

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

Board of Directors Present:

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair	J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Pastor Charles E. Brown	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Marc G. Crosby, MBA	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
Tatiana Falcone, M.D., Ph.D.	Anngela Williams
Richard A. Folbert	

Absent: Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Harvey A. Snider, Ericka L. Thoms

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, Cynthia Chaytor, Christina Delos Reyes, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratlonie, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Cassandra Richardson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charlotte Noble called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Chair opened the floor for audience input on agenda items; none received.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The General Meeting minutes of July 27, 2011, were approved as distributed.

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

Committee Vice Chair, Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D., reported that the CR&A Committee met on 9/7/11 to discuss the following agenda items:

- Legislative & Advocacy Update briefing:
 - Cuyahoga County Council's Proposed Ordinance: Subsidy Guidelines – The guidelines introduced would authorize County Council to consider and approve subsidies, including the levy, to boards, commissions, agencies, corporations and other entities that the Council does not have a direct, immediate oversight for daily management decisions. The Council is still discussing this concept.
 - The Federal HEARTH Act which provides funding to help the homeless find homes, or keep people from becoming homeless.
 - The Federal Olmstead Act – Attorney Frank Hickman informed Boards that if budget cuts in community services lead to increased institutional use, there may be a violation of the American with Disabilities Act.
 - HB 86: Prison Reform Summary – Board members received an update at the recent Board retreat.
- Clergy Video – As the video missed the mark, a decision was made to end its production with Village TV.
- Suicide Prevention Task Force – The workgroup is rejuvenating itself. Based upon a recent review, the Suicide Prevention Campaign will be scheduled for January through March 2012.
- Roads to Recovery Conference (Monday, September 12, 2011) status report – 325 people have registered.
- Defending Childhood Conference – ADAMHS Board will serve as the fiscal agent, assist with conference arrangements and the provision of CEU's.
- Other upcoming events, as listed on the CR&A agenda, were highlighted.

POLICY REVIEW – 2nd Reading & Official Vote**SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS**

Purpose: To assist the ADAMHS Board and staff with determining the appropriateness of requests for sponsorships.

Motion to approve the Policy Statement, Sponsorship Requests. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: I. Bailey
 AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, T. Falcone, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm,
 R. Romaniuk, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion carried.

4. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY (September 2011)

Joan Weiler was the artist featured for September by the ADAMHS Board. Mr. Denihan noted that Ms. Weiler, diagnosed with schizophrenia about 10 years ago, receives services at Connections: Health, Wellness. Advocacy. Joan resides in a group home, participates in activities and creates her art at Future Directions. Joan has an Associates' Degree in Art from Lorain Community College and a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Communication from Cleveland State University. When interviewed, Ms. Weiler stated, "I believe that art is work—hard work—a form of self expression that helps to release stress. I also enjoy viewing other people's art because it also helps me relieve stress." A certificate was presented to Joan in honor of her artwork display.

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

Committee Chair, Pythias Jones, M.D., reported on the 9/14/11 meeting. The minutes of the July 13, 2011 P&O Committee were approved without change. The following items were addressed:

- **Strategic Plan Updates:**
 - The Programming/Planning goal is to "enhance and maintain a culturally competent, comprehensive and fully integrated system of behavioral healthcare that is cost effective and outcome driven to promote resiliency and recovery for those most at risk and most in need."
 - The Clinical goal is to "develop a seamless continuum of care which supports consumer recovery."

Ms. Valeria Harper highlighted the progress made in Programming areas while Dr. Christina Delos Reyes updated strides made in the Clinical areas.

- **Two RFI Recommendations considered by the P&O Committee and being recommended to the full Board are:**
 - 1) **Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Program** – Linda Torbert, Children's Projects Administrator, highlighted the RFI issuance and review process. Based upon the review of the proposals received, the Positive Education Program – Connections, was selected to provide care coordination and case management services for the BHJJ program for FY2012-2013 in the amount of \$120,000.
 - 2) **Seasons of Hope** – Cynthia Chaytor, Adult Projects Administrator, reported that the RFI Review Team recommended contracting with the Hitchcock Center for Women for staffing the Seasons of Hope House and Outreach Program in the amount of \$160,000. When details about the Seasons of Hope House and initiative were shared by Mr. Denihan with Judge Ambrose, who presided over the Anthony Sowell case, the judge also endorsed the concept and project.
- **Detoxification Policy Update** – An outcome study was shared by Tom Williams, Data Research Specialist. The study chose the initial eight months of this policy (November 2010 to June 2011) to review. It was concluded that 62 more people were able to get a first time detoxification service due to the implementation of the policy.

