

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
June 29, 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.	Harvey A. Snider
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Ericka L. Thoms
Marc G. Crosby, MBA	Mary R. Warr
Richard A. Folbert	Anngela Williams

Absent: Pastor Charles E. Brown, Eugenia Cash, MSSA, Tatiana Falcone, M.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Rick A. Kemm, MNO, J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Vivian Catchings-El, Danei Chavez, Cindy Chaytor, Christina Delos Reyes, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Chris Morgan, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Cassandra Richardson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charlotte Noble called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor for audience input on agenda items.

The Chair recognized Dr. Leslie Koblentz, Chief of Psychiatry at St. Vincent Charity Hospital (SVCH), who has asked to make a comment regarding the FY2012 Funding Recommendations. Dr. Koblentz shared various scenarios that may impact consumers of mental health services, their families and the overall system if the Psych Emergency Room (ER) is not able to handle the demand for services given potential funding cuts. In the past year, St. Vincent served 7.9% more patients than the former year. Usage of 23-hour observation beds at SVCH has increased from 21 patients per month to 35 patients per month. Dr. Koblentz elaborated on the impact of reductions on the Psych ER and asked the Board of Directors to reconsider the overall cuts to the Psych ER; the hospital is asking to restore the \$109,000 in order to continue the excellent service provided to date.

2. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY *(June 2011)*

The artist featured by the ADAMHS Board for June is ANDREW GLASGOW who is affiliated with the Center for Families and Children (CFC). Andrew majored in commercial art at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and worked as a graphic designer until 2001. His mental illness was untreated for a number of years; when he sought treatment and was paired with the right medication for his illness, he remarked: "I wish everyone could feel as good as I am able to feel." Andrew has worked CFC for the past 10 years. He's taken classes, worked part-time and continues on his path of recovery. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Andrew in honor of his artwork display.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDRAISER FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE: JOHN PORTER AND THE JJ GRIMM BAND

Mr. Denihan recognized and thanked John Porter, a member of the JJ Grimm Band for hosting a heavy metal concert fundraiser that benefited the Cuyahoga County 24-Hour Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Crisis and Information and Referral Hotline for Adults and Children, operated by Mental Health Services, Inc. Mr. Porter spoke about his commitment to this cause as he is a suicide survivor as his brother died by suicide. A certificate was presented to John and the JJ Grimm Band. The ADAMHS Board wished to acknowledge through an additional certificate for the Shades of Remembrance Band because just before the concert, a band member's father died by suicide, so it was especially poignant for that band to perform in this concert as well.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The General Meeting minutes of May 25, 2011, were accepted as distributed.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ericka Thoms, on behalf of Rick Kemm, Nominating Committee Chair, introduced the proposed slate of officers for FY2012 and entertained a motion to approve the slate as recommended:

- Chair – Rev. Charlotte Still Noble
- Vice Chair – Harvey A. Snider
- Second Vice Chair – Eugenia Cash

Motion to approve the Recommended Slate of Officers for FY2012.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: A. Williams / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

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

Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones, reported on the 6/8/11 P&O Committee meeting and the topics listed below:

OPIATE EPIDEMIC IN OHIO

Dr. Delos Reyes elaborated on a document prepared by the Ohio Dept. of Health entitled, “Epidemic of Prescription Drug Overdose in Ohio” & highlighted the Summary of Recommendations from the Ohio Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force commissioned by Governor Strickland in April 2010. A local Cuyahoga County coalition called Prescription for Prevention began to meet over a year ago, without the benefit of funding, to address this issue.

SMOKING CESSATION

Dr. Delos Reyes presented the topic, Addressing Tobacco Dependence in Consumers with Mental Illness and Addictions and targeted the following learning objectives:

- The rationale for implementing tobacco recovery programs in mental health & addiction treatment settings.
- The unique interplay between tobacco use and mental health conditions.
- The TRAC (Tobacco: Recovery Across the Continuum) program for smoking cessation in persons with severe mental illness.

SEASONS OF HOPE UPDATE

Ms. Harper provided an update on the Women’s Project: Seasons of Hope that focused on three elements: the role of the Advisory Committee, public awareness activities, and plans to engage the Recovery Community.

