

ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2013

Committee Members: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Committee Chair, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., Anngela Williams / Absent: None

Sub-Committee Members Present: Karell T. McDaniel, LICDC, Terri Miller, NAMI Greater Cleveland

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin, called the Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and read aloud the Committee Mission Statement: *"To recognize and advocate spirituality in the recovery process; to collaborate 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 June 5, 2013, Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

3. FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY MEETING

Mr. Denihan introduced to committee members a potential opportunity for a community meeting specifically for the members of the faith-based community. It was noted that Pamela S. Hyde, J.D., Administrator of SAMHSA, is scheduled to speak at the Woodruff Luncheon on Monday, October 21st from Noon to 2:30 p.m. Mr. Denihan has contacted her office and learned that she would be willing to arrive the evening prior in order to meet with others from the community either before the Woodruff Luncheon or afterward. Mr. Denihan saw this as an opportunity for members of the faith community. Discussion followed.

Ideas generated:

- Program should explain the rationale for establishing Faith-based Outreach Committee and include opportunities, successes, and challenges.
- Example of one outcome – As a result of the Suicide Prevention event for faith-based community, some ministers have learned more about the Mental Health & AoD system and how make referrals and use it.
- Include 2 or 3 things that the committee wishes to see done in the next year, i.e. Speaker's Bureau and other issues addressed in the Faith-based Outreach Action Plan.
- Faith-based organizations are often an important key to the community.
- Reaching out to the clergy is also another way to advocate for the passage of Issue 1.
- Hold event in the community perhaps at a church – potential locations were suggested in priority order using local catering:
 - 1) The Manor (in Euclid) - preferred location for morning event
 - 2) Olivet - preferred for afternoon event
 - 3) Other possibilities - Trinity Cathedral, Abyssinia Baptist Church
 - 4) Other option (Plan C) - Friendly Inn Neighborhood Collaborative

Motion to support the proposed Faith-based Outreach Community Discussion with Pamela S. Hyde, J.D., on Monday, October 21, 2013. MOTION: E. Cash / SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Gohlstin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Denihan excused himself from the meeting to contact Ms. Hyde's office to choose the preferred time.

- 1) Breakfast format: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (or)
- 2) Afternoon meeting: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

4. UPDATE ON FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

Karell T. McDaniel, Subcommittee Chair, reported that upon approval of the Action Plan, the subcommittee has met each month to work on a specific issue of the Action Plan.

Issue 1: Increase the awareness and understanding of mental health/addiction in the faith community and to address societal stigma surrounding the illness.

- **Speakers Bureau** - The subcommittee decided to hold on the Speaker's Bureau in order to prepare materials based on Issue #4 in order to have a consistent message.
- **Community Relations Plan** – A colorful, three-fold brochure was produced. The concept is . . .

MERGE Spirituality	The brochure includes the Faith-based Outreach Mission Statement.
Mental Health	The colors chosen were to coincide with the ADAMHS Board Logo.
Emotional Wellness	Items featured: Faith-based Outreach Committee, Mental Health Sunday,
Recovery	Training Opportunities and the Speakers Bureau.
Gaining	
Excellence &	
Spirituality	

Committee members were very impressed with the sample brochure and suggested that it could be shared at the upcoming community event. Discussion followed on the method of printing. It was noted that it should be reviewed by Mr. Osiecki, Director of External Affairs for potential improvements and to see if it can be produced in-house. Ms. Harper asked Mr. McDaniel to send an electronic copy to the Board; he concurred.

Based upon the committee's approval of the brochure draft, Rev. Gohlstin noted that it will be presented to the full Board at the October General Meeting for its approval. (A copy of the brochure draft is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Issue 2: Incorporate spirituality as a component of treatment

- **SOQIC-C Amendments** – The subcommittee wishes to gather data to propose a supplemental guide of questions endorsed by the Faith-based Outreach Committee to help clinicians to identify religion/spiritual problems. Ms. Harper noted that this perfect time to consider this while the Board is currently working with the new S.H.A.R.E.S. system that will address outcomes. Mr. McDaniel listed the questions under consideration.
 1. Do you believe in God or a Higher Power?
 2. What is your religion or faith affiliation/denomination?
 3. When growing up, were you involved in an organized religion?
 4. Are you currently involved in an organized religion?
 5. Do your spiritual beliefs affect your involvement in treatment?
- **Media Support** – Will coordinate with Mr. Osiecki to publicize faith-based events. Ms. Warr suggested that a Faith-based column might be written and published in outgoing newsletters.
- **Trainings** – still working on developing trainings. Mr. McDaniel did present a Faith-based presentation at the September 16th Recovery Conference.
- **Pastoral Care Partners** – The ADAMHS Board will partner with and/or endorse pastoral care providers specializing in mental health and/or AOD issues.

Ms. Anngela Williams, Board & Committee member, shared a very moving testimony. Given her previous involvement with the justice system and addiction issues, she shared her journey and the fact that her faith saved her, that her God imparted a peace that surpassed all understanding, gave her a future and started her on her recovery. All present were grateful to Ms. Williams for sharing her story and inquired whether she would be willing to recount her story at the upcoming Community Event on October 21st. She graciously accepted the invitation.

Issue 3: Educate the faith community about mental health/addiction in order to help the congregation and the overall community. - Still working on the development of a 3-hour educational class.

Issue 4: Develop language and boundaries to clarify scope of practice for auxiliary clergy duties within the treatment community and treatment professionals with the faith community. - Is a future project.

Rev. McDaniel noted that the subcommittee has a consistent core of four workers. Some volunteers have fallen off the subcommittee; looking to recruit additional members. Ms. Brenda Abrahams, present at the meeting, offered to join and help the subcommittee. Rev. Gohlstin thanked Rev. McDaniel and his core group for their efforts and hard work.

Rev. Gohlstin appointed four individuals to work on the October 21st discussion with Pamela S. Hyde, J.D. They are: Rev. McDaniel, Mary Warr, Eugenia Cash and Valeria Harper.

5. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

- Next Faith-Based Outreach Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 5, 2014

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Faith-Based Outreach Committee Chair