

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 23, 2009

### Board of Directors Present:

Kathryn E. Gambatese, Chairperson	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Vice Chairperson	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Amy S. Leopard, Esq.
Pastor Charles E. Brown	Lisa Thomas, Ph.D.
Eugenia Cash	Ericka L. Thoms
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Mary R. Warr
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Anngela Williams
Janet C. Hnanicek	

Absent: Luis Felipe Amunategui, Ph.D., Cynthia Miller, Harvey Snider

Guests: Barbara R. Marburger

**Chief Executive Officer** – William M. Denihan

**ADAMHS Board Staff Present:** Theresa Bynum, Cynthia Chaytor, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Valeria Harper, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Christine Paternoster, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Maggie Tolbert, Lynnette Walker

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor for audience input on agenda items.

Nate Coffman, Executive Director of the Ohio City Near West Development Corporation, located at 2525 Market Avenue, introduced himself and noted that it was his understanding that the ADAMHS Board is considering relocating to the southern part of the neighborhood. He extended a warm welcome to Ohio City and noted that he would be receptive to any questions about the neighborhood. Mr. Coffman was asked to provide contact information for questions after the meeting.

### **2. OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Barbara R. Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from the Office of William D. Mason, administered the Oath of Office to Pastor Charles E. Brown and Pythias D. Jones, M.D. Newly appointed Board members were asked to comment on their appointment and/or background.

Pythias D. Jones, M.D. reported that after attending several committee meetings, he already feels at home. He considered his attendance at several committee meetings a valuable learning experience about the meeting cycle process and that Board's mission to serve the needs of consumers.

Pastor Charles E. Brown previously served on the ADASBCC and is excited about serving on the new ADAMHS Board. He stated that he is a recovering alcoholic and that service to this population is his passion. He serves as a Pastor of a local church where AA meetings are regularly held to reach out to members of the community.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the initial ADAMHS Board General Meeting held on July 22, 2009, were approved as written.

#### **4. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY**

Mr. Denihan noted that the ADAMHS Board regularly displays artwork produced by consumers of mental health services. The artwork display for September 2009 was produced by Debi W. of the MetroHealth Art Therapy Program. Debi started therapy at MetroHealth in the early 1980's with Dr. George Streeter, who is one of the co-founders of the Art Therapy program. Although she resisted participating in the program for many years thinking that she would not be good in art, their persistence paid off and now Debi enjoys many forms of art, but particularly photography. As Debi was unable to be present, the certificate of recognition will be forwarded to her.

#### **5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Amy Leopard, Nominating Committee Co-Chair, reported that the committee is pleased to recommend electing Harvey A. Snider as Second Vice Chair to the ADAMHS Board.

**Motion to elect Harvey A. Snider as Second Vice Chair of the ADAMHS Board.** MOTION: A. Leopard  
SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm,  
A. Leopard, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

The Chair noted that she officially appoints Dr. Pythias Jones as a member of the Planning & Oversight Committee.

#### **6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 9/2/09. The following topics were covered:

- A serious discussion regarding the impact of state budget reductions
- Consideration of signing-on to a letter to Legislators requesting action to reform the criminal justice and prison systems.
- Media Tracking Report - 14 positive media mentions in August; year-to-date total is 106 positive media hits.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-01**  
**SUPPORT OF SB 22: PRISON REFORM**

Ms. Warr questioned the date in the fourth paragraph; it was noted that the date should read February 2009.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-09-01 as corrected.** MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: R. Blue  
AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Still Noble,  
L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

#### **7. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, Mary Warr, provided a summary report on the meeting held on 9/9/09 and noted that the committee is eager to move forward in its review of programs as well as to learn about programs from both areas. The committee mission statement was reviewed; the consensus was to retain the present mission statement as is and to re-visit it in the future.

P&O Committee members reviewed the proposed General Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality and voted to bring it to the full Board for its first reading. Changes are highlighted in yellow. The policy will be placed on the agenda next month for its second reading and official vote. Questions and or changes will be considered at that time.

#### **8. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, Bob Fowler, concurred with Ms. Thoms' earlier comments that the Board is faced with serious cuts in our budget from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The proposed plan to address these cuts is reflected in **Resolution No. 09-09-09, Amendments to FY2010 Non-Medicaid Contracts.** Dr. Fowler asked Mr. Denihan to provide background comments regarding budget cuts received by the ADAMHS Board.

