships:
 - Cleveland International Film Festival – Here One Day, April 3-14, 2013
 - Suicide Prevention Education Alliance 2013 Into the Light Walk: October 6, 2013
- Community Forums: Addressing the Role of Mental Health in the Community – tentative plans were shared.
- Media Tracking Report

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported on the Nominating Committee held on 3/13/13; the committee met with three candidates interested in serving on the Board. In Executive Session, the committee interviewed each applicant for the current AOD Professional vacancy. Based upon the rating assessment totals, the committee agreed to recommend Charlotte Marie Rerko, MSN, RN, BC, as the recommended candidate for the ODADAS vacant seat. Ms. Thoms noted that the vacant seat exists due to the resignation of Rev. Charlotte Still Noble.

Ms. Thoms noted that there is no conflict of interest in the recommendation presented. Ms. Rerko formerly worked at Recovery Resources; however, she is now employed by the Cleveland Clinic at Fairview Hospital. In the interview session, Charlotte demonstrated that she is a passionate advocate for our mission, is well-versed on the issues facing the Board, has a good sense of what her responsibility would be and would bring a wealth of expertise as a Board member.

Motion to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Charlotte Marie Rerko for the appointment vacancy to be submitted to ODADAS Director Orman Hall. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, W. Tobin
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Board Officer Nomination Process - Ms. Thoms noted that each Board of Director received a letter at their place regarding the nomination process for determining FY2014 Board Officers. Since the Bylaws authorize the Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers at the May General Meeting, Board members interested in serving as a Board Officer should respond by completing the "letter of intent questions" and returning it to Mr. Denihan by Friday, 4/19/13.

5. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Pythias D. Jones, M.D. reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 03/13/13 and highlighted items discussed.

- Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice – An Evaluation was presented for this program from 2006 through 2011.
- Division of Children and Family Services & ADAMHS Board Collaboration – updates were provided on joint initiatives, e.g. training sessions for DCFS staff & provider participation in DCFS Team Decision Making meetings.
- Medicaid Expansion
- County Levy
- SCALE Update – As of 3/3/13, there will be 21 slots available at the 9 agencies; up from 16.
- Agenda Topics for Future P&O Committee Meetings
(Details regarding topics listed can be found in the P&O minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

6. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Brickner, Chief Financial Officer, noted that "it has been a great 8 days on the job so far." Although there are many complex issues to absorb, he felt fortunate to be part of a great team. He noted that he would take on the responsibility for reporting next month; however, he acknowledged the fine work of Cheryl Fratalone, Claims & Membership Administrator, and Ralph Piatak, Financial Analyst Administrator, who would present the fiscal issues for March.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CLINICAL ISSUES

Bed Day Utilization Report - Ms. Fratalone reiterated that the FY13 reporting format is based upon a 3-year bed day average and that Cuyahoga County's projected bed day utilization is 58 civil beds and 129 forensic beds. Through February, the Board was under its projection for civil bed days by 20 days and exactly at the projected level for forensic bed days at 129. (The report is attached to original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Central Pharmacy Report

Ms. Fratalone noted that the Central Pharmacy Report for February 2013 has not yet been received from Columbus; therefore, in April all Board members will receive both the February and March Central Pharmacy Reports.

FINANCE REPORTS

Non-Medicaid Funding Distribution - Mr. Piatak explained the charts produced for 2011 and 2012 that delineate the Non-Medicaid dollars spent on Medicaid Eligible Consumers for both mental health services and AOD services. Mr. Denihan noted that this information was gathered in an effort to determine the amount of funds spent by the system out of Non-Medicaid funds to support those services that are still needed for Medicaid eligible consumers in order to make them whole. Board staff has a goal to monitor these totals on a monthly basis.

Dr. Biegel asked whether we have set any targets to see what we would like the percentages to be. Dr. Garrity noted that benchmarks have not been developed; additionally, in order to make a person whole, he agreed that we need adequate allocations for both Medicaid and Non-Medicaid funds.

Given the discussion, Dr. Biegel asked whether Board staff could provide information, at a future meeting, to show which services are covered by Medicaid and those that are not. Mr. Denihan concurred with the suggestion.

