

## ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

### FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROVISIONAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2012

**Committee Members Present:** Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin, Sr., Committee Chair, Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., Anngela Williams **Community Representatives:** Terri Miller, NAMI, Carmen Lyles, Lazarus  
**Board Staff Present:** Scott Osiecki, John Garrity, Ph.D., Carol Krajewski

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin, called the initial meeting of the Faith-Based Component/Outreach Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Ohio Room, welcomed all in attendance and invited input from those present.

Rev. Gohlstin noted that the four main dynamics of Recovery are Psychological/Emotional, Physical, Social, and Spiritual. Given the interest of several Board members in the spirituality component of Recovery, this committee has been formed to specifically emphasize the spiritual component for many consumers who find that it provides hope, solace during their illness, peace and understanding and a source of social support.

#### 2. COMMITTEE CHARGE/MISSION

A brainstorming session was held to generate the proposed committee charge or mission. The committee mission statement that received consensus was: ***"To emphasize and promote spirituality in the Recovery process in collaboration with other interventions and recognized best practices."***

#### 3. COMMITTEE NAME/FREQUENCY

Discussion followed on the preferred committee name. Those in attendance agreed to drop the word, "component" from the title as shown on the agenda and adopt the name, ***Faith-Based Outreach Committee.***

With respect to the frequency of meetings, Rev. Gohlstin proposed that this committee should meet monthly at least for the first several months (April, May, June and July) in order to forge ahead.

Ms. Cash concurred with this suggestion and noted that Mr. FitzGerald's office is working to establish a faith-based component as well; Justin Bibb, Special Assistant to Mr. FitzGerald, has been given this charge. She indicated that a contact roster from the faith-based community has been formulated and suggested that the committee could request a copy of the list. Rev. Gohlstin noted that a State Faith-Based Office is also being initiated; when he was in Columbus, Rev. Gohlstin expressed his interest in participating in this endeavor.

#### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Gohlstin suggested opening up committee membership to include community participation with the thinking that committee members would have the authority to vote at the committee level only. The Chair invited individuals present to join the Faith-Based Outreach Committee. The concept of Board staff being invited to be members of the committee was discussed; further clarification will be explored. Those community members interested in participating on the committee were:

- Anngela Williams, Board Member
- Terri Miller, NAMI
- Carmen Lyles, Lazarus

Based upon the feedback received, Rev. Gohlstin announced that he would appoint the individuals listed above to the committee along with the three Board members appointed by the Board Chair to this committee. Given the proposed committee composition, Rev. Gohlstin entertained motions to ratify preliminary discussions.

- Motion to approve the Committee Mission statement as ***"To emphasize and promote spirituality in the Recovery process in collaboration with other interventions and recognized best practices."***  
MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: E. Cash / Motion passed.

- **Motion to approve the committee's name as Faith-Based Outreach Committee and frequency of meetings be monthly through the month of July 2012.** MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: A. Williams **Motion passed.**
- **Motion to approve the inclusion of community participation on the Faith-Based Outreach Committee.** / MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: E. Cash / **Motion passed.**

Discussion of procedure: Mr. Osiecki reported that he received feedback from several members in the community who expressed an interest in serving on the committee if, at the committee meeting, it was decided to include community participation. Expanding committee membership further was discussed. The concept of asking interested individuals to complete a profile or application was explored. The form could include questions such as: name, contact information, organization represented, why interested, etc.

Ms. Warr inquired whether candidates would be interviewed similar to the process used for the community representatives serving on the P&O Committee. It was noted that the process for recruiting and interviewing non-Board/community representatives for the Planning & Oversight Committee is a more formal procedure as it compliant to the Ohio Revised Code for appointments for a four year term. Some committee members did not favor an interview process due to timing issues, formality, etc. The Chair suggested the maximum number of committee members would be determined at a future time.

**Motion to approve the development of a potential membership profile for use in recruiting additional community member participation on the Faith-Based Outreach Committee.** / MOTION: M. Warr SECOND: A. Williams / **Motion passed.**

Board staff were asked to assist with composing a profile form for potential membership within two weeks so the form can be e-mailed out to members of the community.

#### **5. ADAMHS BOARD AND SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE EVENT**

A Breakfast and Training, sponsored by the Suicide Prevention Task Force and the ADAMHS Board, for members of the Faith-Based Community on Suicide Prevention, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 Carnegie Avenue, Downtown Cleveland. Brochures were distributed for this free event for 100 people. The training is entitled, **Hope & Connection: Suicide Prevention in Faith Communities.** This event will provide an opportunity for faith-based community members to meet and interact with people who provide suicide prevention and mental health services in our community. There will be 2.75 Recognized Clock Hours (RCH) for Chemical Dependency Professionals and Continuing Professional Education hours (CPE) to Counselors and Social Workers.

Ms. Warr suggested that this event might be an opportune time to introduce the Faith-Based Outreach Committee and its mission to the community members in attendance.

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

- Potential activities for consideration were suggested:
  - Educate the community about the importance of spirituality in the recovery process.
  - Advocate for other training opportunities, e.g. train faith-based personnel how to identify people who may be suffering from mental health or AOD issues
  - Offer resources such as ministers who are competent and capable of counseling people from a spiritual base in tandem with the clinician.
- Next meeting date of the Faith-Based Outreach Committee will be Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 3:00 PM, one hour prior to the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

*Approved by: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Committee Chair*