

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2010

Board of Directors Present:

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair	J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Pastor Charles E. Brown	Harvey A. Snider
Eugenia Cash	Ericka Thoms
Marc G. Crosby	Mary R. Warr
Richard A. Folbert	Anngela Williams

Absent: Tatiana Falcone, M.D.; Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.; J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, Cindy Chaytor, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Dr. John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charlotte Noble called the General Meeting of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to order at 5:00 p.m. and specifically welcomed Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey to the Board table as she was recently appointed to the ADAMHS Board of Directors by the Board of County Commissioners. Rev. Noble noted that arrangements will be made to administer the Oath of Office to Rev. Bailey at the January General Meeting.

Rev. Noble noted that Rev. Bailey is President and Founder of Pipeline to God Communications, a public charity that provides non-denominational, faith-based mentoring programs designed to assist women, children and families. She is an ordained elder at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland and previously worked at Murtis H. Taylor Human Services Center as a Clinical Therapist. The Chair suggested that Board members, seated at the table, should introduce themselves to Rev. Bailey.

There was no audience input regarding proposed agenda items.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One correction was noted on page 3 of the 10/27/10 General Meeting minutes. Regarding the policy statement referenced, the final word in the statement should be changed from Non-Medicaid Services to Non-Medicaid *Dollars*. The minutes were approved as corrected.

3. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY - (November 2010)

Mr. Denihan reported that November's artwork display is from the clients in the Art Therapy Program at the Jewish Family Service Association's Ascentia program. Over several weeks, clients learned about Cleveland's history as the birthplace of rock and roll and explored the impact that music has had on society. Based on this learning, clients brought music to life through their artwork, interpreting their experience through painting, figurative drawing, and abstract art while incorporating a lyrical element with the addition of music, dance and role play. Gratitude was expressed to ZsuZsa Csepányi, Art Therapist at the JFASA, for submitting the collection of work displayed.

Artists/participants shared their feelings about the art therapy program. All in attendance enjoyed a surprise presentation of a rap poem accompanied by a tambourine and interpretative dance. All participants, as well as the overall program, received a Certificate of Appreciation.

[Marc Crosby left the meeting.]

4. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin, Rev. Noble reported that the CR&A Committee met on 11/3/10 and received updates on legislation and funding issues. Committee members learned that the funding from the County will likely be reduced and that our total reduction is scheduled to be 6.5% or \$2.39 million; this is a calendar year reduction which starts on January 1, 2011, and will impact two of our fiscal year budgets.

The CR&A Committee received an update on plans to schedule a meeting with the newly elected County Council and County Executive-elect, Edward Fitzgerald. As a follow-up, Board members received an e-mail inviting them to the meeting scheduled for December 21st.

Committee recommendations for approval:

- Approval of ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting plans--Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at the Hilton Garden Inn
- Sponsorship of the Tools for Today and Tomorrow Collaboration
- Operational Contracts for the Suicide Prevention Campaign
- On-line behavioral health screenings
- Support for the City of Peace and Nonviolence Coalition

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-01

SUPPORT FOR CLEVELAND THE CITY OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE COALITION

Mr. Denihan was contacted by Mr. Paramjit Singh, a member of the Cleveland the City of Peace and Nonviolence Coalition, to discuss the coalition and possible philosophical support by the ADAMHS Board of the Pledge of Peace and Nonviolence, as listed on Res. No. 10-11-01.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-11-01. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Thoms

Mr. Snider asked if information was available about others in the coalition. As information requested was not readily available, Mr. Snider suggested that this matter be held until additional information is received prior to voting on the issue. Ms. Warr concurred with Mr. Snider's suggestion and asked Board staff to consider revising the resolution to read "Dr." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Based upon the discussion, Mr. Denihan suggested that the resolution be tabled until the General Meeting in January noting his intent to provide additional information requested prior to the meeting. The consensus of the full Board was to withdraw the motion for approval of Resolution No. 10-11-01.

