

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2012

### Board of Directors Present:

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohstin, Sr.
Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW	Ericka L. Thoms
Marc G. Crosby, MBA	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
Richard A. Folbert	Anngela Williams
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	

**Absent:** Pastor Charles E. Brown, Tatiana Falcone, M.D., Ph.D., Pythias Jones, M.D.

**ADAMHS Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, John Garrity, Valeria 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. Rev. Noble introduced and welcomed Case Western Reserve University master level students from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. They are participants in the Mental Health Policy & Service Delivery class and students of Professor David E. Biegel, Ph.D., and Dr. Christopher Mallet, Adjunct Faculty/MSASS.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The General Meeting minutes of January 25, 2012, were accepted as distributed.

### **3. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Vice Chair, Dr. David Biegel, reported on the full agenda of the 2/08/12 P&O Committee meeting. Ten of the eleven committee members were present.

- **Introduction of New Community Representative/Non-Board Appointee to P&O Committee**

Leslie Nye O'Donnell, newly appointed Community/Non-Board member representative to the P&O Committee, is a mediator/attorney at the firm of Schreiber O'Donnell & Schwartz Mediators, LLC. She has 26 years of experience in Family Law and brings a family member's perspective that includes experience with both alcohol and drug addiction and mental health issues.

- **Presentations Regarding Women's Recovery Programs**

**ORCA HOUSE** - Founded in 1942, ORCA House is the oldest African American Chemical Dependency agency in the country. It provides Non-Medical Community Residential Treatment and has an Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program, Non-Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program, and Family Preservation Program.

The philosophy takes a holistic, comprehensive approach to service delivery, which effectively addresses the needs and actively involves the whole family in the recovery process. Specialized services include: Trauma Sensitive Programs, HIV Awareness, Parenting Classes, Re-Entry, and Monitored Children's Activities. ORCA House partners with other agencies to provide specific needs/services.

ORCA began to look at trauma and how it impacts treatment. Staff found that when trauma was not addressed (whether the client was a victim of sexual violence, a survivor or a witness of trauma) special services were needed in order to help the person stay sober. Valuable coordination and support has been built through a working relationship with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC).

Discussion points/answers to questions of committee members:

- ORCA stands for Outhwaite Recovery Center for Alcoholics
- ORCA House does accept walk-ins; 1/3 of intakes are self-referrals
- Average length of treatment = 30 days for residential; Capacity = 16 men / 12 women
- Intensive Outpatient – 4 times per week/½ day sessions for 5 weeks
- Outcome completion rates for men=88%; women's outcomes are lower but well above the national average

**Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC)** – The Vice President of Client and Clinical Services at CRCC noted that the Center is dedicated to serving survivors of sexual violence and those who support them with free, comprehensive healing and advocacy services, and to creating social change in the community through education, training and activism. For women in recovery, the CRCC runs trauma groups at ORCA House and the Hitchcock Center for Women.

- **Impact of FY2012 Budget Cuts**

As Board of Directors previously asked for reports from staff on the impact of budget reductions, Mr. Denihan noted that intakes for a number of mental health providers were closed for a three-month period leaving 151 people waiting for mental health services. An additional \$1,020,250.00 in funding from Cuyahoga County allowed intakes to reopen on 2/1/12, but they will be able to remain open only through June. Detoxification, intensive outpatient services and prevention services have been significantly reduced; although some of the additional funding from the County was earmarked for detoxification services at Rosary Hall.

Board staff conducted a survey of the system's providers to determine the impact of budget cuts; to date, 19 of the providers who responded noted that:

- About 41 provider employees were laid-off.
- About 2,600 people are not or will not receive mental health and/or addiction services because programs had to be reduced or eliminated.
- Services include: Detoxification; Intensive Outpatient Services; AOD prevention services for children; Mental Health in the Schools; Case Management; Counseling.

- **Update: ODMH 505 Hot Spot Funding**

Dr. Garrity reported that ODMH is distributing an additional \$10.6 million in 505 Funding for FY13. This strategy seeks to promote collaboration across Boards that share one of the six state hospital catchment areas. Cuyahoga is part of the NorthCoast hospital collaborative which includes: Lorain, Lake, Ashtabula, Summit and Geauga Counties.

Dr. Garrity noted the difficulties involved in collaborating across counties since rural and urban counties have differing needs; planning is still underway. Committee members asked if this is one-time funding. It is not known at this time; however, ODMH Director Plouck hopes the program's successes may assist in seeking additional funding.

- **Strategic Plan Update: Evaluation & Research**

Dr. Garrity highlighted progress made on the Evaluation and Research goals/objectives.