Life Exchange Center Update – Michael Doud, Community Resources Administrator, and Myra Henderson, Recovery/Employment Specialist, reported on progress for the new facility located on Kinsman near East 140th Street.

PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT *(Continued)*

- Once the Life Exchange Center inspections are complete, an early October move-in date is anticipated. Photographs were shared of the interior and exterior spaces of the building. The tentative date for the Open House is Monday, 10/31/11. Murtis Taylor staff will be invited to meet with the Board after it is in operation.
- **Future P&O Committee Topics** – were moderated by Dr. Biegel, P&O Vice Chair; see list below:
 - Monitor the Impact of Budget Cuts
 - Reportable/Major Unusual Incidents
 - Report out on Outcome Data collected by the ADAMHS Board
 - Presentation from Hitchcock Center for Women regarding the tentative program model for the Seasons of Hope Safe House and non-traditional outreach efforts
 - Defending Children's Conference Update
 - Update on 72-hour Private Inpatient Beds
- **Old/New Business** – Mr. Osiecki reported that 325 people attended the Roads to Recovery Conference. Evaluations received were all very positive with regard to the conference content and venue; keynote and plenary speakers also received high ratings.

Dr. Jones ended his summary by reporting on the recent Board Training/Retreat that he felt was fantastic. The retreat content was informative and included presenters Cheri Walter, C.E.O. of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities (OACBHA), Elizabeth Henrich, Director of Behavioral Health Programs/OACBHA. Dr. Jones commented that the spontaneous sharing of people's lives, sparked by Senator Nina Turner's initial comments, seemed to bond Board members together.

6. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Pastor Charles Brown, noted that the Finance & Operations Committee met on 9/21/11; he thanked Ms. Richardson again for her excellent explanation of the finance reports and agenda process sheets.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-01, ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2011 AND AUGUST 2011**

Motion to approve Resolution 11-09-01. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: P. Jones / AYES: I. Bailey, R. Blue, C. Brown, T. Falcone, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / **Motion carried.**

[Mark Crosby arrived.]

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 11-09-02 through 11-09-04).

- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-02, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Ohio Dept. of Mental Health & Ohio Dept. of Youth Services: Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Program
 - ◇ Cuyahoga County: Family and Children First Council - Family Centered Services and Support
 - ◇ Cuyahoga County: Dept. of Health & Human Services: Ryan White – Part A Program
 - ◇ Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities & Beech Brook
 - ◇ Cuyahoga County: Witness/Victim Service Center and ADAMHSCC: Fiscal Agent for Defending Childhood Conference on September 22 & 23, 2011
- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-03, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS :**
 - ◇ ODMH and ODYS: Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Program
 - Positive Education Program – Connections
 - Catholic Charities Services
 - Juvenile Court
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
 - Residential Service Pool

APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS : (Continued)

- ◇ Cuyahoga County: Family and Children First Council - Family Centered Services and Support
 - Positive Education Program - Connections
 - ◇ Cuyahoga County: Dept. of Health & Human Services: Ryan White – Part A Program
 - Catholic Charities Services – Matt Talbot
 - ORCA House
 - Community Action Against Addiction
 - Recovery Resources
 - ◇ MOU with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
 - Beech Brook
 - ◇ Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and Ohio Dept. of Youth Services (ODYS)
 - Funding for FY2012 Aftercare Services:
 - Catholic Charities Services
 - Community Assessment & Treatment Services
 - The Covenant, Inc.
 - Residential Treatment
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau
 - Wrap Supportive Services
 - ◇ Seasons of Hope Safe House & Outreach Program
 - Hitchcock Center for Women
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 10-06-06 for FY2011 Non-Medicaid Funding Recommendations:
 - Jewish Family Services Association
 - Recovery Resources
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 10-11-04 for FY2011 Non-Medicaid Funding Recommendation:
 - The Covenant
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 11-06-08 for FY2012 Funding Adjustments:
 - Applewood Centers, Inc.
 - Catholic Charities Services
 - Cleveland Christian Home, Inc.
 - Mental Health Services for the Homeless, Inc.
 - Murtis H. Taylor Human Services System
 - New Directions, Inc.
 - Scarborough House
 - Seasons of Hope
 - St. Vincent Charity Hospital
 - The Covenant, Inc.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-04, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 11-06-08: Administrative Operating Budget
 - ◇ MCPc: APC Maintenance Renewal for Computer Systems
 - ◇ Hitchcock Center for Women & Recovery Resources: Consumer Brown Bag Lunches

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 11-09-02 through 11-09-04). MOTION: B. Gohlstin
 SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, M. Crosby, T. Falcone, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, B. Gohlstin,
 P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: I. Bailey **Motion carried.**

7. CHAIR’S REPORT

Rev. Noble underscored Dr. Jones’ appreciation of the Board training/retreat which helped Board members to feel more like a community. The Chair called Board members attention to the November meeting dates. In order to avoid holding the General Meeting the night before Thanksgiving, it will be scheduled for the week prior on Wednesday, 11/16/11. The Finance & Operations Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. with the General Meeting convening immediately after at 5:00 p.m.