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

Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones, reported that the P&O Committee met on 11/10/10; the topics presented were:

- ***REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP: FIRST PROJECT FOR EARLY PSYCHOSIS***

Dr. Delos Reyes introduced Lon Herman and staff of the BeST Center in Akron who highlighted a potential "Early Identification & Treatment in Schizophrenia Program for Cuyahoga County". The FIRST program is a comprehensive treatment program for those who have had their "first episode" of a psychotic illness. The goals of the program are to: provide support & education for the individual and family, improve recovery, reduce relapse and set goals for the future. The FIRST program is operating in Summit County via a partnership with Child Guidance & Family Solutions and Community Support Services. The BeST Center would like to expand this innovative program to Cuyahoga County. Based upon the presentation and discussion, the P&O Committee recommended approval of the program to the Finance & Operations Committee. Up to \$20,000 would be needed to support the program to offset costs for medications, wraparound services, supported employment and other needed services for up to 25 clients in year one.

- **OVERVIEW OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

An excellent overview of Homeless Services in our county was presented by Ruth Gillette, Deputy Director of Homeless Services, Jenny Eppich, Program Director at Enterprise Community Partners, and Eric Morse, Chief Operating Officer of Mental Health Services, Inc.

Information was shared regarding: "who are the homeless?" the establishment of the Office of Homeless Services, distribution of public resources in 2009, and the Permanent Supportive Housing initiative, entitled "Housing First". Ms. Harper reported that several Board staff members routinely participate in the various county-wide initiatives on behalf of the homeless; they are Michael Doud, Vivian Catchings-El & Valeria Harper.

- **PERFORMANCE "IMPROVEMENT WATCH" PLAN UPDATE**

The P&O Committee learned that an individualized plan was developed for each agency placed on a "performance watch" based upon the ADAMHS Board FY2011 funding process. To ensure improvement for the specified provider, the plan required the agency to submit base line data, a method for Board staff to measure improvement and a suggested outcome. The agenda process sheet provides a summary of outcomes. Based upon these results, P&O Committee members recommended approval to allocate funding to the five agencies previously placed on improvement watch to the Finance & Operations Committee. The specific agencies are:

- *Community Action Against Addiction*
- *Department of Justice Affairs*
- *East Cleveland Neighborhood Center*
- *Golden Ciphers*
- *Northern Ohio Recovery Association*

- **AMENDMENT TO RES. # 10-06-06, AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AFFAIRS FUNDING TO THE CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD**

Given notification to the ADAMHS Board that the TASC assessment and treatment programs as well as Drug court will be transferred to the Dept. of Justice Affairs to the Corrections Planning Board as of 11/8/10, the P&O committee recommended transferring the services and respective funding.

- **DISCUSSION OF APPROPRIATE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Committee members provided input on potential topics to be explored by the P&O Com:

- *Significant importance of physical fitness, nutrition, art therapy, music therapy, etc. to the recovery process.*
- *Violence issues (domestic violence, bullying, etc.)*
- *List of topics needing to come before the P&O Committee to be provided by Board staff.*
- *All Board of Directors should be encouraged to suggest possible topics for review by P&O Com. to either the C.E.O. or the P&O Committee Chair.*

- **FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2011**

- *Request for Information (RFI) Process for FY20102 Budget*
- *Wait List Policy*
- *Culture of Quality Peer Certification*
- *Community Plan (2012-2013)*

- **NEW BUSINESS** - *Mr. Denihan reported on a recent Notice of Award received from ODMH for \$352,453.00 for the Early Childhood Mental Health/Child Welfare Demonstration Project. This amount must be spent by 6/30/11. Board staff recommends allocating the funds to Positive Education Program, Berea Children's Home & Family Services and Beech Brook for this project.*

6. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Pastor Brown, Committee Chair, reported that the Finance & Operations Committee met just prior to the General Meeting at 4:00 p.m. The committee recommends approval of the Consent Agenda which consists of Resolution Nos. 10-11-02 through 10-11-05.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-02, ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING OCTOBER 2010**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-03, APPROVAL OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT:**

- ◇ ODMH – NOSA Early Childhood Mental Health /Child Welfare Demonstration Project
 1. Beech Brook
 2. Berea Children's Home
 3. Positive Education Program

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-04, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:

- ◇ ODMH – NOSA Early Childhood Mental Health /Child Welfare Demonstration Project
 1. Beech Brook
 2. Berea Children's Home
 3. Positive Education Program
- ◇ Amendment to Resolution 10-09-04
 1. Covenant – Allocation of funds
 2. Far West Center – Budget Correction
- ◇ Amendment to Resolution 10-09-06 – Allocation of funds for Cleveland Sight Center Projects
 1. Call Center – Budget correction
 2. Business Enterprise – Budget correction
- ◇ Amendment to Resolution 10-06-06 – Increase allocation of funds to CATS
- ◇ Amendment to Resolution 10-06-06 – Dept. of Justice Affairs & Corrections Planning Board
- ◇ Suburban Municipal Jail Liaison
 1. Murtis H. Taylor
 2. Recovery Resources
- ◇ Contract Amendment to St. Vincent Charity Hospital/Rosary Hall – Detox/Residential: Suboxone
- ◇ Performance Improvement Watch Plan Recommendations
 - Community Action Against Addiction
 - Department of Justice Affairs
 - East Cleveland Neighborhood Center
 - Golden Ciphers
 - Northern Ohio Recovery Association
- ◇ FIRST Treatment Program – The BeST Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment Center at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-05, APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:

- ◇ Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown - Annual Meeting 2011
- ◇ Tools for Today and Tomorrow Collaboration
- ◇ Suicide Prevention Contracts
 - ClearChannel Outdoor Advertising
 - CBS Outdoor
 - ClearChannel, WMMS 100.7, WAKS 96.5 (KISS), WGAR 99.5, WMVX 106.5
 - WENZ, 107.9
 - WERE, 1490
 - WFHM, 95.5 FM
- ◇ The Screening for Mental Health Organization - Online behavioral health screenings
- ◇ Bradley Manor - ADS Security System
- ◇ Dell Computers - Dual Monitors
- ◇ Community Adult Residential Experts - Adult Residential Facility
- ◇ Marriott Cleveland Airport - Women's Outreach Project Event

End of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 10-11-02 through 10-11-05). MOTION: D. Biegel
 SECOND: R. Kemm / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm,
 H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-06, APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS:**
 - ◊ Contract with Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Christina Delos Reyes
 - ◊ Brown Consulting, LTD.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-11-06. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Fowler / AYES: R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / Motion passed.

7. AMENDMENT TO "GUIDELINES FOR DETOXIFICATION SERVICES FUNDED WITH NON-MEDICAID DOLLARS"

In light of the comments and discussion at the October General Meeting regarding the policy statement, "Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Dollars" and the approval vote which passed by a narrow margin (6 "yes" votes with 5 "no" votes), Mr. Denihan and Board staff met with Dr. Biegel to address his concerns, to work toward improved clarity and a potential amendment to the policy. Consequently, several meetings were held to fashion an amendment which clearly states that detoxification is not treatment. The amendment proposed adds an explanatory paragraph to the background section of the policy. The proposed language is shown below:

"The ADAMHS Board recognizes that detoxification is not treatment. Given the reluctance of some clients to accept treatment following detoxification, the Board has been utilizing a continuum of best practices to overcome both client and system barriers. Thus, this policy represents a continuation of and an expansion of the best practices already utilized by the providers. Such practices may include but, are not limited to, (1) specialized case management, (2) recovery coaches, (3) setting expectations for treatment, (4) motivational interviewing, (5) holding clients over in detoxification until treatment is available, (6) phone verification of linkage, (7) assistance with transportation, and (8) case conferences between providers and the Board. Finally and most importantly, service provider contract language stipulates that providers must prioritize AOD treatment for those clients being discharged from detoxification. The detoxification guidelines in this policy are designed to work when these strategies have been unsuccessful."

