

Minutes of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services
(ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County

Location of Meeting: WKYC-TV3, 1333 Lakeside Avenue (3rd Floor) Cleveland, OH
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

ADAMHS Board of Directors Present:

Kathryn E. Gambatese, Chairperson	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Vice Chairperson	Amy S. Leopard, Esq.
Luis Felipe Amunategui, Ph.D.	Cynthia Miller
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider
Eugenia Cash	Lisa Thomas, Ph.D.
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Ericka L. Thoms
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Mary R. Warr
Janet C. Hnanicek	Anngela Williams

Chief Executive Officer: William M. Denihan

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Julie Fogel, John Garrity, Ph.D., Lisa Griffith, Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Christine Paternoster, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Vicki Roemer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Maggie Tolbert, Lynnette Walker, Tom Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

On July 1, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese, acknowledged the historic "call to order" of the first meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County. Ms. Gambatese welcomed and thanked all for their presence at this very special setting chosen to commemorate the initial meeting of the newly consolidated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. Ms. Gambatese recognized the presence of Rick Werner, Cuyahoga County Deputy Administrator, representing the Board of County Commissioners. The Chair encouraged everyone to remain engaged with the ADAMHS Board as its members and staff learn to embrace each other's cultures.

The Chair emphasized a new procedure for Board meetings. All questions should be addressed to the Chair and individuals should be addressed by their proper titles. Ms. Gambatese noted that we have a 17 member Board today; however, she noted with regret and sadness of the resignation of Mary McElrath, Vice Chair, who will not be going forward as an ADAMHS Board of Director.

Ms. Gambatese was pleased to introduce Dr. Pythias Damon Jones, who is being recommended for the psychiatrist state appointment vacancy to the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health. It is anticipated that Dr. Jones will be sworn in later in the month upon receiving his official appointment notice from ODMH Director, Sandra Stephenson. Ms. Gambatese asked Dr. Jones to stand to be recognized. The Board of Directors were also asked to introduce themselves by name and title.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Barbara R. Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, noted that it was her privilege to represent the Office of William D. Mason, in administering the Oath of Office for the members of this newly consolidated Board. Ms. Marburger administered the Oath of Office (shown below) to the fifteen Board members present.

"I, _____, in accepting the appointment to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County."

3. OATH OF OFFICE *(Continued)*

Board members were asked to sign the Oath of Office document so that Ms. Marburger could sign and seal them for their individual files. Board members were also asked to sign their Conflict of Interest Statement and return it to the Chair for her signature.

4. AUDIENCE INPUT

Audience members were invited to comment on printed agenda items; no input was generated.

5. RESOLUTIONS FOR RATIFICATION OR APPROVAL

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-07-01**

RATIFICATION OF ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY WITH PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY DECISIONS

- 08-12-01J CEO Selection Task Group Recommendations
- 08-12-02J Approval of Name for the Consolidated Board
- 08-12-03J Selection of Chief Executive Officer for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County
- 2/19/09 Elected ADAMHS Board Officers – *[Ms. Gambatese asked that item (b) be removed.]*
 - a. Chair: Kathryn Gambatese
 - b. Vice Chair: Mary McElrath
 - c. Second Vice Chair: Rev. Charlotte Still Noble
- 09-02-01J Approval of Advocacy Agenda
- 09-02-02J Approval of ADAMHS Board Tag Line
- 09-03-01J Approval of Operational Contract with Spiral Studio for Development of Identity Package for ADAMHS Board
- 09-03-02J Approval of Request for Proposal for the Development of a Web site for the ADAMHS Board
- 4/16/09 Adoption of the ADAMHS Board Bylaws
- 09-04-01J Approval of Request for Proposal Review Committee's Recommendation for Web Site Design Contract
- 09-04-02J Approval of Performance Measures and Monograph for the C.E.O. of the ADAMHS Board
- 09-05-01J Approval of ADAMHS Board Logo
- 09-06-01 Approval of Personal Service Contracts for the Summer Session of the ADAMHS Board Training Institute

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 09-07-01 as revised. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Gohlstin

AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Miller, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None

Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-07-02**

APPROVAL OF SFY2010 NON-MEDICAID SERVICE PROVIDER FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 09-07-02. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue

AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Miller, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None

Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION ON. 09-07-03**
APPROVAL OF SFY2010 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Board members were directed to the "revised" Resolution No. 09-07-03 at their place which listed the corrected amount for the SFY2010 Operating Budget as \$7,579,267.00.

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 09-07-03 as revised. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Gohlstin
AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Miller, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None
Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION ON. 09-07-04**
APPROVAL OF BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 09-07-04. MOTION: F. Amunategui / SECOND: E. Cash
AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Miller, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None
Motion passed.

4. REVIEW OF POLICIES: SECOND READING ON 7/1/09 & OFFICIAL VOTE

- POLICY DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION
- BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- CONTRACT MODIFICATION DUE TO CHANGE IN FUNDING
- EDUCATION ABOUT FALSE CLAIMS RECOVERY
- PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS
- CLAIMS APPEAL POLICY
- CLIENTS RIGHTS AND GRIEVANCE POLICY

Ms. Gambatese reported that all policies presented for "second reading" reflect revisions based upon Board member's input at the General Meeting on 6/18/09 of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County with Provisional Authority.