8. C.E.O.'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners, September 28, 2011 (issue attached to minutes) and noted that it was a month full of special events and activities.

- The Roads to Recovery Conference was an outstanding. Mr. Denihan congratulated Scott Osiecki and other staff for their efforts to produce such an excellent conference.
- The Board Retreat was very informative thanks to the participation of Cheri Walter, C.E.O. of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities (OACHBA) and Liz Henrich, also of OACBHA. Senator Nina Turner's presentation and participation was outstanding and brought the heart and soul to the experience.
- The OACBHA Retreat was held in Cleveland this year since Mr. Denihan is now serving as OACBHA President. He also intends to utilize the concept of conference calls as a way to reduce travel expenses for all.
- The two-day 2011 Defending Childhood Conference was held on September 22 and 23rd at the Hilton Garden Inn, and Mr. Osiecki was credited for taking a leadership role in this successful event as well.
- Director Orman Hall of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services met with AOD providers and Mr. Denihan on 9/19/11 to address the issue of opiate addiction in our state, his vision and the challenges that face the system. Agency providers were included in the discussion and encouraged to provide their input.
- Mr. Denihan reported that there is funding available for municipal courts to use for the provision of treatment for individuals found guilty of driving while intoxicated or using drugs. As some courts have very large reserves, Mr. Denihan has begun the dialogue with judges around consideration of treating individuals with a dual diagnosis of AOD and mental illness; those judges consulted seem to be receptive to this concept. As a result, Mr. Denihan has contacted ODADAS to see if there is support for this level of legislative interpretation.
- The Center for Community Solutions has taken on the task of evaluating all Health & Human Service entities that are recipients of levy funds. The hope is that the report comes out prior to County Council's recommendations regarding the upcoming budget.
- Ms. Richardson, Dr. Garrity and Mr. Denihan recently attended a budget meeting with County Executive Staff. It was learned that the Health & Human Service Levy is about \$7 million short primarily because of the change in property taxes. The County's intent is to recommend no reduction in funding to the ADAMHS Board from its CY2011 base subsidy. The Board used the Center for Community Solutions and Cleveland State University's Need Assessment to illustrate the shortages our system faces, as reported in the CEO Headliners.
- The County Council is considering approval of 2-year contracts instead of the traditional 1-year contract. Mr. Denihan favored this idea and thought it might be a good concept for our system to use as well.
- Mr. Denihan announced that the Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation recognized the ADAMHS Board with an impressive plaque for building the new Life Exchange Center in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood.
- Mr. Denihan congratulated Scott Osiecki, Director of External Affairs, upon being voted as President of the Cleveland State University Academy Society Board.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Board member, Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D., thanked Mr. Denihan and the ADAMHS Board for co-sponsoring the Homeless Veterans Outreach Kick-Off Event and for publicizing it in the CEO Headliners. Additional flyers are available for those interested.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS *(Continued)*

- Mr. Denihan had an important discussion with Ohio Department of Mental Health Director, Tracy Plouck, around several topics. He highlighted the issue around the development of a 72 hour psychiatric unit at St. Vincent Charity Hospital to run in conjunction with the psychiatric emergency room. The issue is being considered and Director Plouck is scheduled to come to Cleveland on 10/6/11 to conduct several site reviews. Another issue addressed was the concept of using anticipated savings from using less bed days at state hospitals to negotiate with private hospitals for the potential purchase of inpatient bed days. This concept is currently under consideration.

10. AUDIENCE INPUT

- David DiTullio of Magnolia Clubhouse announced that the agency's annual meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. All Board members and Board staff were invited to attend. The Carriage House Clinic will be dedicated on that date.
- Esther Pla, C.E.O. of Connections: Health.Wellness.Advocacy, asked how agencies could assist with the conversation with Director Plouck around using private beds within the city of Cleveland. Mr. Denihan suggested two supportive elements: 1) continue making extra trips to the psychiatric hospital in Summit County to establish effective discharge plans and (2) when it comes to the point of working with private hospitals, agencies will be asked to engage/connect with patient "upon their admission to a private hospital" early on as opposed to when they are ready to be discharged. It was noted that the challenge with local hospitals is that the average length of stay is 5-7 days.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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