[Eugenia Cash arrived.]

**8. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - (Continued)**

Mr. Denihan distributed a one-page summary worksheet to the Board of Directors to help illustrate the complexities of the situation which addressed reductions, reserves, and recommendations. A correction was noted regarding the Reduction Total. (The corrected summary worksheet is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

**Funding Reductions to the ADAMHS Board = \$12,343,444**

Total ODADAS Reductions: \$1,786,635

- 10%; over \$1.2 million.
- Pass Through Grant reduced by 13%; over \$500,000

ODMH: 24%; over \$9.8 million.

County Reduction: \$721,000

**The proposed plan to cover the FY2010 Reductions to the ADAMHS Board Budget:**

- Initially, the ADAMHS Board prioritized services in the following order:
  - AOD Treatment & Prevention Services
  - Crisis and Pharmacological Management Services
  - Community Psychiatric Support Treatment & Residential Services
  - All other mental health service categories
- Determined that no reductions would be made to AOD treatment and prevention services. The total \$1,786,635 reduction would be covered from the \$4.2 million served from the ADAS Board.
- Propose that the following actions be taken to cover the \$9.8 million reduction in mental health services:
  - \$1.9 million reimbursement from ODMH for unused bed days.
  - \$180,231 in a Board subsidy to Central Pharmacy has been eliminated.
  - \$319,932 (24%) reduction in the Adult Rental Assistance Program.
  - \$635,383 (36%) reduction to Special Programs, such as WRAP, Adult Sex Offender, Project Assist, Day Care Plus, etc.
  - \$2.5 million (13%) reduction to Fee for Services Programs.
  - \$1.9 million (14%) reduction to Grant Funded Programs
  - The remaining \$2.4 million in reductions will be covered from the reserve that was carried over from the ADAS Board.

Mr. Denihan acknowledged his previous statement in FY09 about the intended use of reserve funds; however, due to the catastrophic nature of the recent cuts, he advocated for using Option A which proposes the use of remaining AOD reserve to offset mental health reductions. Option B holds \$2.5 reserve intact; however, this decision negatively impacts the mental health system; reductions would grow to \$8 million, compared to the present reduction of \$5.5 million to the mental health community system. Mr. Denihan commented that the \$5.5 million cut to mental health is already a significant 24% reduction. He noted further noted that the Finance & Operations Committee has asked Board staff to collect information from mental health providers to identify the consequences and impacts of these cuts. The information will be collected and reported to the committee.

Discussion followed; see feedback from Board members:

- A Board should not retain a reserve fund and carry a deficit; you must use your reserve funds to reduce your deficit as much as possible.
- When citizens were voting for the Health & Human Service Levy, they did not designate the use of those funds. Additionally, many of the clients served are dually-diagnosed.
- Perhaps an Option C could aim to look at the future to consider whether changes should be made to existing programs in both systems to operate more effectively.

Mr. Nosek, President of the Council of MH Agency Directors, noted that (1) mental health providers have been working closely with AOD providers and have developed a lot of respect for them in the process, (2) the \$5.5 million cut to mental health system will be devastating to the mental health consumers who are not Medicaid eligible.

As a merged Board, Mr. Nosek noted that we now have a responsibility to all of the poorest of Cuyahoga County citizens who have needs that will not be met. Given this, when there are resources available, they should be used when and where they are most needed at any given point in time. Mr. Nosek noted that it would be very difficult for any public entity to consider keeping a reserve. Additionally, he pointed out that we should consider how this would impact future voting sentiment for the next Health & Human Service levy if a reserve exists.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-09-09.** MOTION: B. Fowler SECOND: L. Thomas / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

