

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2010

### Board of Directors Present:

Kathryn E. Gambatese, Chair

Luis Felipe Amunategui, Ph.D.

Eugenia Cash

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Janet C. Hnanicek

Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

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

Rick A. Kemm, MNO

Amy S. Leopard, Esq.

Harvey A. Snider

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble

Lisa Thomas, Ph.D.

Ericka Thoms

Mary R. Warr

Anngela Williams

**Absent:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Pastor Charles E. Brown, Cynthia Miller

### ADAMHS Board Staff Present:

Vivian Catchings-El, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Cindy Chaytor, Michael Doud, Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Christine Paternoster, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No input received from audience members regarding agenda items.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the ADAMHS Board General Meeting minutes of February 24, 2010 were approved as mailed.

### 3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY REPORT

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported on the meeting held on 3/5/10. The committee discussed:

- S.B. 22 – Prison Reform bill
- The passage of Healthcare Reform and the potential benefits to Non-Medicaid clients in our system
- An update on Health & Human Service support & campaign
- ADAMHS Board Training Institute Budget handout - Ms. Thoms noted that the Training Institute is self-sufficient and that expenses have significantly decreased by utilizing presenters who have agreed to present their workshops at no cost to the Board. Coupons are given as incentives to presenters for use by their staff at other training sessions. (A hard copy of the handout is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-01**  
**APPROVAL OF 2010 ADVOCACY ACTION AGENDA**

**Motion to approve Resolution 10-03-01.** MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: F. Amunategui, E. Cash, B. Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr  
NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-02**  
**ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ISSUE 15**

**Motion to approve Resolution 10-03-02.** MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: F. Amunategui, E. Cash, B. Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr  
NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Dr. Lisa Thomas and Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin arrived.]

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

Dr. Pythias Jones, Planning & Oversight Committee Vice Chair, summarized issues discussed at the P&O Committee meeting held on 3/10/10. The March P&O Committee meeting focused on:

- Shaker Heights Youth Center – Its prevention philosophy was shared as well as five major programs: Academic Success Aid Program; Intensive Prevention Program; In School—School Assistance Program, Youth Mentoring Program, MyCom South Shaker.
- Status Report on the Pilot Mental Health Service Benefit Package for Non-Medicaid Adults.
- Review of Policies, listed below, which are being presented to the full Board for their 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

#### **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

Purpose: To assure that all expenditures and restrictions on such expenditures are in accordance with applicable law.

#### **AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR NON-MEDICAID SERVICES**

Purpose: To define the processes by which the ADAMHS Board may award contracts for non-Medicaid mental health, alcohol or other drugs or other necessary services.

#### **EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR A PROPER PUBLIC PURPOSE**

Purpose: To establish guidelines for the ADAMHS Board for purchases that advance a proper public purpose.

**FINANCIAL AUDITS** - Purpose: To assure that financial audit requirements are met by contract service providers.

#### **HIPAA SECURITY REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE POLICY**

Purpose: To describe the ADAMHS Board plan for complying with the Security Regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

#### **PRIORITIZATION OF SERVICES/RESOURCES**

Purpose: To establish planning and funding priorities in the delivery of public alcohol and drug addiction and mental health services in Cuyahoga County.

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

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., noted that the Finance & Operations Committee met on 3/17/10 and reviewed reports regarding the utilization of Central Pharmacy allocations and state hospital bed days. Operating expenditures were reviewed as well as Board vouchers. Consequently, all items reviewed by the committee were recommended for approval in the Consent Agenda Format.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 10-03-03 through 10-03-06)**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-03**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING FEBRUARY 2010**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-04, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◇ ODMH Capital Development Project MH-806R – EDEN Community Capital Application
  - ◇ Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court: Juvenile Detention Center
- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-05, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◇ Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court: Juvenile Detention Center – Catholic Charities
  - ◇ Continuation of the Adult Drug Court Sustainability Funds to Community Assessment and Treatment Services
  - ◇ Local Subsidy Allocation for Central Pharmacy Methadone Medication - Community Action Against Addiction (CAAA)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-06, RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT:**
  - ◇ AT&T Phone Directory Listing

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 10-03-03, 10-03-04, 10-03-05 and 10-03-06).**

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

**6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Gambatese requested Board members and/or audience members to submit names of potential Board of Director candidates to the ADAMHS Board. In one instance, the Board has a vacant seat due to an attendance issue. The appointing authority, the Board of County Commissioners, has requested us to submit an appointment recommendation. The Nominating Committee will coordinate the recruitment process.

