

## ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

### FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2014

**Committee Members:** Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., Committee Chair, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, CDCA / **Absent:** Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC, Anngela Williams  
**Sub-Committee Members Present:** Karell T. McDaniel, LICDC, Terri Miller, NAMI Greater Cleveland

**Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, CEO, Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, Mary Warr, called the Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. noting that a quorum had been reached. Dr. Blue read the Committee Mission Statement: ***“To recognize and advocate spirituality in the recovery process; to connect the spiritual perspective with other interventions and best practices; and to promote the concept that treatment works and people recover.”***

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 30, 2014 Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

#### 3. REVIEW OF THE 1 PRAYER 4 RECOVERY EVENT

Committee members who attended the 1 Prayer 4 Recovery Event held on Saturday, 9/6/14, were asked to share their impression of the effectiveness of the event and to offer any lessons learned for future initiatives. Mr. McDaniel wished to thank Board staff for their support in putting together the event.

Input received:

- Productive session; good to network/dialogue with leaders in the faith community
- Speakers and the video were good
- Session could have been a little longer
- Frustration that some faith leaders had to leave before lunch
- Evaluations were positive
- Concern expressed about the lack of diversity in audience
- Holding the event on Saturday posed a barrier for the Jewish faith community
- Appreciated the concept of “Hope, Healing and Support”
- Some participants expressed an interest in walking away with tangible next steps or resource materials.
- Perhaps the Recovery Conference (in September 2015) might be a way to follow-up on next steps.

Mr. Denihan announced that Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Public Benefits Administrator, has been selected to serve as the Board staff liaison to the Faith-based Outreach Committee. Discussion followed on the challenge to reach out to the community and providers to assist them in recognizing and advocating spirituality in the recovery process—the charge and mission of this committee.

#### 4. RECRUITMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Faith-based Outreach Subcommittee Chair, Karrell McDaniel, reported that the subcommittee started out quite strong with a group totaling 30 people. He found that the participant’s interests were varied and most everyone had their own agenda for attending. Once the subcommittee began its work, individuals began to drop off. Mr. McDaniel felt that additional recruitment is needed to continue to work on the action plan. He advocated further for establishing guidelines for the subcommittee to delineate its roles and expectations.

Suggestions received:

- Ms. Warr suggested that the CEO use his platform to publicize the Faith-based Outreach Committee.
- Participation from provider agencies on the subcommittee might prove fruitful; Mr. Denihan noted that he would talk with staff internally to address this issue at an All-Provider Meeting.

- Elements of the Action Plan still need to be implemented, such as literature to the community, establishment of a Speaker's Bureau plan and details involved.
- Mr. Denihan noted that he has been considering addressing the issue of employment within provider contracts; after this discussion, perhaps the concept of communicating the value of spirituality could also be addressed in order to begin to stress its importance to recovery.
- Ms. Harper suggested canvassing existing provider agencies that are currently using faith-based counselors or who have an affiliation with faith-based groups. This might a way to promote awareness and to find individuals interested in the work of the committee and subcommittee. Ms. Harper offered to inform Ms. Sizemore-Rice of this charge.
- Ms. Miller suggested that roles, responsibilities and boundaries need to be defined for the subcommittee members. Question: Will new subcommittee members/recruits be enlisted to provide input and listen, or will they have voting privileges, etc. Mr. Denihan offered to provide some recommendations on these issues.
- Ms. Warr suggested that, perhaps on a rotating basis, Faith-based Outreach Committee members could attend subcommittee meetings as an opportunity to represent the standing committee.
- It was noted that subcommittee meetings are generally scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

#### **5. ORIENTATION FOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. McDaniel suggested providing the following information to new subcommittee members:

- Mission Statement
- Vision Statement
- Committee Brochure
- Action Plan – outlining the Goals & Objectives
- Subcommittee Roles/Responsibilities (when complete)

#### **6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion followed on the next meeting date for the Faith-based Outreach Committee and the possibility of meeting bi-monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of odd-numbered months since the Board does not meet during August and December.
- Committee members agreed to make this schedule change and to meet routinely at 3:00 PM since the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meets at 4:00 PM on the same cycle.
- The next Faith-based Outreach Committee date will be January 7, 2015 at 3:00 PM.
- A suggestion was made to produce a yearly schedule for the Faith-based Outreach Subcommittee that could be posted on our Web site.

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.***

***Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist***

***Approved by: Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., Faith-Based Outreach Committee Chair***