

**Minutes of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS)
Board of Cuyahoga County – with Provisional Authority
CCCMHB Offices – Ohio Conference Room
Thursday, May 21, 2009**

ADAMHS Board Members Present:

Kathryn Gambatese, Chair
Eugenia Cash
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Janet C. Hnanicek
Amy L. Leopard, Esq.
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble
Harvey A. Snider
Ericka Thomas
Mary R. Warr
Anngela Williams

Chief Executive Officer:

William M. Denihan, ADAMHS Board

ADAMHS Board Members Absent:

Felipe Amunategui, Ph.D.
Reginald Blue, Ph.D.
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
Rick A. Kemm
Mary McElrath
Cynthia Miller
Lisa Thomas

Consultants:

Elsie Day, Esq.
Marlene Stoiber, Ph.D.

Guest: Sandra Wolk Graubard,
Spiral Studio

ADASBCC Board Staff Present: Christine Paternoster, Julie Fogel, Stephanie Graham, Laura Lambert, Frances Mills, Tom Williams, Lisa Griffith

CCCMH Board Staff Present: William Denihan, CEO, Dr. Christine Delos Reyes, Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, John Garrity, Cassandra Richardson, Scott Osiecki, Rose Fini

1. CALL TO ORDER & AUDIENCE INPUT

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese. Ms. Gambatese welcomed all and noted that a quorum had been established. There was no audience input on agenda items.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County with Provisional Authority were approved as submitted.

3. ADAMHS BOARD LOGO UPDATE

Scott Osiecki and Julie Fogel, staff on the Communications Committee, reported on the meetings and process with Sandra Wolk Graubard of Spiral Studio, in designing and determining the logo for the ADAMHS Board. It was noted that the logo represents a mountain, a bridge, an umbrella, and stepping stones.

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Ms. Graubard further explained what the various colors represented on the logo as well as its multi-demographical presence. The last remaining step is to send it out to a virtual focus group to see if there is anything the consultant and staff may not have considered in their recommendation.

A number of board members expressed their approval of the logo, stating that it was fresh and crisp. Board of Director Mary Warr stated that if people are shown with the logo, it should contain more African Americans than the sample distributed. It was noted that a lot of work went into the development of the logo and the process was fair and efficient under Ms. Graubard's leadership.

Motion to approve the ADAMHS logo. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: E. Cash, J. Hnanicek, A. Leopard, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr NAYES: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

[At 6:20 p.m., Eugenia Cash had to leave, and Anngela Williams arrived at the meeting at this time.]

4. SITE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Since Dr. Fowler, Chair of the Site Committee was unable to attend the meeting, Chief Denihan gave an update. As was reported, the Committee narrowed the site selection down to three sites. Some of the staff and board members visited the three sites last week. A public meeting was scheduled and a recommendation was going to be made, but a restraining order has been filed in response to a legal complaint brought by the owner of the MH Board Building. A meeting was held with the Prosecutor's Office and we cannot respond to the Complaint until a court date is scheduled. Due to scheduling conflicts, a court date will not be set for about ten days. We have been consistent, fair and transparent in the process and we are hopeful that the Judge will dismiss the restraining order. The Board will be kept informed.

5. FY2010 ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Denihan explained that the MH Board and the AOD Board will provide a summary of the funding recommendations made by each respective Board. The ADAMHS Board will review the recommendations and adopt them at their June board meeting, with the funding allocations ratified by the ADAMHS Board on July 1, 2009.

Cassandra Richardson, Chief Financial Officer of the MH Board distributed and summarized the following documentation:

- Table 1: Estimated Mental Health Services for SFY 2010 Revenue Expense Analysis
- Table 2: Mental Health Services SFY 2010 Tentative Contract Recommendations: Fee for Service Grants
- Table 3: Mental Health Services SFY 2010 Recommended Tentative Pass Thru Contracts
- Table 4: Mental Health Services SFY 2010 Board Directed Program Recommendations

Ms. Richardson further reported that the combined administrative overhead is 11.32% for their providers, down from 14.33% last year. The MH Board administrative cost is \$4.6 million, or 3.45% of the budget.

