

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2012

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the ADAMHS Board's Ohio Room.

Committee Members Present: Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Ericka L. Thoms

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The Nominating Committee minutes of April 25, 2012 were approved as submitted.

2. **ROLE & PURPOSE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Denihan distributed copies of an excerpt from the ADAMHS Board Bylaws that outlines the duties of the Nominating Committee, summarized below:

- To prepare, recommend and nominate candidates for election as officers to be submitted to the Board of Directors at its May meeting, after soliciting names of candidates from the members of the Board; and,
- To convene, consider and recommend to the Board, candidates for vacant officer positions; and,
- To help enlist qualified and committed individuals, who are demographically representative of the population of Cuyahoga County and to convene, consider and recommend these candidates for Board of Director vacant seats to the full Board for recommendation to the appointing authority.

Mr. Denihan was notified by James Boyle, Executive Assistant to the Director, that County Executive, Edward FitzGerald, wants to exclusively recommend/select potential Board member candidates. As a result, he does not wish to receive recommendations from Boards regarding vacant positions/appointments. Mr. Denihan suggested the concept of revising the Bylaws in order to be more specific with regard to the recommendations to the respective appointing authorities. Mr. Denihan noted that the Nominating Committee will still need to make appointment recommendations for Board members appointed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) and the Ohio Department of Alcohol, Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS).

Discussion/Input:

- Mr. Snider felt that the Nominating Committee should have a procedure for reappointments in order to communicate the hard work and diligence of the Board members recommended for the reappointment consideration by appointing authorities. Mr. Denihan concurred.
- Dr. Jones asked if the Bylaws would need to be changed once ODMH and ODADAS are consolidated. Mr. Denihan said, most likely, yes.

ACTION: Board staff will be asked to draft the Bylaws revision for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

3. **COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAMHS BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Denihan recapped the situation regarding Board member reappointments. He noted that ADAMHS Boards have 10 county appointment seats, 4 appointment seats from ODMH and 4 appointment seats from ODADAS.

- As of 6/30/11, there were 4 individuals up for county reappointment.
- As of 6/30/12, there were 2 county resignations and 3 additional county Board members up for reappointment.

On 9/25/12, the County Council confirmed the 4 Board member recommendations to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County made by Mr. FitzGerald. Three of the new Board members will fill current county appointment vacancies due to resignations in FY12. The fourth new appointment will, most likely, replace someone serving in an expired term. The decision regarding appointment term designations has not yet been made by the County.

Mr. Denihan noted that he received verbal confirmation from the County of its intention to proceed with the other 5 reappointments. Mr. Denihan noted that he and the Board Chair intend to see if the individual replaced by the County might be able to be appointed by a state appointing authority for one of the current state vacant seats.

4. ODADAS APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS (2)

Mr. Denihan suggested it might be advantageous to hold off on making decisions regarding state appointment recommendations until information is shared by the County regarding appointment term designations.

Ms. Thoms asked for the status of people who have showed interest in serving on the Board. It was noted that there are a few applications on file; however, this issue has been dormant since, until recently, the ADAMHS Board had been 18 members strong.

Mr. Denihan noted that there are two non-Board member individuals currently serving on the Planning & Oversight Committee that are excellent participants who were recruited by the Nominating Committee. This process is a good avenue to find potential Board members. Mr. Denihan suggested that there may be former Board members, prior to the consolidation, who might also be interested.

5. ODMH REAPPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION

This issue is "on hold" until word is received from the County regarding appointment terms.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Denihan introduced and welcomed Bill Tobin, one of the new county Board member appointments, present in the audience.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Ericka L. Thoms, Nominating Committee Chair