

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2011

Board of Directors Present:

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Eugenia Cash, MSSA	Harvey A. Snider
Tatiana Falcone, M.D.	Mary R. Warr
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	

Absent: Pastor Charles E. Brown, Marc G. Crosby, MBA, Richard A. Folbert, Ericka Thoms, Anngela Williams

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, Cynthia Chaytor, Michael Doud, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charlotte Noble called the General Meeting of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor for audience input on agenda items; no input received.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The General Meeting minutes of February 23, 2011, were approved as distributed.

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

Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin, reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 3/2/11. Updates were provided on legislation and advocacy efforts. As a result of the review, two actions are recommended by the CR&A Committee for approval by the full Board.

- RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-01
CALL FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION NOT TO BUILD A NEW STATE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL IN CLEVELAND

Ms. Warr proposed several wording changes for Res. No. 11-03-01 and advocated to include language that referred to jobs that pay above minimum wage. Ms. Warr moved to amend Resolution No. 11-03-01 as follows:

- 1) 3rd whereas statement, "There ~~was~~ *has been* an agreement. . . "
- 2) 6th whereas statement, "with ~~good paying~~ jobs" to read "*with jobs at or above minimum wage*"
- 3) With the closing of the Cleveland Campus, Cleveland will actually lose ~~nearly~~ 200 jobs.

Mr. Osiecki, Director of External Affairs, stated that the proposed revisions would change the meaning of the statements and that we would have no way of knowing if jobs lost would be jobs at or above minimum wage. The Chair noted that other entities have passed this resolution using this precise language.

Motion to amend Resolution 11-03-01. MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: I. Bailey / AYES: M. Warr
NAYS: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider
ABSTAIN: None / Motion failed.

Motion to approve Resolution 11-03-01. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: D. Biegel / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider / NAYS: M. Warr
ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-02
SUPPORT OF SB10 & HB86: PRISON REFORM**

Mr. Denihan suggested adding to the resolution the names of the sponsors of SB 10 and HB 86, Senator Bill Seitz (R) from Cincinnati and Senator Shirley Smith (D) from Cleveland in recognition of their sponsorship of Prison Reform legislation. Rev. Gohlstin moved to amend the resolution as suggested.

Motion to amend Resolution 11-03-01 to include sponsors, Senator Bill Seitz and Senator Shirley Smith, of SB10 & HB86: Prison Reform. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / Amendment carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 11-03-02 as amended. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: D. Biegel
AYES: I Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

Rev. Gohlstin reported on an excellent presentation made by two medical interns from Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. The students selected a community class project dealing with the issues of depression and suicide prevention with students attending Lincoln West High School. The young women presented their findings and brought them to the CR&A Committee in an effort to advocate for on-going interaction with this school and its students after their project ends.

Other issues/updates included:

- Suicide Prevention Education Alliance Campaign - The CR&A Committee recommends approving co-sponsorship of the SPEA "Into the Light Walk".
- Efforts are continuing to produce the Clergy Video segments with Village TV.
- The April & May Behavioral Health Calendar of Events will be published soon. Rev. Gohlstin reported that April is also Minority Health Month.
- Please save the following dates:
 - Annual Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2011
 - Roads to Recovery Conference – Monday, September 12, 2011
- Media Tracking Report – no negative items

[Eugenia Cash arrived.]

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

Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones, reported that the P&O Committee met on 3/9/11. The February 9th meeting minutes were approved and the following topics were presented:

WOMEN'S PROJECT

As a result of the Imperial Avenue tragedy, the ADAMHS Board met with recovering women through alumni groups of the AOD women's treatment providers to seek input regarding ways to identify a non-traditional outreach approach. The input received generated the concept of establishing a drop-in center open during the night to offer women a safe place & respite from the streets.

Ms. Cindy Chaytor noted that outreach workers will identify alcohol and drug addicted women in distress and work to form relationships with them. The workers will assess the needs of the women, offer support and make referrals to the "safe house". A fundraiser entitled, "Seasons of Hope" is planned for *Friday, April 8, 2011*, at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. The event's goal is not only to raise funds for the project but also to raise awareness of these issues in the community and the treatment options available.

UPDATE ON RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

We learned from Forensic Specialist, Carole Ballard, that the state of Ohio has 31 prisons, one of the fifth highest incarceration rates in the country and houses over 50,000 inmates. Of this number, approximately 6,000 inmates are mentally ill and incarcerated for a variety of reasons. Many are there because of non-violent offenses. Many years ago, the community mental health system created some intercept points so that as people were coming out of prisons they had a place to go. The average person with mental illness stays in prison for 2.5 years.