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Board members requested that they receive a list of abbreviations and acronyms. Further discussion took place regarding the Hopewell Program. Board of Director Harvey Snider asked that if the bed days are going down, is it because our system is getting better, and if so, are we giving credit to our providers? Staff replied that providers are, in deed, helping to keep hospital days down as well as keeping pharmacy costs under control. The funds saved are then utilized to increase the non-Medicaid funds.

Frances Mills, Deputy Director of the ADASBCC, provided a brief overview of the report card process per request of Board of Director Lisa Thomas. The Report Card focuses on four basic elements: quality improvement infrastructure, fiscal efficiency, clinical improvement and program improvement (prevention). She explained the treatment and prevention infrastructure and the benchmarking scores.

Ms. Mills then went on to further explain the “vendor contracts” funded annually by the ADASBCC. She explained the history and services funded for United Way First Call for Help, Scarborough House, Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, and University of Akron, as well as other specialized programming funded annually by the ADASBCC. The ADASBCC Operations Committee has made funding recommendations which are expected to be agreed to by the ADASB at its meeting on May 28th, and then further recommended to the ADAMHS Board, with ratification of the funding awards to take place on July 1, 2009.

6. STATE FISCAL UPDATE

Chief Denihan reported that H.B 1 (which is the budget) is currently in the Senate. Tax revenues still have not risen to the levels projected and we will now have another \$9 million deficit which will impact our FY2010 budget. He went on to state that the Board may have to reduce dollars again in the upcoming year in mid stream of the contract.

There is still no resolution of the 408 funding line formula. Seventy-four of the Ohio counties are receiving more under the new formula and fourteen (including Cuyahoga) are receiving less. It is unfair that the large urban counties have only one vote when we are faced with higher rates of homicide, drug use, and SMD in our population. The County vote should be weighted, with the larger counties having a bigger voice. He will continue to advocate in this regard.

7. CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

Chief Denihan reported that the co-chairs are continuing to make progress. A meeting was held regarding twelve or thirteen overlapping issues relative to the Consolidation. The majority have been resolved. Discussion is now centered on what will happen after July 1st in the first ninety days.

Board of Director, Mary Warr, reported that the Orientation/Communications Committee met yesterday. Elsie Day discussed the tentative Agenda distributed. It was noted that the date has changed to June 20th from 8:30 to 12:30. She briefly discussed the agenda items.

[Board of Director Amy Leopard advised that she had to leave the meeting shortly. Therefore, it was agreed to move ahead on the Agenda to review the Claims Appeal Policy which will need a vote, and then return to issues under the Consolidation process.]

8. POLICY REVIEW

The Claims Appeal Policy has been reviewed by staff of both Boards. This policy serves as a protocol for providers who have issues with denial of a claim. The draft policy was shared with providers and feedback was received. Chair Gambatese stated that this and additional policies coming to the Board for review and approval serve as a solid foundation for Board operations.

Motion to approve Claims Appeal Policy. MOTION: B. Gohlstin

SECOND: C. Still Noble / AYES: J. Hnanicek, A. Leopard, E. Thoms, M. Warr

NAYES: None / ABSTAIN: H. Snider / Motion passed.

Since Board of Director, Amy Leopard, had to leave, the meeting would continue as an informational session only.

There being no further business, Ms. Gambatese adjourned the formal meeting at 7:30 p.m.

In follow-up to the Consolidation Process (Agenda Item #7), Chief Denihan reported that another provider's meeting is scheduled for June 11th. A pre-meeting is scheduled for June 8th. The focus of the meeting will be on the FY2010 Contract.

Consultant Marlene Stoiber gave an update to the BluePrint Work Plan. Team updates have just been received. We will be focusing on what must be done before July 1st and prioritizing what needs to be done in the first ninety days of the new Board.

Christine Paternoster, Recording Secretary