

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2010

Board of Directors Present:

Kathryn E. Gambatese, Chair
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.
Pastor Charles E. Brown
Eugenia Cash
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
Janet C. Hnanicek

Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Harvey A. Snider
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble
Ericka Thoms
Mary R. Warr
Anngela Williams

William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer

Absent: L. Felipe Amunategui, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Amy S. Leopard, Esq., Cynthia Miller

ADAMHS Board Staff Present:

Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, 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 4:10 p.m. and noted that Mr. Denihan was en route from a speaking engagement. No input was received from audience members regarding agenda items.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the ADAMHS Board General Meeting minutes of April 28, 2010 were approved as mailed.

3. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY (May 2010)

Ms. Gambatese recognized Larry Sankey, consumer artist, whose work is featured among the ADAMHS Board's permanent collection exhibited throughout the 6th Floor conference rooms and meeting spaces. Those featured in the Ohio Room are but a few of his newest pieces since most are currently on exhibit at Spaces Gallery. Although Mr. Sankey was unable to be present at the meeting, the Chair recognized his expertise, talent and his efforts to reduce stigma in the greater community.

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

Ms. Mary Warr, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, summarized issues discussed at the P&O Committee meeting held on 5/12/10; the meeting topics included:

- Presentation from the C.E.O. and staff of Murtis H. Taylor Human Services Center
- Status Report on the Pilot Mental Health Service Benefit Package for Non-Medicaid Adults
- Behavioral Health Fellow Program recommended for approval to the Finance & Operations Committee.

Ms. Warr thanked committee member, Jan Hnanicek, for her commitment to the P&O Committee and noted that Board members will miss her and her insight. Ms. Warr encouraged all Board members to consider attending P&O Committee meetings as a way to learn more about services and policy discussions.

Policy Statements – Second Reading & Official Vote:

- **APPEAL OF BOARD DECISION**

Purpose: To provide a method to appeal any decision made by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS) Board of Directors.

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- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Purpose: To provide a structure for community input into process of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS Board).

- **RECRUITMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Purpose: To help enlist qualified and committed individuals who are demographically representative of the population of Cuyahoga County to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS Board).

With regard to the Recruitment of Board Members policy, Dr. Blue suggested revising language in the second paragraph of the policy statement (i.e. whenever a "Director's" vacancy occurs . . .)

Motion to amend the Recruitment of Board Members Policy. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Fowler
AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

Motion to adopt Policy Statements (listed above) as amended. MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: E. Cash
AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

5. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., reported that the Finance & Operations Committee met on 5/19/10. With regard to hospital bed day utilization, we are averaging 78.4 beds per day vs. the 85 bed days as projected for FY10. We anticipate that the ODMH reimbursement will total \$1.2 million. With respect to our Administrative Budget, expenditures are at 80% compared to our 83.3% projected expenses due mainly to savings from unemployment compensation. The committee agreed to place Board Vouchers and Contracts into the Consent Agenda which is recommended for approval by the full Board.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 10-05-02 through 10-05-05)

RESOLUTION NO. 10-05-02, ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 10-05-03, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:

- Pass-Thru Funds from ODMH: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Allocation and Local Match for FY2011
- Pass-Thru Funds from ODMH: PATH Veterans Pilot Project

RESOLUTION NO. 10-05-04, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:

- Pass-Thru Funds from ODMH: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Allocation and Local Match for FY2011: Mental Health Services, Inc.
- Pass-Thru Funds from ODMH: PATH Veterans Pilot Project: Mental Health Services, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-05-05, RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:

- ADAMHSCC Behavioral Health Fellows Training Program
- Renewal of Hardware Maintenance & Software Licenses: Bomgar Corp.
- Employee Assistance Program: Impact Solutions

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 10-05-02, 10-05-03, 10-05-04 and 10-05-05).

MOTION: B. Fowler / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

For those unable to attend the ADAMHS Board's Annual Meeting on 5/18/10, Ms. Gambatese reported that Resolution No. 10-05-01, Accepting the FY2009 Annual Report, was adopted. The Annual Report listed the Board's Accomplishments. Ms. Gambatese commended Mr. Denihan and his staff for the hard work, especially over the past year. She felt that the degree and level of accomplishments by Board staff would be hard to find anywhere else in government or the private sector. She ended her comments by saying that she has enjoyed every moment of serving on the Board and working on its mission and vision.

Mr. Denihan stated that it was an extraordinary honor and privilege to serve and work alongside Kathy Gambatese as Chair. He recognized her leadership, dedication and steadfast belief that we could work together throughout the consolidation process. Mr. Denihan confirmed that he will miss her tremendously and thanked her for her leadership, compassion and the amount of commitment to us . . . her extended family.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Based upon the Board Chair's announcement of her intention to resign after the May General Meeting, Nominating Committee Co-Chair, Eugenia Cash, reported that the committee, at its 5/5/10 meeting, had two tasks to accomplish. The first task was to determine a successor for the leadership vacancy and to make that recommendation to the full Board for the Special Election. Consequently, the Nominating Committee recommends electing Rev. Charlotte Still Noble as Chair and Harvey Snider as Vice Chair to serve through the end of FY2010, ending on 6/30/10.

Motion to elect Rev. Charlotte Still Noble as Chair and Harvey Snider as Vice Chair through 6/30/10.

