

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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.,	Harvey A. Snider
Pastor Charles E. Brown	Lisa Thomas, Ph.D.
Eugenia Cash	Ericka L. Thoms
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Mary R. Warr
Janet C. Hnanicek	Anngela Williams
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	

Absent: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Cynthia Miller
Chief Executive Officer – William M. Denihan

ADAMHS Board Staff Present:

Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Tami Fischer, Julie Fogel, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Johanna Henz, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice Chair, Rev. Charlotte Still Noble called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on behalf of Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese who was present but has lost her voice. Rev. Still Noble opened the floor for audience input on agenda items; no input was generated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the initial ADAMHS Board General Meeting held on September 23, 2009, were approved as written. Ms. Gambatese and the Acting Chair recognized Ms. Krajewski for the outstanding job on the September General Meeting minutes.

3. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY

The ADAMHS Board regularly displays artwork produced by consumers of mental health services. The artwork display for October 2009 was produced by Ken Tomaro, who identified himself as a person who has suffered from depression and anxiety for most of his life. The name of the photographic exhibit is *Depressive Realism*, which is the theory/idea that depressed people actually have a less distorted picture of the world than the non-depressed. Mr. Tomaro expressed his thanks to the Board for presenting his work and was presented by the Board Chair and C.E.O. with a certificate of appreciation.

4. VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNITED BANK BUILDING

Handouts of the power point presentation were distributed and are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit. Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Richardson narrated the virtual tour presentation and also presented a video.

- New address for United Bank Building = 2012 West 25th Street, 6th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44113
- Second busiest intersection in Cleveland besides Public Square; great public transportation
- 130 parking spots
- 3 elevators that will be refurbished

Mr. Denihan reported that the ADAMHS Board logo will prominently be displayed on the exterior of the building. The rental cost savings will be \$350,000 per year for ten years. He recognized in the audience, Maureen Dee of Catholic Charities and Sylvia Pacifico of the Women's Alliance for Recovery Services, and stated that ADAMHS Board staff look forward to being their neighbors when we move to our new site.

5. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Warr highlighted several issues discussed at the 10/14/09 Planning & Oversight Committee meeting.

- 1) The PATH Project for homeless veterans has a goal for 2010 to increase the number of homeless veterans that we will reach and serve. A peer counselor will be hired who is also a veteran.
- 2) The Exchange Center, formerly known as Home for TLC, is now being managed by Murtis Taylor Human Services Center. The new construction for the Exchange Center will start in January and the time table is 9-12 months.
- 3) Dr. Jones introduced and shared a document about the importance of proper nutrition and reduction of calorie intake as important information for our consumers.

• GENERAL POLICY ON PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Ms. Warr referenced the policy statement on Privacy and Confidentiality. This policy is up for its second reading. Three areas were revised since its first reading and are highlighted in yellow. No additional changes were proposed.

Motion to approve the General Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality

MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: P. Jones / AYES: F. Amunategui, C. Brown, E. Cash, K. Gambatese, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None

Motion carried.

6. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Vice Chair, Amy Leopard, summarized the committee meeting report for 10/21/09 written by Committee Chair, Bob Fowler. Central Pharmacy and Bed Day Utilization Reports were reviewed. Operating expenditures are currently at 22.25%.

The ADAMHS Board incurred costs of \$930,606 to consolidate the ADASBCC and CCCMHB and submitted the expenses to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for reimbursement. The BOCC agreed to reimburse the ADAMHS Board for \$666,302. (The summary report is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

In light of the Special Meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee held immediately prior (10/28/09 at 3:15 p.m.) to the General Meeting, Ms. Leopard noted that revisions are currently being made to Resolution No. 09-10-01 and a new resolution, Res. No. 09-10-08, will be presented to the full Board of Directors following consideration of the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 09-10-02 through 09-10-06)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-02**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING SEPTEMBER 2009
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-03, APPROVAL OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction Funding Allocation for Parole Program
 - ◇ AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC)
 - ◇ ODADAS: Increased STAR-SI (Strengthening Treatment Access & Retention) Funding Award
 - ◇ ODMH: Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Funds
 - ◇ Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA) #TSIG1-10-0011-02-01: Berea Children's Home & Family Services: (Pass-Through Funding) "Comprehensive Evaluation of ECMH Consultation in Ohio"
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-04, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation & Correction Parole Program allocation to Recovery Resources
 - ◇ AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC)
 - ◇ ODADAS: Increased STAR-SI Funding Award – Catholic Charities

- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-04, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:** *(Continued)*
 - ◇ ODMH: Early Childhood Mental Health Funds
 - Achievement Centers for Children
 - Applewood Centers
 - Beech Brook
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
 - Berea Children's Home and Family Services
 - Positive Education Program
 - Positive Education Program – Consultation
 - ◇ Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA) #TSIG1-10-0011-02-01: Berea Children's Home & Family Services "Comprehensive Evaluation of ECMH Consultation in Ohio"
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-05, APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Lease with United Twenty-Fifth Building, LLC – United Bank Building
 - ◇ Selection and Procurement of Telephone System and Network Support Supplies
 - ◇ Ace Business Solutions
 - ◇ Furniture Evaluation, Selection & Procurement
 - ◇ Negotiate contract for Selection and Procurement of Furniture
- **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-06, APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT:**
 - ◇ Your Bean Counter, (YBC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 09-10-02 through 09-10-06).

MOTION: A. Leopard / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: F. Amunategui, C. Brown, E. Cash, K. Gambatese, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-07 - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS (WHICH INVOLVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.)

- ◇ ODMH: PATH Pilot Project for Homeless Veterans: Mental Health Services, Inc.
- ◇ Ohio Department of Public Safety/Office of Criminal Justice Services & Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program: Re-Entry Program for Non-Violent, Mentally Ill Ex-Offenders
 - Mental Health Services, Inc. – Returning Home Ohio Program
 - Murtis Taylor Human Services Center – Correctional Advocacy & Re-Entry Support
 - Recovery Resources, Inc. – Parole/Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-10-07. MOTION: A. Leopard / SECOND: B. Gohlstin
 AYES: F. Amunategui, C. Brown, E. Cash, K. Gambatese, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-08

- **APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT BUDGET FOR FURNISHING AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE NEW ADAMHSCC FACILITY**

Ms. Leopard highlighted the furnishing items and other expenses needed for the new facility and noted that the potential expenditures were delineated on the updated agenda process sheet. Mr. Snider thanked Ms. Richardson and Mr. Osiecki for diligently working on the breakdown of information. Rev. Still Noble recognized Board staff for their efforts to utilize present furniture and to look for donated furniture as well. Ms. Warr advocated for looking for minority vendors. Ms. Leopard noted that the committee may be bringing back a recommendation for contingency funding once a better accounting of our unmet needs is determined.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-10-08. MOTION: A. Leopard / SECOND: B. Gohlstin
 AYES: F. Amunategui, C. Brown, E. Cash, K. Gambatese, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-01

- **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILLIAM M. DENIHAN**

Documents from the Special Meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee were distributed that reflected the base salaries and compensation packages of other C.E.O.'s state wide. Given current budget reductions to our system, Mr. Denihan approached the Finance & Operations Committee at its Special Meeting to inform them of his decision to refrain from taking the compensation package as recommended by the Executive and Finance Committees. Although he has assumed additional duties as the C.E.O. of the new ADAMHS Board, no increases are proposed from his previous compensation package. The revised Resolution No. 09-10-01 was also distributed. (The resolution and handouts are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Motion to approve revised Resolution 09-10-01. MOTION: A. Leopard / SECOND: B. Gohlstin

AYES: F. Amunategui, C. Brown, E. Cash, K. Gambatese, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Still Noble announced that Ms. Gambatese, Board Chair, recently appointed Pastor Charles E. Brown to the Planning & Oversight Committee and the Finance & Operations Committee. Additionally, Board members were reminded of the ADAMHS Board Retreat scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Richmond Heights City Hall. Board members may wish to bring orientation binders with them.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured from the October 28, 2009 **CEO Headliners**; see issue attached to minutes.

