

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 11, 2016

Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Reginald C. Blue, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Ohio Room.

Committee Members Present: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Pythias Jones, M.D., Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Anngela Williams

Absent: Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Erika Thoms

Board Staff Present: Valeria A. Harper, Vice President of Operations, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Carol Krajewski, Dave Lambert

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Nominating Committee minutes of 03/09/16 were approved as submitted.

2. **DETERMINE RECOMMENDED BOARD OFFICER SLATE FOR FY2017**

Committee members were directed by Dr. Blue to review the letters of intent received from Board members interested in serving as Board Officers for fiscal year 2017. Given that there were four candidates for three officer positions, Dr. Blue suggested using a secret ballot. Ballots were counted by Dr. Blue, Mr. Snider, Ms. Harper, and Ms. Krajewski.

(The Letter of Intent Submissions received are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

As a result of the initial vote for Board Officers, a decision was reached for the two Vice Chair positions:

- **Vice Chair** - J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
- **Second Vice Chair** - Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

For the position of Board Chair, there was a tie vote. Rev. Gohlstin was excused from the meeting as he was one of the candidates under consideration. Committee members expressed their opinions regarding the two candidates interested in serving as Chair. Rev. Gohlstin was asked to return to the conference room. A second vote was taken. The voting outcome resulted again in a tie situation.

As the ADAMHS Board Bylaws stipulate that committee members must be present at a meeting in order to vote on an issue, Dr. Blue reported that the Nominating Committee would need to submit to the full Board a recommended Slate of Officers that lists two Directors for the position of Board Chair for the election of officers at the June 22nd General Meeting. Ms. Williams suggested that the full Board be provided with the letters of intent for the election process.

- **Recommended Candidates for Board Chair:**
 - Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA
 - Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Motion to approve the recommended Slate of Officers for FY2017, as listed above, for the ADAMHS Board Election of Officers at the June 22, 2016 General Meeting. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

3. **APPOINTMENT TERM ROSTER UPDATE**

Dr. Blue reported on the meeting held on 4/08/16 with Chris Glassburn, Senior Policy Analyst/Cuyahoga County Administration, and Mr. Denihan regarding the status of county appointments. Mr. Glassburn confirmed that county appointments for Bob Fowler, Cassi Handler, Steve Killpack and Mary Warr are anticipated soon. The current county appointment vacancy is still pending.

Dr. Blue shared that a letter dated 4/20/16 was received from Tracy Plouck, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) appointing Ms. Eugenia Cash to a second appointment term, effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. (Document is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

With regard to the State appointment vacancy to be filled by a person who has received or is receiving mental health services, no responses have yet been received from NAMI or Greater Cleveland or the Action Committee Advocating Change; a second request will be made. Discussion followed on possible scenarios for making a broader appeal. It was noted that once applications are received, an interview process will ensue.

4. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Blue brought forward another possible revision to the Board Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 - Election of Officers. He suggested eliminating the concept of permitting nominations from the floor. His rationale is that if someone is nominated during a General Meeting from the floor, the individual would not be required to go through the vetting process undertaken by the Nominating Committee.

Based upon the Bylaws requirement that Board members must be given 21 days written notice of a proposed amendment/s to the Bylaws, the committee opted not to pursue this course of action at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Nominating Committee Chair