Discussion ensued about the Board's HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) Policy. Board staff responded that the policy is in the works and will come before the ADAMHS Board in the near future.

Motion to approve the seven policies presented for second reading.

MOTION: L. Thomas / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Miller, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

[Board of Director, Anngela Williams, arrived.]

5. **STATE FUNDING**

Mr. Denihan noted that, to date, there is no final report about the state budget. Advocacy efforts do have an impact; therefore; he encouraged all to communicate the message that our consumers are the most vulnerable members of our society. We continue to advocate and await additional news.

STATE FUNDING *(Continued)*

The second part of the discussion relates to the 408 state line item. The Ohio Department of Mental Health's new administrative funding formula aims to redistribute funding allocations state-wide. Presently, the formula represents a potential \$13 million budget cut to Cuyahoga County. Despite the fact that twelve other counties would also receive reductions, Cuyahoga County's potential reduction is, significantly, the highest reduction proposed. Mr. Denihan referenced the Plain Dealer editorial distributed to Board members opposing the proposed funding formula and elaborated on the proposed amendment being considered by the legislative Conference Committee. Mr. Denihan thanked everyone for their advocacy efforts and encouraged all to continue efforts should they see their legislators over the July 4th weekend.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Gambatese noted that she could not believe that this day had arrived and that it was bittersweet as there are persons missing in the room who were an integral part of getting to this day. Ms. Gambatese stated that she is astonished at the good fortune to be the Chair of such an auspicious and highly esteemed group of people and credited Board members for their sincere and dedicated efforts throughout the consolidation process which wasn't easy. "The fact that we are here and we are doing this together is such encouragement and should be a model of those serving in this County that good things can happen in bad times." The Chair noted her pride in the model and process which engaged all of our stakeholders and providers over this lengthy journey and the excellent documentation of the evolution process. The Chair thanked all for being here on this very special first meeting and expressed her hope that everyone remains engaged as we move forward.

7. CEO'S REPORT

- According to ODMH Director Stephenson, there is still great interest in building the new state hospital in Cleveland. The Director is scheduled to come to Cleveland on 7/8/09 to talk about potential sites.
- The Executive Director of Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare System has resigned; subsequently, Mr. Denihan has been asked to serve on the Selection & Interview Committee for the executive search.
- Approximately 3-4 weeks ago, the landlord of the Administrative Offices at 1400 West 25th Street filed a restraining order against the ADAMHS Board. Mr. Denihan reported that Board staff was in court to address the charges and expect a decision soon. When information is learned, both the Board Chair and Site Committee Chair will be apprised.
- The official Table of Organization (T.O.) was distributed and consists of 70 full-time positions. At the same time last year, Mr. Denihan explained that the two Boards employed 100 full-time positions. This outcome/accomplishment answers the very first directive of the County Commissioners to save money and gain efficiency. Mr. Denihan individually introduced members of the ADAMHS Board leadership team and asked them to stand. Mr. Denihan thanked Ms. Gambatese and Board members for allowing him to be part of this new Board and noted that changes made will have a positive impact on the quality of life for the residents of our county.
- Mr. Denihan provided background information regarding the letter received from the Bridgeway Board of Trustees about the transfer of Non-Medicaid clients and related funding issues. It was noted that due to complex issues in locating clients, the transition process may take at least another 30 days. Board staff is working to have funds follow the client in order to assure that services are received by clients until they are transferred to another service provider. Ms. Warr wished to publicly register her disappointment that Bridgeway did not fulfill the transition process as promised. Mr. Denihan noted that he understood Ms. Warr's sentiment; however, steps are being taken to address the ultimate needs of the consumers at this time.

8. ADAMHS FUTURE TOPICS

The Chair noted that committees meetings are scheduled during the month of July. Another General Meeting is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 4:00 PM at the West 25th & Detroit Avenue offices. The ADAMHS Board will not meet during the month of August.

Potential Future Topics:

- State Funding
- 408 Line Item
- Result of Lawsuit
- New state psychiatric hospital update

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- John Nosek, President of the Council of Agency Directors in the mental health system, thanked everyone for the transparency of the consolidation process and the involvement of the providers. He noted his appreciation and hope that this philosophy will continue for planning efforts in the future.
- Maureen Dee, Catholic Charities Services, and a member of the Directors Association for the Alcohol and Drug Addiction System, congratulated the new Board and noted her appreciation for the hard work it took to get to this occasion. She particularly urged Board members to become equally passionate about both systems of care and the array of services available.

In answer to Ms. Dee's question about the legacy positions on the Table of Organization, Mr. Denihan noted that there are 6 legacy positions. Three positions represent staff members who are taking early retirement within the next 30 days. The other three individuals did not find a permanent position on the Table of Organization. For a specified period of time, Mr. Bill Tobin has been asked to take on the day-to-day operations at the Rockefeller Building and to assist with the transition. Ms. Frances Mills is taking on a special project around faith-based initiatives and mental health. Ms. Debra Landrum selected not to apply for vacant positions available. Mr. Denihan added that the bold blocks on the Table of Organization currently represent vacant positions.

There being no further business, Ms. Gambatese adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

*Approved by: _____
Kathryn E. Gambatese, ADAMHS Board Chair*