Dr. Fowler summarized the contracts reviewed at the 9/16/09 Finance & Operations Committee meeting and the recommended funding amounts. He noted that there are six resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 09-09-02 through 09-09-07)**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-02  
AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVENE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD LITIGATION**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-03  
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2009 AND AUGUST 2009**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-04, APPROVAL OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ Amendment to Resolution #09-07-09: Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) - ODADAS Notification of Final Pass-Thru SFY2010 Allocations
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) – ODADAS Pass-Thru SFY2010 Allocations:
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) – ODADAS Pass-Thru Allocation Funds: STAR-SI (Strengthening Treatment Access and Retention – State Implementation):
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award – ODADAS: Medicaid Adolescent Rehabilitation Project (MARP)
  - ◊ Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA)-ODMH Pass-Thru Funds for Forensic Monitoring Related Services:
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) - Ohio Dept. of Youth Services (ODYS) and ODADAS: Adolescent Re-Entry & Transition Initiative
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - Board of County Commission (BOCC): Ryan White Title I Funds
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - BOCC: Family and Schools Together (FAST)
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - Amendment to BOCC Contract: Cuyahoga County Adult Probation Dept.
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - ODYS and ODADAS: Behavioral Health & Juvenile Justice (BH/JJ)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-05, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ ODADAS Notification of Final Pass-Thru SFY2010 Allocations:
 

- TASC	- Drug Free Schools
- Drug Free Community	- Community Prevention
- UMADAOP	- Therapeutic Community
- Women's Treatment	- Problem Gambling
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award – ODADAS Pass-Thru SFY2010 Allocations:
    - HIV/AIDS
    - Women's Treatment

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-05, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS, (Continued)**
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award – ODADAS Pass-Funds: STAR-SI (Strengthening Treatment Access and Retention – State Implementation) allocations:
    - New Directions
    - Catholic Charities
    - Fresh Start
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award – ODADAS: Medicaid Adolescent Rehabilitation Project (MARP)
    - Catholic Charities Corporation
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - Pass-Thru ODMH Funds: Forensic Monitoring Related Services
    - Recovery Resources
    - Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - ODYS & ODADAS: Adolescent Re-Entry/Transition Initiative
    - Catholic Charities
    - Berea Children's Home & Family Services
    - ODYS Providers
  - ◊ Notice of Funding Award - ODYS & ODADAS: Behavioral Health & Juvenile Justice (BH/JJ)
    - Catholic Charities Services of Cuyahoga County
    - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
    - Beech Brook
    - Cuyahoga County Division of Juvenile Court
  - ◊ Amendment to BOCC Contract: Cuyahoga County Adult Probation Department
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-06, APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ Contract to Replace and Upgrade ADAMHS Financial Management System
  - ◊ Rockefeller Lease Extension
  - ◊ ADAMHS Employee Parking located at Rockefeller Site
  - ◊ Institute for Creative Leadership
  - ◊ Sponsorship of Women's Center of Greater Cleveland's Annual *Run, Jane, Run*
  - ◊ Co-sponsorship of Suicide Prevention Education Alliance's *Into the Light Walk*
  - ◊ WMMS 100.7: Advertise Recovery Month
  - ◊ Your Teen Magazine: Suicide Prevention Advertisement
  - ◊ Salem Communications: Suicide Prevention Radio spots
  - ◊ Hitchcock Center & Spectrum of Supportive Services: Brown Bag Lunches
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-07, APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ Families and Schools Together, Inc. – Accreditation & Evaluation Services for FAST Program
  - ◊ Conference Speaker Contracts for 2009 Roads to Recovery Conference: (1) Tonya Hunter (2) Edward Leigh and (3) Joseph Shannon, Ph.D.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution No. 09-09-02 through 09-09-07).**

MOTION: B. Fowler SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None

**Motion carried.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-08  
RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICE COMMISSION AND APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE PATHWAYS II VOCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-09-08.** MOTION: B. Fowler SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / ABSTAIN: C. Still Noble / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

## **9. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Gambatese gave kudos to those who prepared for, participated in and supported the excellent Roads to Recovery Conference. Evaluations received were very positive. The Chair intends to advocate for continuing bi-annual Recovery Conferences in the future.

To reflect Board members concerns throughout the consolidation process about need for additional orientation, a Board retreat is being planned for Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The mayor of Richmond Hts. has graciously offered the use of its City Hall at no charge for the ADAMHS Board Orientation session. Additional information to follow.

The Board Chair has worked on the initial agenda for the ADAMHS Board's Executive Committee meeting scheduled for the first Wednesday in October, 10/7/09.

## **10. CEO'S REPORT**

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured from the September 23, 2009 **CEO Headliners**; see issue attached to minutes.