MOTION: E. Cash / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, B. Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

Given the opportunity provided to ADAMHS Board of Directors to indicate their interest in serving as an officer, the Nominating Committee considered all forms of intent received. The recommended slate of officers for FY2011 is: Chairperson – Rev. Charlotte Still Noble / Vice Chair – Harvey A. Snider / Second Vice Chair – Eugenia Cash

To comply with Board Bylaws, Ms. Gambatese asked for officer nominations from the floor. None were received. Ms. Gambatese noted that this slate of officers will be voted upon at the June General Meeting. Nominating Committee members were thanked by Ms. Gambatese for their recommendations as well as accepting their new-on-going role of recruiting and interviewing potential Board member candidates.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items from the May 26, 2010, CEO Headliners; see issue attached to minutes.

- Mr. Denihan noted that the ADAMHS Board will be providing assistance to the U.S. Marshall who intends to hold a Safe Surrender in September where people with outstanding non-violent or misdemeanor warrants who wish to turn themselves in can do so in a safe and non-violent environment. The purpose of this effort is to find a way to bring remedy and resolution for outstanding warrants within the court system. Our role will help to assess whether people have behavioral health issues. Legal Aid services will be available as well as day care.
- Mr. Denihan provided a County Transition Update. Currently, there are 13 transition committees and many public forums are being planned. Mr. Denihan attended a County Transition Meeting and reported on several of its goals:
 - 1) 15% reduction in General Revenue Funds (on top of the 9% reduction this past year)
 - 2) Find \$50 million dollars and dedicate this to economic development
 - 3) Assure that services reach consumers in a more effective way.

Mr. Denihan identified a concern whether Health & Human Services might lose money during efforts to find \$50 million in the General Revenue Fund. He made a point of stressing at the County Transition Meeting that neither federal funds, state revenue dollars nor levy dollars for services can be returned to the General Revenue Fund.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

- County transition public meetings, to share information with the county council candidates, will be held after June 24th. This will provide our system an opportunity to bring forth behavioral health viewpoints. From our system, Mr. Denihan noted that prison re-entry is a potential economic development answer. This is a unique opportunity to (1) hire people to be engaged with this service need and (2) train people once they leave prison so re-entry to prisons is reduced. It was noted that the cost per year for one individual in prison is \$35,000.
- Mr. Denihan received a letter from a Probate Judge in Trumbull County inviting him to attend a meeting on 5/28/10 to discuss having all probate costs made billable to provider agencies. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County has received an opinion from our legal counsel which states that judicial departments get their budgets approved by respective counties and do not have the authority to bill local ADAMHS Boards. Mr. Denihan does not intend to attend this meeting nor does he intend to be coerced into paying for something that we are not obligated to pay for.
- With respect to the action taken by the Franklin County ADAMHS Board, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) passed a resolution on 5/25/10, entitled "A Finance Plan for Sustaining Mental Health & Addiction Services" which was distributed to Board members. (A copy is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.) The resolution contains three recommendations:
 - 1) The Community Behavioral Health Medicaid Match shall be funded out of the ODJFS 525 line.
 - 2) Boards shall not be required to utilize local levy funds for the purpose of Medicaid match.
 - 3) ODMH line items 408 and 505, as well as the ODADAS line item 401 shall be fully funded, with the dollars being allocated to communities.

Mr. Denihan proposed that this discussion be considered the 1st reading of a resolution to be adopted by the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County at its June General Meeting. He explained that, in Ohio, mental health services constitute only 2 to 2.5% of Medicaid. However, our system is required to pick up the match while the state pays the entire match for nursing homes and all other areas covered under Medicaid. To answer a question regarding an acronym, FMAP stands for Federal Medical Assistance Program. The Chair recognized that Board members concurred with Mr. Denihan's suggestion that the full Board consider this resolution at its June General Meeting. Mr. Snider asked if NAMI could also help by advocating for this resolution. Mr. Denihan responded affirmatively and would welcome their efforts.

- Mr. Denihan addressed the issue of the Board of Directors becoming more politically active with the General Assembly and to consider the possibility of raising funds to donate to a political action committee.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Gambatese recognized outgoing Board member, Jan Hnanicek, who is leaving the Board in order to accept a position with one of our contract providers, West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM). Jan was recognized for her years of service to the CCCMHB and ADAMHS Board and presented with a plaque in appreciation for her commitment, passion and dedicated service.
- On behalf of the ADAMHS Board members, Mr. Snider eloquently expressed his appreciation of Kathy Gambatese's leadership and service to the Board. Mr. Snider noted that early on he was impressed with Kathy's ability to sustain everyone's attention while maintaining her quiet demeanor and dignity. Additionally, her ethical participation helped to foster and lead the consolidation process. She was chosen to be the leader at a most difficult time and brought all together on the basis of friendship, coordination and with diplomacy. Kathy's gentleness and ability to accept difficult challenges has sustained the Board. "We were pleased to be your partner, to serve with you and simply to be your friend."

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS *(Continued)*

- Ms. Cash added her remarks by stating that to everything there is a season, and what a season we had. Ms. Cash thanked Kathy Gambatese for her tenacity and conversations of encouragement.
- Esther Pla, representing the Council of Agency Directors (CAD), recognized Ms. Gambatese's efforts, energy and dedication in helping the two Boards become one. Members of CAD sincerely appreciate your efforts to make this happen because now there are so many more possibilities for the system and the people we serve.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

*Approved by: _____
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*