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

Year-to-date figures through May 31, 2011, indicate that Connections completed 372 assessments and made 240 referrals. Dr. Delos Reyes reported that 34 clients have received interim services from Connections and that longer wait times for receiving agency appointments are evident due to decreasing capacity.

Mr. Denihan announced that the next Re-Entry Leadership Coalition Meeting was scheduled to be held at the State House in Columbus on Friday, 6/17/11. Buses will be reserved to transport supporters of this advocacy effort.

Mr. Denihan reported on his responsibility to notify 14 individuals holding positions at the ADAMHS Board that their job would be abolished as of 7/1/11. Five (5) other vacant positions were also abolished. Mr. Denihan explained that a contract was initiated with an outreach firm that advises personnel regarding placement & resume development. Ratification of this contract is included on today’s agenda. In an interview with the Plain Dealer, Mr. Denihan addressed the layoff situation and explained that the anticipated revenue reductions will also affect service provider contracts as a result of a disinvestment of funding in the behavioral health system over the years.

Mr. Denihan explained that both meetings would be canceled and a Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for the last Wednesday in June, 6/29/11; this arrangement would allow the Board to react to the General Assembly’s final budget and time to meet individually with providers regarding their FY2012 allocation reductions prior to the meeting on June 29th. The next P&O Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wed., July 13th.

7. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

For the benefit of the full Board, Ms. Richardson highlighted the Central Pharmacy Reports, Bed Day Utilization statistics, Operating Expenditure Reports and Board Vouchers. Resolutions were considered separately.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-01, ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MAY 2011**

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-01. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-02, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board and Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Catholic Charities Services
 - ORCA House
 - Fresh Start

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-02. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: D. Biegel / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-03, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS :**
 - ◇ Notice of Funding Award (NOFA): Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board and Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Catholic Charities Services
 - ORCA House
 - Fresh Start
 - ◇ Allocation to Bridgeway, Inc. – Life Safety Repairs to West 81st Street Residential Care Facility

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-03. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-04, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Dise & Company: Career Transition Services for Laid-Off ADAMHS Board Employees
 - ◇ Simon's Construction, LLC: Links East Structural Repair:
 - ◇ Brown Consulting, LTD: Independent Peer Review of SAPT Block Grant Funds
 - ◇ Oswald Insurance: Commercial Liability & Directors and Officers Insurance
 - ◇ Tenable Protective Services, Inc.: Administrative Office Security Services Contract

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-04. MOTION: P. Jones / SECOND: I. Bailey / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-05**
AUTHORIZATION TO JOINTLY PARTICIPATE IN A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR A COUNTY AND REGIONAL INTERACTIVE SHARED INFORMATION SYSTEM (CRISIS)

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-05. MOTION: P. Jones / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-06**
AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR NON-MEDICAID FUNDED SEASONS OF HOPE SAFE HOUSE & OUTREACH PROGRAM

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-06. MOTION: D. Biegel/ SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-07**
AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SECURITY SERVICES

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-07. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-08**
APPROVAL OF FY2012 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS DELINEATED IN THE ATTACHED FY2012 BUDGET BOOK

- a. FY2012 Service Provider Recommendations -- \$37,084,430
 - MH -- \$26,042,745
 - AOD -- \$11,041,685
- b. Set-Aside Funding Recommendations -- \$2,400,117
Other Funded Services -- \$1,592,525
 - Residential Assistance Program -- \$894,472
 - Suicide Prevention Campaign -- \$300,000
 - Client Services/Training -- \$7,400
 - Life Exchange Center -- \$245,100
 - Board Property Bldg & Grounds -- \$21,000
 - Children's Psychiatric Hospital Subsidy -- \$22,500
 - CRISIS Management System -- \$750,000
 - Seasons of Hope -- \$108,595
 - Adult Drug Court -- \$196,400
- c. Pass-Through Funding -- \$106,678,651
 - Medicaid -- \$63,686,673
 - Medicaid Match -- \$36,306,393
 - Total Medicaid -- \$99,993,066
 - Behavioral Health Pass Thru Contracting -- \$6,685,585
- d. Administrative Budget Recommendations -- \$5,648,374
 - Salaries -- \$2,626,743
 - Fringe Benefits -- \$1,242,181
 - Operational Expenses -- \$1,779,450

Mr. Denihan elaborated on the Non-Medicaid Funding Crisis which resulted in a \$13.6 million or 33% reduction in available funding for Non-Medicaid services for the FY2012 budget that are a direct result of cuts from the Ohio Dept. of Mental Health, the Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Cuyahoga County. (Details are included in the CEO Headliners attached to this set of minutes.)