Representatives from 3 agencies presented a snapshot of their programs and what they do with a very small segment of this population; capacity for each program is approximately 50 people:

- Mental Health Services for the Homeless, Inc. – PATH (Projects for Assistance with Transition from Homeless)
- Murtis Taylor's CARES Program (Correctional Advocacy & Re-Entry)
- Recovery Resources' PACT (Parole Assertive Community Treatment)

PRESENTATION ON BULLYING

Two representatives from Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau provided an overview of the issue of Bullying and its impact on students and schools. They reported that as of 12/31/07, all public and community schools in Ohio were required to implement specific anti-bullying policies & that the Ohio Dept. of Education set up guidelines to assist districts in creating their policies. The overview included: The various components of bullying (physical, verbal, emotional and cyber bullying); that an entire school climate can be affected if bullying takes place and the school does not respond; and what schools can do.

UPDATE ON SCALE (Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care & Engagement)

A SCALE Update was provided by Dr. Delos Reyes with year-to-date figures through February 2011. Connections has conducted 252 phone screenings and found 185 people to be SCALE eligible. The agency referred 67 individuals, completed 107 assessments and has 27 pending.

POLICY REVIEW

Dr. Delos Reyes explained that the proposed revision to the CONTINUED COMMITMENT AS OUTPATIENT POLICY expands the policy to not only state hospitals but also to private hospitals. Unfortunately, the tracked changes were not incorporated into the version mailed to committee members. Since the meeting, Dr. Delos Reyes has finalized the policy and e-mailed it to P&O Committee members. The Revised Policy will be considered today by the full Board.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Significant importance of art / music therapy, physical fitness & nutrition to the recovery process
- Domestic violence issues
- Defending Childhood: Cuyahoga County Children Exposed to Violence Initiative

REVISED POLICY - 1ST READING & OFFICIAL VOTE

- **CONTINUED COMMITMENT AS OUTPATIENT POLICY**

Purpose: The Mental Health Act of 1988 permits the commitment to the Board, of persons deemed mentally ill and subject to court ordered hospitalization. Under the direction of the Chief Clinical Officer of the Board, a determination is made as to the least restrictive treatment setting consistent with that person's need. For select individuals, commitment to the Board shall continue upon hospital discharge subject to adherence to ORC Section 5122 and the Mental Health Act.

Dr. Jones noted that the proposed revision expands the policy to not only include public hospitals but also private hospitals. Mr. Denihan confirmed that this revision does not negatively impact the Board's budget at this time.

Motion to approve the Continued Commitment as Outpatient Policy as revised. MOTION: P. Jones / SECOND: T. Falcone / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

5. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Harvey Snider, Committee Vice Chair, presided over the 3/16/11 Finance & Operations Committee Meeting on behalf of Committee Chair, Pastor Brown, during this Lenten season. The agenda order was revised so that the C.E.O. could provide an update on the state's budget draft for SFY2012 and 2013. Mr. Snider noted that the budget did show that behavioral health services were considered a priority by the Governor. One key reason was that the responsibility for the Medicaid match will be moved to the state. However, the budget has many other shortcomings which we believe will leave ODMH short of approximately \$160 million to fund other community services. Mr. Denihan will provide additional details in his CEO Report.

Ms. Richardson elaborated on Central Pharmacy Reports and Bed Day Utilization Reports for committee members. Operating Expenditures and Board Vouchers were also reviewed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-03, ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING FEBRUARY 2011**

Motion to approve Resolution 11-03-03. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: I. Bailey, R. Blue, E. Cash, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / Motion carried.

Mr. Snider highlighted the issues included in the Consent Agenda resolutions listed below:

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 11-03-04 through 11-03-06)

RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-04, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:

- ◇ Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board: Common Pleas Stephanie Tubbs Jones Drug Court – Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
- ◇ Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission: Vocational Rehabilitation Public & Private Partnership (VPR3) – Statewide Behavioral Health Project

RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-05, APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS :

- ◇ Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board: Common Pleas Stephanie Tubbs Jones Drug Court – Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
- ◇ New Medicaid Contracts with New Provider: Residential Treatment Services (ODADAS) - Berea Children's Home & Family Services

RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-06, APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:

- ◇ Co-Sponsorship of Suicide Prevention Education Alliance's 8th Annual *Into the Light Walk*
- ◇ SPSS Software License Renewals

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 11-03-04 through 11-03-06). MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Fowler / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Rev. Noble, along with Mr. Denihan and Board staff, participated in different advocacy efforts regarding the state mental health hospital which included a meeting with several legislators regarding the state hospital location, prison reform legislation, as well as a meeting with County Council.
- The Chair recognized the impressive work of Mr. Denihan in all of the various settings especially at the meeting with the County Executive and Cuyahoga Council.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT *(Continued)*

- Rev. Noble noted that the ADAMHS Board Web site now has a free On-Line Screening Instrument for a number of behavioral health issues. The screening process provides a simple way to indicate if a person would benefit from professional consultation and services. Mr. Denihan stated that he found it to be very user-friendly.
- The Chair noted that there are five Board members coming up for re-appointment—Dr. David Biegel, Eugenia Cash, Marc Crosby, Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin, Sr. and Ericka Thoms. All have been contacted and have indicated their interest in being reappointed. Efforts are underway to recommend their reappointment to the respective appointing authorities.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Denihan reported on items featured in the CEO Headliners, March 23, 2011 (issue attached to minutes).

