

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) COMMITTEE MAY 2, 2012

Committee Members Present: Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Marc G. Crosby, MBA, Richard Folbert, Robert Fowler, Ph.D., J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D., Harvey Snider

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Scott Osiecki, Tonya Birney, Carol Krajewski

1. CALL TO ORDER & AUDIENCE INPUT

Committee Chair, Robert Fowler, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No audience input.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Community Relations & Advocacy Committee minutes from March 7, 2012, were approved as submitted.

3. LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY UPDATE

• **HB 117: Addiction Involuntary Commitment**

Since SB 117 went into effect on 3/22/12, allowing probate court to order involuntary treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse, the court has processed one case and has received several phone calls concerning the process. As required by SB 117, we are compiling a list of hospitals and treatment providers in Cuyahoga County that are able and willing to provide treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse ordered by the probate court.

Public notices have been posted seeking providers for the list in the *Plain Dealer*, *Crains* and *Call & Post* directing people to our website. E-mail lists obtained from the Counselor and Social Worker Board and the Chemical Dependency Counselor Board permitted us to e-mail the notice to thousands of individuals and our providers. Notices were mailed to 35 doctors on a list provided from the Medical Board. The deadline for hearing back from willing and able providers was Friday, 4/27/12. We received e-mails and letters from about 20 people and organizations that want to be on the list.

• **H.B. 386 – Video Lottery Terminals**

This bill would expand gambling, including Video Lottery Terminals (VLT's) at horse race tracks, passed the Ohio House in February. The House added an amendment to the bill that includes a 1% set-aside for problem casino gambling and addiction treatment services. This 1% could be as much as \$6-8 million dollars per year to ODADAS for addiction services. The bill is now being considered in the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee; they took the amendment out. We issued an advocacy action alert on 4/30/12.

• **SB 287: Changes in Credentialing in Chemical Dependency Licensure**

Senate Bill 287 passed the Senate on 4/18/12 and puts into the place a number of changes proposed by the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. The changes pertain to its structure and requirements of both its treatment and prevention credentialing. The legislation is intended to increase access to credentialing by providing a more reasonable pathway and incentive for new and existing professionals to advance in the addictions treatment and prevention fields. The changes are also designed to help strengthen the foundational knowledge of its entry level workforce and include:

- Realigns from three years to one year the amount of work experience required for OCDP chemical dependency counselor licensure
- Requires 180 hours of chemical dependency specific education, realigned from 270 hours
- Requires 220 hours of practical experience, realigned from 330 hours
- Increases by 10 hours the amount of chemical dependency education a CDCA must obtain over their first three years of certification
- Provides examination deemed status for licensed behavioral health professionals seeking the Chemical Dependency Counselor License; LICDCs will automatically receive the LICDC-CS credential, meaning that they supervise.
- Removing ODADAS as the credentialing Body, since it is the Board that does it.
- The bill is now in the House Health and Aging Committee.

- **State Mid-Budget Review:**

The Mid-Budget Review Bill passed the House and moved on to the Senate Finance Committee. Despite advocacy efforts, the House did not reverse the slated \$6.2 million cut to ODADAS that is part of the Biennial Budget Bill. This reduction would happen on July 1, 2012. Our efforts are now focused on the Senate and Mr. Denihan will provide testimony on May 3rd. We issued advocacy action alerts--one that was specific for AOD agencies.

4. SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE UPDATE

Plans are going well for the Faith-based Breakfast/Training set for 5/22/12. Currently 45 people have registered representing various religions, including Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran, etc.

5. 2012 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Plans are going well for our annual meeting on Tuesday, 5/15/12. We currently have 201 people registered. Mr. Denihan and Executive Council selected the award recipients and they have been notified and they are:

- Legislator of the Year (2 awards):
 - Local - Cuyahoga County Councilman Dan Brady
 - State – State Senator Nina Turner
- Media - Margaret Bernstein, Plain Dealer
- Consumer/Client Involvement (2 awards):
 - Jody Morgan
 - Richard A. Folbert
- Contract Agency (2 awards):
 - Mental Health Services, Suicide Prevention Hotline
 - Community Assessment & Treatment Services
- Community Partner Collaboration (2 awards):
 - Terrence M. Ryan, Ph.D., Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
 - Judge Nancy Fuerst, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court
- Mental Health Professional: Ewald Horwath, M.D., MetroHealth
- Addiction Treatment Professional: Maureen Dee, LISW-S, LICDC, Catholic Charities

6. RECOVERY CELEBRATION WITH NORA, INC., BEACHWOOD HILTON, FRIDAY, 9/7/12

The ADAMHS Board is co-sponsoring/hosting a Recovery Banquet with NORA in September. It was noted that a banquet was not held last year per NORA's request; however, but it is on again for this year. NORA has secured the Hilton in Beachwood as the venue for the event to be held on Friday, September 7, 2012. We are working jointly with NORA on the details and selecting award recipients.

7. TRAINING INSTITUTE QUARTERLY REPORT

The ADAMHS Board's Training Institute had a very successful Winter Quarter.

- A total of 11 Workshops were held
- 409 people attended the trainings
- Awarded 1,749 CEUs
- Received \$13,300 in registration fees
- Received \$150 in event fees where we provided CEUs.
- This was our first quarter in paying speakers.
 - We paid \$2,986.89 in fees and supplies
- After the speaker fees, the ADAMHS Board netted \$10,463.11

The Winter 2012 Training Budget Report was distributed and review; a hard copy is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.

8. DISCUSSION OF GAMBLING ADDICTION

Dr. Fowler referenced an article from the April 25th Plain Dealer front page that stated that there is an increase in calls to the gambling hotline from people concerned about relapsing in anticipation of the Casino opening. He asked what the Board can do to help. Mr. Osiecki noted that unfortunately at this time without funding, there is not much that we can do, except to let people know about Ohio's gambling helpline number: 1-800-589-9966 (operated by United Way's 211). It was noted that Recovery Resources is our only provider that has a gambling addiction program and that the Veterans Association is nationally recognized for its program.

9. MEDIA TRACKING REPORT

From March 7, 2012 through May 2, 2012, the ADAMHS Board had another great quarter of media hits. We had 14 media mentions; all considered positive this quarter with an overall total of 36 hits so far this year.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Seasons of Hope Update:**

As a result of a great article written about the Seasons of Hope by Margaret Bernstein on April 22, the ADAMHS Board has had an outpouring of responses to help.

- One person has offered to make donations of money and toiletries.
- An art teacher from Maple Hts. High School, read the article and is having her students make framed art and quilts for the Season of Hope House. She is also planning to have a relationship with the House for art and other projects next year.
- 6 people called to say they have houses or building they would like us to purchase at reasonable or below market rate.
- 1 individual & 1 organization called about homes they are willing to give us free of charge.
- We have checked out the home offered by the organization and are working with them to take it to the next step. The house is great and only about 10 years old. The organization has also offered to donate a new stove and refrigerator. We will tour the home with Season of Hope staff in the near future. We will also meet with the neighbors and council before anything is finalized.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Chair