An addition and/or typographical error regarding the FY2012 Service Provider Recommendation was noted by Rev. Gohlstin on Res. 11-06-08. Ms. Richardson noted that the amount \$37,984,430 should be \$37,084,430.

[Mr. Crosby left the meeting.]

Questions of Board members were addressed and opinions expressed regarding proposed reductions and particular providers eliminated through the RFI process. Ms. Williams noted for the record her discomfort regarding the time constraints for making this important decision. It was noted that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County must take action prior to 7/1/11. Mr. Denihan noted his hope that the system can go forward from this point, stay focused on our core values, and begin to think how we can do business differently to serve people with less money.

Motion to approve Resolution 11-06-08 as corrected. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue
 AYES: I. Bailey, R. Blue, R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: A. Williams
 ABSTAIN: D. Biegel, M. Warr / **Motion carried.**

Dr. Biegel asked the record to reflect that his abstention had to do with a “conflict of interest” issue regarding FY2012 Non-Medicaid Funding.

8. **CHAIR’S REPORT**

Rev. Noble has participated in several meetings with Mr. Denihan over the past several weeks. One such meeting included ODMH staff and local hospitals to consider the various issues around hospital bed day utilization. Board Chair Noble addressed Board staff layoffs and process; she noted that upon understanding the CEO’s rationale for making the tough decisions, she appreciated his doing this difficult work on the behalf of the Board of Directors even though Board members are sad for those no longer on our staff. Rev. Noble attended the Annual Consumer and Client Picnic at the Metroparks Zoo and enjoyed the event.

Board members are invited to attend a social gathering at the home of Mr. & Mrs. William M. Denihan after the General Meeting in July, 7/27/11. Lastly, the Board Chair will e-mail Board members soon to determine their interest in serving on Board committees in the upcoming fiscal year.

9. **C.E.O.’S REPORT**

Items featured in the CEO Headliners, June 29, 2011 were highlighted (issue attached to minutes).

- Mr. Denihan reported on the Special Meeting of the Cuyahoga County Reentry Leadership Coalition held at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on 6/17/11. Nearly 100 consumers, clients and professionals representing our county and Cleveland were transported to the meeting by bus. Details are included in the CEO Headliners.
- Mr. Denihan noted that local hospitals intend to meet together again to address the possibility of utilizing private hospital beds for consumers of mental illness within the Greater Cleveland area.
- CEO Denihan thanked providers for their diligence in providing extraordinary services.

10. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

11. **AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Mr. John Nosek, President, Council of Agency Directors/Mental Health, encouraged the ADAMHS Board to inform and prepare the community about the cuts that will be coming and the resulting impact on services, such as longer waiting lists, more people in hospital emergency room settings and problems with access. He added that hospital bed days may go up due to reductions if there is insufficient capacity within the system to serve people; the same impact may occur for the re-entry population, etc.

Mr. Nosek learned that the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition intends to do a state-wide overview to reflect the overall impact of funding cuts. Mr. Nosek advocated for communicating with the citizens so that agencies are not blamed for the impact of political leadership decisions.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- Ms. Kathy Kazol, Executive Director of EDEN, Inc., appreciated the Board's position of making decisions according to its established priorities. Additionally, Ms. Kazol asked all to “save the date” for EDEN's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the new housing facility, Greenbridge Commons at E. 75th & Euclid Avenue.
- Ms. Mary Bazie, Executive Director of Hitchcock Center for Women, noted that in addition to collecting the data about the impact of cuts that it is imperative that we continue the advocacy work to raise the voices and the volume. Unless we continue the advocacy work, nothing will change on behalf of the vulnerable people we represent.
- Ms. Esther Pla, Executive Director of Connections, shared that *Advocates for Ohio's Future* is an organization that offers phenomenal Webinars which may prove helpful with the advocacy effort. Connections is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of 15 mental health centers in the nation by SAMHSA and HRSA to participate in the National Integrated Center for Learning for the next year. The agency is excited to be involved on the ground floor to learn about Medical Homes, training for staff and to participate in changing the system around integrated care.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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