Dr. Biegel stated that he fully supported the amendment and was pleased that his input and participation was included in the process.

Motion to approve the Amendment to the policy statement, "Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Dollars. MOTION: C. Brown / SECOND: R. Kemm / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Chair, Rev. Noble, commended Mr. Denihan, Board staff and Dr. Biegel for their work on issues to refine a policy that is stronger for the full Board. Rev. Noble referenced the budget challenges facing our system and stressed the importance of the ADAMHS Board to think about and work on stabilizing long-term funding. She anticipates that this will be an important part of the Strategic Plan currently being developed.

The Chair called Board members attention to information distributed at their places regarding 1) a list of meeting dates in calendar year 2011, a list of Board of Directors and appointment terms and 3) an updated roster of Board members including new appointees.

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Denihan reported on items featured in the CEO Headliners, November 17, 2010 (issue attached to minutes).

- As President-elect, Mr. Denihan will attend the first regional meeting of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), along with Mr. Osiecki, on Friday, 11/19/10, in Hancock County.

- The ADAMHS Board shall host the second regional meeting led by member Boards in the Northeast Region of the OACBHA on Monday, 11/22/10, which includes Cuyahoga, Erie-Ottawa, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Huron and Summit counties. The meeting participants will consider how the association should work within the framework of the new state administration, the transition team and legislators in the Ohio House and Senate. Other issues on the table are: preserving the strength of using levy dollars for Non-Medicaid services, redirecting state Medicaid match to be funded through the ODJFS 525 line item, and holding the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County harmless for 408 funding.
- Mr. Denihan invited the County Executive-elect and the 11 members of County Council to come to the 11/22/10 Regional OACBHA meeting; however, they were all unable to attend as they were scheduled to attend an orientation session on their new role in county government. Mr. Denihan worked to schedule a special date to meet exclusively with them which has been set for December 21, 2010.
- In January, a new community-based corrections facility (224 beds) will be opened. Mr. Denihan has been appointed to a 7-member Board which will oversee the operation of the facility. This is exciting because the impact of behavioral health services will be evident and will help to reduce the recidivism rate.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

11. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Mr. John Nosek, President of the Council of Agency Directors, noted that agency directors are in state of high anxiety and stress about all of the anticipated funding cuts from the state and county. Although these external factors are outside of our control, Mr. Nosek wished to remind Board members that:
 - There is no guarantee that that Healthcare Reform passed by the last Congress will remain intact, which means that the goal of near universal coverage (including behavioral healthcare) is at risk,
 - On the state level, there have been several disturbing articles in the Columbus Dispatch about things on the table. Mr. Nosek noted his concern that mental health services might fall off the Medicaid plan.
 - All public school districts have been told to expect cuts; consequently, the concern is that youth with emotional disturbances may not have access to needed care.
 - Finally, Mr. Nosek felt that the Board of Directors may have the opportunity to have the biggest impact on funding at the County level and advocated for making behavioral health a top priority with the new County Executive and County Council.
- Mr. Denihan reiterated the Board of Directors' intent is to engage the new County government to understand the importance of behavioral health services to its residents, the inequity of behavioral health funding for years, and the resulting impact of not addressing these needs. Mr. Denihan noted that the ultimate goal is to obtain a funding mechanism that truly reflects the behavioral needs of our County.
- Dr. Christina Delos Reyes, Chief Clinical Officer, expressed her gratitude to Mr. Denihan and the Board of Directors for approving the personal service contract for calendar year 2011. She noted that she was privileged to serve and look forward to the upcoming year. Mr. Denihan also pointed out that the CEO Headliners congratulated Dr. Delos Reyes for being selected by her peers to be included in the Best Doctors in American 2011-2012 database.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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