- Mr. Denihan wished to congratulate Ms. Ruth Addison, C.E.O. of the Murtis Taylor Human Service Center, on the occasion of her retirement and for her years of dedicated service.
- The Chair asked Mr. Denihan to reference the Value Statements included in the packet.
- Mr. Denihan was pleased to announce that Dr. Christina Delos-Reyes, ADAMHS Board Chief Clinical Officer, will receive the Emerging Practitioner Leader Award from the Woodruff Foundation on 11/10/09.
- Mr. Denihan noted that the ADAMHS Board is becoming more involved in state advocacy and public policy in Columbus. See below the representation of ADAMHS Board staff listed below:
 - William M. Denihan – Executive Committee / Re-Entry Committee
 - Rose Fini – Medicaid Committee / Statutory Authority Committee / Alternative Dispute Resolution Transition Workgroup
 - Lisa Griffith – Prevention Committee / IT Committee (via conference calls)
 - John Garrity – Information Management Com. (when QI is discussed) / Evaluation & Research
 - Valeria Harper – Kid's Committee / Non-Medicaid Service Benefit Package
 - Scott Osiecki – Communications/Marketing / Communications/Governing
 - Yancey Quinn – Information Management Committee
 - Cassandra Richardson – Fiscal Committee / Medicaid Committee
 - Starlette Sizemore-Rice – Non-Medicaid Service Benefit Package
- Mr. Denihan noted that over 75,000 postcards advocating for the restoration of public funding for mental health and addiction services have been delivered to the Governor and the General Assembly.

9. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Dr. Leslie M. Koblentz, M.D., J.D., Medical Director, Psychiatric Emergency Department, asked to address the Board with the support and prayers of Sister Judith Ann Karam, President & C.E.O. of St. Vincent Charity Hospital. She addressed the budget reduction of \$214,000 to St. Vincent Psychiatric Emergency Room. Dr. Koblentz delineated the responsibilities of the Psych ER and how it serves consumers from both the mental health and addiction systems. The impact of the cut will be to close the Psychiatric Emergency Room, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dr. Koblentz stated that this consequence will have disastrous effects on the system overall. A letter from St. Vincent has been drafted to the Board of Directors and was distributed to Board members. (A copy of the letter is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Snider suggested that Dr. Koblentz share this information with the Directors of ODMH, ODADAS, the Governor, the Senate Majority Leader, etc.
- Rev. Gohlstein expressed his dismay with the priorities of our regional area when two large entrepreneurs spent \$31 million to support Issue 3 (Casinos in Ohio), while the community has such essential needs at stake. He suggested that the ADAMHS Board consider reaching out to local business community for its support of our citizens.
- Mr. Snider wished to recognize and acknowledge the expertise of Board staff member, Julie Fogel, for her coordination/presentation at a Task Force Meeting of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association with regard to mental health issues facing the profession of law. She made many valuable suggestions and Mr. Snider was very proud of her and our staff.
- Ms. Warr noted that the time may be right to talk with Mr. Gilbert as he currently has a player who suffers with mental illness. Dr. Amunategui reminded all that our community has been very generous with the business community in the area of tax abatements, etc. and that it is time to approach the business community for their help. Ms. Thoms suggested looking for a model where the public and private sector work together as partners.
- Regarding this issue, Mr. Denihan noted that he would talk with Cheri Walter, C.E.O. of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities and report back with information learned.
- Ms. Leopard suggested that a presentation might be made with the Greater Cleveland Partnership Association.
- Mr. Denihan noted that the Dr. Koblentz does an extraordinary job at St. Vincent and wished to publicly thank her for her dedication and commitment.
- Over the past several weeks, providers have shared with Board staff the impact of the budget reductions:
 - Reducing full-time positions to part-time
 - Reducing hours
 - Closing sites
 - Closing days
 - Freezing wages
 - Laying off personnel
 - Not filling vacated positions
 - Combining and collapsing positions
 - Reducing travel
 - Reducing insurance costs
 - Zero wage agreements in labor contracts
 - No bonus or incentive payments
 - Vacant critical positions left unfilled

Other measures being taken:

 - Merging administrative agency functions
 - Hiring benefits specialist to insure no lost time on Medicaid renewals/new applications
 - Closing intakes; not receiving referrals from hospitals and jails
 - Expanding revenue department
 - Merging various departments into one division
- Ms. Addison noted that the system has lost many of the things that agencies could do to support clients living healthily in the community. Now we are cutting out critical things that keep clients alive, out of the hospital and out of prison.
- Mr. Nosek, President of MH Council of Agency Directors, cautioned that:
 - 1) Generally budget cuts have a ripple effects, and sometimes it takes several months or even ½ year before the overall impact is felt. Consequently, he encouraged the Board to continue to monitor what is happening in the community.
 - 2) The cuts will, most likely, have an effect on the increase of hospital bed day utilization.
- Ms. Thoms responded that cuts are being made because we do not have the funds. The sooner the legislature and administration begin to look at bringing new revenue sources into the state budget, the sooner we will be able to start treating our constituents and clients the way they deserve.

There being no further business, Rev. Charlotte Still Noble adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: _____
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, ADAMHS Board Vice Chair