Board Vouchers & Expenditure Reports – February 2013

Ralph Piatak, reviewed with committee members the Income Statements, Expenditures Reports, Balance Sheets and Board Vouchers for February 2013. He brought to the committee's attention the negative amount shown for total current assets due to an issue of timing. Mr. Piatak noted that the ADAMHS Board has not yet received county levy funding for January or February and is working to obtain the transmission. Consequently, an addendum worksheet was distributed where a line item entitled, "Accounts Receivable – County Levy" in the amount of \$5,810,610 was added. The addition of this amount will bring the Adjusted Current Assets to \$5,770,444 and adjusted Net Assets Unassigned to \$2,504,573. Mr. Brickner noted that the additional line item added to the Balance Sheet will help to show what is owed to the Board and present a more accurate picture. (The 1-page addendum to the Balance Sheet for the Month ending February 28, 2013 is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Mr. Tobin asked Mr. Piatak to review the fixed assets information regarding W.81st Street to assure that it reflects the \$101,000 purchase price.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-03-01**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING FEBRUARY 2013

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-03-01. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Fowler / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, W. Tobin / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-03-02**
APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:
 - ◇ Cleveland International Film Festival: Sponsorship of Film, *Here One Day*
 - ◇ Co-Sponsorship of Suicide Prevention Education Alliance 9th Annual *Into the Light Walk*, October 6, 2013

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-03-02. MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: D. Biegel / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, W. Tobin / NAYS: None/
ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Snider expressed his dissatisfaction with the fact that our Board never received a response from University Hospitals to the letter written by Mr. Denihan and Mr. Snider regarding the Harrington Scholar Grant Recipient funds available for medical research for cures for areas such as autism, cancer, diabetes, cardio vascular, pain management and wound management. Nowhere is mental health or addiction listed. Mr. Snider asked Mr. Denihan to distribute a copy of the letter to all Board members so that they could provide their personal comments and feedback directly to the Board Chair.

Mr. Snider also asked Board members to consider joining more than one committee and asked them to contact him to make the official committee appointment.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan expressed his thanks and appreciation to both Ralph Piatak and Cheryl Fratalone for all of their efforts to cover the responsibilities of the fiscal unit since Ms. Richardson's retirement.

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated March 20, 2013 (attached to minutes).

- During the 1st week of April, the SHARES (Shared Healthcare and Recovery Enterprise System) leadership will make two important decisions to: 1) award a vendor contract to develop the entire information technology system; and 2) hire a Coordinator for all of the activities and events.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT *(Continued)*