- Update on SFY2012-2013 State Budget – At the Finance & Operations Committee Meeting, Mr. Denihan noted that he was cautiously optimistic; however, now he feels more cautious than optimistic as there seem to be several gaping holes and many unanswered questions.

What the Board does know:

- On the mental health side, there will be approximately a 6% increase in general revenue dollars.
 - On the alcohol and drug side, the increase is about a 3%.
 - The responsibility for Medicaid match will be removed from the Boards.
 - What is troubling is that we estimate that there will be about \$240 million needed for the Medicaid match; however, the state has only allocated \$165 million. The question is who will make up the difference? The bad news is Medicaid is 1/3 of the \$8 billion deficit. Mr. Denihan will learn more when in Columbus. He hopes that any tightening up will not tighten up access for consumers.
 - Another disturbing point – 408 funding has been removed and the replacement of line item #505 is almost insignificant. Where we routinely received several million dollars, we are looking at \$147,000. That is unbelievable for the largest county in Ohio with the greatest degree of mental illness per 1,000 and for the number of initiatives needed to help people remain in the community, for re-entry programs, etc.
 - Other troubling news is the loss of funding for Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice, removing \$135 million for children with mental illness, removing all money for Drug Courts.
- Town Hall Meeting – Mr. Denihan facilitated a Town Hall meeting at the ADAMHS Board on 3/22/11 where more than 40 people—clients/consumers, family members and other interested parties—provided feedback and an open dialog about issues of concern. Consumers expressed concerns regarding the lack of funding for adequate mental health and AOD services and over the decision of the state to locate the state mental health hospital in Summit County where there is no access by public transportation.
 - County Council Meeting – Mr. Denihan presented the funding challenges referenced in the CEO Headliners to those in attendance. Based upon the discussion, County Councilman Dale Miller recommended that the current levy include set increases over the years. Mr. Denihan has begun to meet with Councilman Miller and Councilman Brady to talk further. The goal is to start to look at what would be the base level. A decision is needed by the fall in order to be ready for the next Health & Human Service Levy campaign.
 - State Mental Health Hospital – Mr. Denihan noted that various stakeholders have provided tremendous advocacy support. Mr. Denihan does not want to give up on the advocacy level of commitment. The press conference held on 3/18/11 was excellent. Efforts so far have not changed the mind of the Governor or ODMH Director. The CEO has begun to discuss with four local hospitals the concept of purchasing psychiatric beds for residents of our county. All four hospitals were eager to talk in greater detail. Board staff is acquiring additional demographic information for these discussions.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

- Mr. Denihan was pleased to report the receipt of an Agreement from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) for services provided to dually diagnosed individuals in combination with mental illness and/or chemical dependency. The Agreement addressed the CCBDD's desire to offset the costs that the ADAMHS Board incurs related to the services provided to dually diagnosed individuals by allocating the amount of \$100,000.00 to the ADAMHS Board.

Under the Service Section of the Agreement, Mr. Denihan read the following paragraph, "*Funds provided under this Agreement may also be used to develop a house for difficult to serve women with co-morbid addiction and mental health disorders. Services associated with such a house shall be made available to individuals with developmental disabilities who meet the criteria for accessing the services as determined by the ADAMHS Board.*"

- Cynthia Chaytor, Adult Projects Administrator, was asked by Mr. Denihan to elaborate on the Seasons of Hope Project. Ms. Chaytor explained that in response to the Imperial Avenue tragedies, the ADAMHS Board plans to open Seasons of Hope, a safe house for women with addiction in our community as non-traditional approach to women's treatment.

The Seasons of Hope fundraising event is planned for Friday, April 8, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. The event has a two-fold purpose -- to raise funds for the safe house and to raise public awareness that alcohol and drug treatment for women is available and accessible. The event will feature the Honorable Judge Joan Synenberg, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, and National Recovery Speaker, Ms. Tonier Cain. Tickets are \$65.00 and RSVP's are needed by 3/25/11. (2.0 CEU's are also available for this event.)

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Warr highlighted the fact that Valeria Harper, Chief Operating Officer, will be participating in a panel discussion during the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority event, Covenant Conversations: Mental Health, at East Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9990 Euclid Avenue, on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Eugenia Cash is also scheduled to moderate the event. Board members were invited to attend.
- Mr. Denihan suggested the full Board consider approval of a resolution recognizing and thanking the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the recent generous donation toward behavioral health services.

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 11-03-07, Appreciation to CCBDD for Generous Contribution to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: P. Jones / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, T. Falcone, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

9. AUDIENCE INPUT - None

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

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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