- Per Mr. Denihan's request, Mr. Osiecki elaborated on the advocacy post card campaign to help convince the Governor and Legislators to fund behavioral health in the Budget Corrections Bill later this fall. The effort was developed by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities (OACBHA) and the Coalition for Health Communities. The postcard stresses the serious life and death situations regarding overdoses and suicides. Mr. Osiecki noted that we will have 5,000 cards available in our County to send our message to our public officials in Columbus. Packets of postcards will be mailed to agencies to ask their consumers, family members and staff to fill them out and deliver them back to the Board. Board staff will sort the cards and return them to Columbus. An e-mail with instructions will also follow.
- Mr. Denihan noted that he will be in Columbus two days next week as he has been appointed to OACBHA's Executive Committee. This committee is working to stress the importance of finding the "phantom money" in the state budget, addressing the state's direction regarding ADAMHS Boards, etc.
- September is Recovery Month for alcohol and drug addiction services. A celebratory event at Progressive Field at a Cleveland Indians game took place on Wednesday evening, 9/22/09.
- This Saturday evening is the Seventh Annual Northeast Ohio Recovery Celebration at the Crowne Plaza.
- Mr. Denihan thanked providers and Board staff for their due diligence in the various meetings around the issue of an Adult Non-Medicaid Benefit Service Package Project. It is hoped that a recommendation may be presented to the Board by the end of the year.
- Mr. Denihan thanked all of the providers for sharing their support relative to the important decision made this evening by the Board of Directors.

## **11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Rev. Gohlstin mentioned that in light of the success of our suicide prevention presentation last year, Sam Tidmore, owner of Village TV, has offered to broadcast one or some of our General Meetings from the Village TV studios to give the community at large a better look at what the ADAMHS Board does.
- Following up on an important point made by Mr. Nosek, Rev. Gohlstin advocated for understanding that the ADAMHS Board should no longer be referred to as a consolidated, merged, or combined Board. It is a Board and we need to begin to think, move and act that way by removing divisive language and thought patterns.

## **12. AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Mr. Jim Penman, Center for Families and Children (an AOD and MH provider), really respects the position that this Board has taken to support the most vulnerable consumers when we are facing life and death issues. The Board has taken a direction that shows compassion and fairness. He thanked the Board for its leadership.

**13. AUDIENCE INPUT** *(Continued)*

- Esther Pla, of Connections, wished to say thank you to the Board of Directors for the vote that was just taken. She wished to acknowledge the efforts of the Board to reduce bed days that brought \$1.9 million back to the system to offset the deficit.
- Kathy Kazol, E.D.E.N, Inc. (a housing development agency), noted that clearly the \$1.9 million reimbursement is based upon having somewhere for consumers to move once they are discharge ready and the services that support them. The impact statements will determine how things may change in the coming year. Ms. Kazol noted that this is the first time that she has witnessed the Board act as one Board. She noted that this gives her hope that we really do have one system to make sure that we provide the best services possible.

Other positive announcements:

- Edgewood Park Housing Facility opened and will move in 30 of its 63 tenants this week. The location is E. 55<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in the Slavic Village neighborhood.
- An Open House is planned for Southpoint Commons, which is on W.25<sup>th</sup> near MetroHealth Medical Center, on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Five mental health consumers have been hired by Maha Café a restaurant within the facility. Please try to frequent this restaurant which has Middle Eastern cuisine.
- Susan Neff, Executive Director of Mental Health Services (MHS), noted that MHS operates the Mobile Crisis Team as well as to provide services to homeless individuals. She is encouraged by the action of the Board which enables agencies to support the services to those most in need. She echoed the comments made by Rev. Gohlstin.
- Steve Morse, Executive Director of Spectrum of Supportive Services, reassured Ms. Warr that the Pathways II Project will strive to obtain 50 employment placements or more. Due to obtaining funds from a Stimulus Grant, the agency will be able to hire more employment specialists. Mr. Morse noted that he is also extremely proud of the leadership shown by the Board. The action taken regarding the budget has enabled providers to approach the community including the Board of County Commissioners for a fair allocation to this unified system and to approach the voters honestly and in good faith when it is time to re-visit the Health and Human Service Levy.

*There being no further business, Ms. Gambatese adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

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