- SCALE (*Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care Assignment & Engagement*) – In working with Ms. Harper and Dr. Delos Reyes, Mr. Denihan will soon issue a decision memo that will give clarity to the great work accomplished through the SCALE program. Answers to specific questions will be sought: 1) How many days to get an assessment? 2) How many days elapse before getting treatment? 3) What is the cost for the 3 levels of care? He noted that the goal is to have Non-Medicaid funds follow the consumer.
- The state of Ohio has issued a \$1 million competitive grant opportunity to address children who are mentally ill and have violent tendencies. Board staff just learned about the notice which is due in approximately 3 weeks. The challenging point is that extra consideration will be given to multi-county jurisdictional grants. A preliminary concept under consideration is joining with Lorain County to work on the area of suicide prevention.
- Board members were reminded that the date of the **ADAMHS Board's Annual Meeting is Monday, May 20, 2013**, at the Marriott Cleveland Airport at West 150th Street at 9:30 a.m.
- Mr. Denihan reported that the concept of performance measures is something that will become a part of our future in all funding decisions.
- Efforts are underway with the County to find a place for women who have behavioral health issues who qualify for entrance to a community correctional facility since our local facility is currently for men only. Discussions have begun with Summit County.
- The ADAMHS Board will be offering Mental Health First Aid training to all Board staff. The training objectives will help staff to identify, understand and respond appropriately to individuals experiencing signs of mental illness and substance abuse. Representatives from Recovery Resources will be conducting the training--two-day sessions of 6 hours per day. Board members will be invited to attend. Planning is underway; the dates have not yet been scheduled.
- Mr. Denihan elaborated on the Medicaid Extravaganza event on March 14th when over 120 residents of Cuyahoga County traveled to Columbus by bus for the event. Mr. Denihan made brief remarks to legislators and introduced them to the faces of recovery through the many individuals who joined him and Mr. Osiecki that day. Legislators made a special effort to meet with the Cuyahoga County residents who were seated in the overflow room. Our Board staff colleague, Chris Morgan, Jr. and his father, Chris Morgan, Sr., also testified before the Health & Human Services Subcommittee. Based upon their stirring remarks, they were subsequently invited back by the minority Chairs to Columbus to testify again about their story--this time to the full House Committee.
- Mr. Denihan described some alarming statistics about the spread of heroin use. He intends to hold discussions with providers and those in criminal justice to formulate a unique plan to deal with this issue.
- Mr. Denihan highlighted the film, *Here One Day*, at the Cleveland International Film Festival described on page 3 of the CEO Headliners. The Board, along with NAMI Greater Cleveland, will be hosting the filmmaker, Kathy Leichter, in the Ohio Room on April 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Those attending the film will leave from the reception directly. Interested individuals should call in their RSVP per the instructions.
- Levy Update – Mr. Denihan was visited by David Merriman, Executive Assistant to the County Executive, and Rick Werner, Director of Health and Human Services. One of the questions asked was, how did it come that the Board passed the resolution for a dedicated levy? Mr. Denihan provided a historical perspective on this issue and reported on an extensive poll conducted almost 10 years prior. The consistent theme has been that a dedicated levy is needed for unmet mental health and AOD treatment service needs in our County. Mr. Denihan noted that the political discussions continue at the County level with the County Executive and the County Council.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – None

10. AUDIENCE INPUT

Steve Morse, of Recovery Resources, and President of the Council of MH Agency Directors (CAD), provided several updates:

- 1) Mr. Morse knew Charlotte Rerko very well at Recovery Resources as the Chief Operating Officer for many years. He commended the Board’s recommendation choice.
- 2) Regarding the momentum around mental health, Mr. Morse highlighted the fact that the movie industry has recently focused on individuals with mental illness in many of the feature films up for Academy Awards:
 - The winner of the Best Actor – played Abraham Lincoln – who suffered severe depression in his life as well as his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, who also experienced mental illness & was hospitalized.
 - The winner of the female category, Jennifer Lawrence – played a person with bipolar disorder and her partner in the film also had bipolar disorder.
 - A third nominee for best actor played a pilot who experienced very severe alcohol & drug dependency.
- 3) RE: Medicaid Expansion, Mr. Morse noted that “we have to win this.” Currently in Ohio, Medicaid eligibility is ridiculously limited. That is why 50% of our clients are not eligible. You have to be 65% of poverty – that’s about \$8,000 a year for a single person. Anything over that you are not eligible for Medicaid. You also have to be disabled and prove that you meet the Social Security standards for severe disability proving that you are unable to work. The expansion will open the door for insurance for people who are struggling economically, for those who cannot buy health insurance and cannot get the care they need because they do not meet the requirements.

In Ohio and some Republican states, there is a proposal in the wind to expand Medicaid slightly, perhaps up to 100% of poverty and have the next 38% of poverty go to the insurance exchanges for private health insurance. There are two serious problems in Mr. Morse’s opinion: 1) administrative costs for private companies handling healthcare is 22%; when Medicaid handles the insurance, the administrative cost is between 5-7%; and 2) Because \$400 million in the Governor’s revenue budget comes from sales tax on managed care organizations who will be handling Medicaid services for people, part of that would be lost because private insurance companies do not have to pay this sales tax. This means that Ohio’s budget will not be balanced; consequently, other services may be vulnerable and possibly cut.

- 4) In response to the Board Chair’s inquiry, Mr. Morse noted that Mr. Denihan is scheduled to speak with the CAD regarding the concept of a dedicated levy at its next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2013, at Applewood Development Center on E. 22nd Street at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

*Approved by: _____
Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*