Ms. Gambatese asked Dr. Thomas to share her mixed news. Dr. Lisa Thomas noted that her good news is that she has accepted the position of City Manager of Galion, Ohio; however, as she must relocate, the bad news is she will not be able to continue on as a Board member and this meeting would be her last. Dr. Thomas was presented with a plaque in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the ADAMHS Board and its mission.

The Chair announced that William M. Denihan received the NAMI Greater Cleveland Community Leader Award on March 19, 2010, for his work with consumers and leadership during the consolidation process.

[Anngela Williams arrived.]

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Denihan highlighted items from the March 24, 2010, **CEO Headliners**; see issue attached to minutes.

- Mr. Denihan spent the last 3 days at the Justice Center discussing with various judges the conditional release program for prisoners coming from Ohio Penal Institutions. He highlighted the meetings held and efforts made to increase understanding and awareness.
- On Monday, 3/22/10, Mr. Denihan participated in a mediation session with the Executive Directors from Franklin County and Hamilton County ADAMHS Boards on the 408 funding formula. At that meeting, Mr. Denihan did not agree to the \$1.2 million reduction or 10% phase-in reduction proposed by ODMH and stood firm that the Department should hold the Boards harmless and continue to work on the funding formula. No decision has yet been made by Director Stephenson.

The Chair entertained a motion to authorize the drafting of a letter asking that Boards be held harmless, not to accept the 10% reduction, and that ODMH should continue to work on the 408 funding formula.

**Motion to authorize the C.E.O. to formulate a letter to ODMH Director regarding the ADAMHS Board's stance to hold the Board harmless, to reject the 10% phase-in reduction, and request that the Ohio Department of Mental Health continue to work on the 408 funding formula.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: H. Snider  
 AYES: F. Amunategui, E. Cash, J. Robert Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion carried unanimously.**

- Mr. Denihan noted that once casinos are built in Ohio, 2% of the revenues will be provided to treat people afflicted with gambling addiction. Additional information will be shared on this topic at the April Planning & Oversight Committee meeting.
- Ms. Linda Torbert has been hired as our Board's Children's Project Administrator and joined our staff on 3/15/10. For the past six years she served as a Clinical Supervisor at the Positive Education Program.
- Mr. Denihan was pleased to announce that Mr. Scott Osiecki was recently elected Chair of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities statewide Of-1-Mind Education and Advocacy Campaign.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT** *(Continued)*

- ODMH Director Stephenson traveled to Cleveland on 3/24/10 to meet with other key hospital administrators from the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, MetroHealth Medical Center, etc. to talk about the plan to address medical/clinical issues for in the new state mental health hospital to be built in Cleveland. Various subgroups have been suggested for this collaborative effort.
- A meeting was recently held with the providers about Central Pharmacy utilization. It was noted that CAAA (Community Action Against Addiction) has a significant waiting period for those needing services.
- Mr. Denihan reported that he also participated in a meeting at the current state hospital. He was happy to report that there is no waiting period for forensic or civil clients. The other sobering news, however, is that our average bed day usage is now between 86-89 beds per day. We are still under our projection for the month and the year; however, it may be necessary to raise the bed day projection for next fiscal year.
- The Central Intake Pilot Project is running well and we hope to see more consumers involved. The pilot ends at the end of June. In May, there may be an opportunity to review the figures and make some revisions.
- Mr. Denihan made a presentation at the County Transition Meeting on 3/23/10 where he stressed the importance of breaking down stigma regarding behavioral health funding. We have lost 5% of our funding over the last three years. At the beginning of those years, a Health & Human Services Levy was passed totaling \$48 million dollars; however, we lost 5%. In looking at other counties, a much smaller county like Summit County gets \$2 million more than Cuyahoga from its levy dollars. Mr. Denihan stressed that the ADAMHS Board needs to receive parity or its own levy. Ms. Leopard requested that Mr. Denihan circulate this comparative data with the Board of Directors.

**8. AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Mr. Greg Uhland, Executive Director of ORCA House, highlighted events planned for its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Gala Celebration is planned for September 10<sup>th</sup> at Windows on the River at 5:00 p.m.

*There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

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