- **Future Topics for Planning & Oversight Committee**

- AOD Prevention Assessment Report (*March*)
- Strategic Plan Update from Planning & Clinical (*March/April*)
- Health Home Concept (*March*)
- Lapsed Medicaid Report (*April*)

#### **4. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

As Committee Chair, Pastor Charles Brown, is unavailable for Wednesday meetings during the Lenten season, Vice Chair, Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey, presided over the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 2/15/12. Rev. Bailey noted that the minutes were approved and that Ms. Richardson addressed Bed Day Utilization Reports and Central Pharmacy Reports. Finance Reports, Expenditures and Vouchers were also reviewed. Rev. Bailey presented the Consent Agenda recommended for approval by the full Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 12-02-01 through 12-02-05).**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-01  
ACCEPTING THE REPORTS OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JANUARY 2012**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-02, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ Cuyahoga County Council on behalf of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court/Corrections Planning Board: Court Substance Abuse Treatment Program
  - ◊ Cuyahoga County Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children:
    - Achievement Centers for Children      - Berea Children's Home
    - Applewood Centers                              - Positive Education Program
    - Beech Brook
  - ◊ Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) and Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-03, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:**
  - ◊ Cuyahoga County Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children:
    - Achievement Centers for Children      - Berea Children's Home
    - Applewood Centers                              - Positive Education Program
    - Beech Brook
  - ◊ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
  - ◊ Amendment to Resolution No. 12-01-06: Funding Extension for St. Vincent Charity Medical Center
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-04, APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT:**
  - ◊ ATT: Telephone/Internet Renewal Agreement
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-05, APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT:**
  - ◊ Part-Time Consultant Services for State and County Reentry Planning - Michael J. Stringer, Consultant

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 12-02-01 through 12-02-05).**

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

Rev. Bailey explained that C.E.O. William Denihan introduced a proposal from the Board staff to restore funding to a service provider contract with Consumer Protection Association. Committee members reviewed the contract amendment proposal which is being brought to the full Board under Resolution No. 12-02-06.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-06  
APPROVAL TO RESTORE FUNDS TO SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT:**
  - ◊ Amendment to Resolution No. 12-01-06 Restoration of Funds: Consumer Protection Association

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-02-06.** MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

## 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Rev. Noble announced that the ADAMHS Board is establishing a committee to address faith-based related issues. Board members received a memo from the Chair inviting them to serve on this committee. Based upon feedback received, Rev. Noble appointed the following individuals: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., as Committee Chair, and members: Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey, Mary R. Warr and Eugenia Cash. If others wish to join this committee, they should contact the Board Chair.
- The appointment of Rev. Gohlstin as Chair of this committee leaves a vacancy for the Chair of the Community Relations and Advocacy (CR&A) Committee. Consequently, Rev. Noble appointed J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., as CR&A Committee Chair and to retain Dr. Richard Romaniuk as Vice Chair.
- Rev. Noble distributed updated copies of the Board's Meeting Schedule that include the new Faith-Based Committee; its initial meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.
- For the month of March, Rev. Noble will be in Charleston, South Carolina. She was pleased to announce that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Harvey Snider, will serve as Acting Chair during this time period.

## 6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated February 22, 2012 (attached to minutes).

- Mr. Denihan drew attention to the Adult Guardianship Program which provides many volunteer opportunities to help people who are unable to serve as their own guardian. People with an interest in this volunteer activity should contact Mr. Denihan or Beth Reid, Adult Guardianship Services.
- On Tuesday, 2/28/12, Cuyahoga County Council President C. Ellen Connally shall introduce legislation to "ban the box" on County employment applications that indicate if a person has ever been convicted of a felony. As President of the Cuyahoga County Reentry Coalition, Mr. Denihan will support this action.
- Mr. Denihan addressed the 505 Hot Spot Funding issue and noted that Cuyahoga County's greatest need is keeping intakes open in order to provide access to people needing services.
- The Ohio Opiate Summit Conference will take place in Columbus on May 7 and 8, 2012. Mr. Denihan will introduce the event as OACBHA President and two other ADAMHS Board staff will be presenting—Dr. Christina Delos Reyes and Scott Osiecki; see details in the CEO Headliners, page 3.
- On 1/27/12, approximately 45-50 people attended the first ADAMHS Board Fourth Friday Series to dialogue with Rep. Michael Skindell. The next legislator scheduled will be Senator Nina Turner on Friday, 2/24/12. All were encouraged to attend.
- Mr. Denihan reported on recent public comments made by a Summit County Sheriff stating that the Summit County Sheriff's Department will no longer accept individuals with severe mental illness who have violent behavior. Mr. Denihan has begun to work with the Summit County ADAMHS Board Executive to address this issue.

Mr. Snider suggested (1) drafting a resolution in support of the "ban the box" legislation and (2) having a Board member attend the County Council meeting as well. Mr. Denihan noted that both would be welcome. Ms. Warr advocated for other private employers to embrace this philosophy. Discussion followed; Mr. Snider offered to represent Board members at the County Council meeting; other interested Directors were urged to attend.

**Motion to adopt a Resolution in support of the "ban the box" legislation.** MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT** *(Continued)*

- Dr. Fowler asked whether ODMH had provided the information requested about the formula used for the 505 funding distribution. Mr. Denihan noted that a public records request was issued; however, no information has been received to date. When in Columbus, he will look into this and share the information once the formula is received.

**7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- As a result of several faith-based organizations applying for ATR (Access to Recovery) funds to serve consumers, Rev. Gohlstein noted that some questions have surfaced about what additional liabilities exist for a congregation or faith-based organizations. Ms. Harper noted that she will check with ODADAS and report back. She suggested that this issue might be addressed in greater detail at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Faith-Based Component/Outreach Committee meeting.
- The Chair asked everyone to remind their friends and family members to vote FOR Issue 15.

**8. AUDIENCE INPUT** - None

*There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

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