

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2012

Board of Directors Present:

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Pythias Jones, M.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.,	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.,
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW	Harvey A. Snider
Pastor Charles E. Brown	Ericka L. Thoms
Richard A. Folbert	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	

Absent: Marc G. Crosby, MBA, Rick A. Kemm, MNO, Anngela Williams

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Rev. Noble, called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 PM; no audience input was received on proposed agenda items.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The General Meeting minutes of April 25, 2012 were approved as submitted.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

As a result of the Executive Committee meeting held earlier at 3:00 PM, Rev. Noble reported that three resolutions are being recommended to the full Board for its consideration; resolution drafts were distributed to Board members.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-02**  
**APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE NEW CONTRACT WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Rev. Noble reported that the C.E.O.'s current contract expires on 6/30/12. The Executive Committee is pleased that Mr. Denihan is interested in continuing on as the ADAMHS Board's C.E.O. The resolution authorizes a task force to negotiate a new contract with Mr. Denihan, and the goal is to bring the contract details back to the full Board at the June General Meeting so that the new contract is in place by 7/1/12.

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 12-05-02. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-03**  
**ESTABLISH FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The ADAMHS Board Bylaws stipulate that the full Board is responsible to establish any new committees. Consequently, the Executive Committee is recommending the establishment of the Faith-Based Outreach Committee and has amended the resolution draft by adding the word (nonsectarian) after the first clause in the 3<sup>rd</sup> whereas statement. As no other revisions were suggested, the vote was taken on the amended resolution as proposed.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-05-03 as amended. MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: E. Cash AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-04  
APPROVAL OF THE BYLAWS PRESENTED BY THE THREE C RECOVERY & HEALTH NETWORK:  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (C.O.G.) TO CONDUCT BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF SHARES HEALTH  
AND RECOVERY ENTERPRISE SYSTEM (S.H.A.R.E.S.)**

Mr. Snider, ADAMHSCC Board representative and participating member of the Council of Government, explained that the three large ADAMHS Boards (Franklin, Hamilton & Cuyahoga) are the initial parties in the C.O.G. and have been working to develop Bylaws for the new entity. Mr. Snider confirmed that the draft Bylaws are in keeping with the State of Ohio, have been reviewed and approved by the County Prosecutor's Offices from all of the respective counties, and provide the option of other county Boards joining the C.O.G. in the future.

**Motion to approve the Resolution No. 12-05-04.** MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: R. Folbert / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr  
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **4. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin, asked Mary Warr to report out on the proceedings of the Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting of 5/2/12 as she served as Acting Chair for that meeting. In addition to the Board members serving on the committee, there were seven community representatives from several different communities of faith who were very excited about the creation of this new committee. All were in support and encouraged the effort as they felt strongly that spirituality plays a major role in the recovery process for many people. The Potential Membership Profile form was reviewed and agreed that the form was appropriate to be used to obtain additional members. The profile will be posted on our Web site.

Feedback was received from those at the meeting; four topics were highlighted by Ms. Warr:

- Due to economic issues, more people may be turning to faith-based organizations as a resource for help.
- Training seminars are needed for clergy to provide information about resources for treatment and to create awareness and reduce stigma regarding persons with mental illness and/or other addictions.
- Demographic changes should be explored. Hispanic congregations represent under-served populations and the involved ministers need training in dealing with substance abuse and other mental health issues.
- Data is obsolete; current data needs to be gathered to determine spirituality needs.

Rev. Gohlstin has met with a group of people in Akron from the agency named EMERGE that has treated over 15,000 clergymen and has 25 psychologists on its staff. Rev. Gohlstin will meet with them soon to discuss the possibility of partnering with them around training opportunities to help faith-based leaders learn how to identify some symptoms of people with addictions or who have mental health issues.

The Suicide Prevention Awareness Task Force held an excellent training session specifically for the faith-based community. Rev. Gohlstin introduced the speaker at the training and also introduced the concept of the Faith-Based Outreach Committee.

#### **5. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 5/2/12 and highlighted the Legislation/Advocacy Updates provided on:

- HB 117: Addiction Involuntary Commitment
- HB 386: Video Lottery Terminals
- SB 287: Changes in Credentialing in Chemical Dependency Licensure
- State Mid-Budget Review

Training updates were made as well as the plans for the Faith-Based Breakfast/Training and the 2012 Annual Meeting. The Recovery Celebration with NORA, Inc. is scheduled for 9/15/12 at the Beachwood Hilton.

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

Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones, reported on the meeting held on 5/9/12 and elaborated on the seven agenda items. (Details on topics listed below can be found in the P&O minutes posted on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

- Update on the use of additional funds provided from County Council for:
  - Open intakes & facilitate access through the SCALE program
  - Rosary Hall – able to increase 2-4 additional detox beds
  - Mental Health Services – able to hire two additional social workers for county's homeless shelters
- Bridgeway, Inc. Transition Update – given by Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator
- Overview of Re-Entry Services – provided by Dr. Garrity and two Recovery Resources staff members
- Culture of Quality (COQ) Update – ADAMHS Board's COQ survey is scheduled for 6/12 and 6/13.
- Future Topics for P&O Committee:
  - Community Plan (June)
  - Housing First Initiative (June)
  - Health Homes
  - Early Childhood Mental Health Update (June)
  - Spend Down Project (September)

**7. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Pastor Charles Brown, Committee Chair, reported on the 5/16/12 Finance & Operations Committee meeting and acknowledged the work of Ms. Richardson in preparing and summarizing the various reports. Pastor Brown introduced the Consent Agenda and one separate resolution.

**CONSENT AGENDA - (Res. No. 12-05-05 through Res. No. 12-05-10)**

- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-05  
ACCEPTING THE REPORTS OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2012
- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-06, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:
  - ◊ ODADAS: SFY2012 Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG)
  - ◊ NAMI Ohio: Law Enforcement Training Grant
  - ◊ Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Renewal of Shared Service Agreement
- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-07, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:
  - ◊ Crisis Stabilization Unit - Mental Health Services, Inc.
  - ◊ Residential Care Facilities
    - W. 81<sup>st</sup> Street - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
    - Bradley Manor - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
    - Roberto Flores Home - Mental Health Services, Inc.
  - ◊ Suburban Municipal Jail Liaison Program
    - Recovery Resources
    - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-08, APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT:
  - ◊ Bomgar Corporation – Hardware Maintenance & Software Licenses
- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-09 - AUTHORIZATION FOR ADAMHSCC BOARD STAFF TO IDENTIFY NON-PROFIT 501 (C) (3) TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF BOARD PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2500 NOBLE ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-10  
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 12-04-01, PENDING CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY & CLOSING OF BRIDGEWAY, INC. TRANSITION PLAN

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 12-05-05 through 12-05-10). MOTION: B. Gohlstin  
SECOND: B. Fowler / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones,  
R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

- RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-11  
APPROVAL OF NON-MEDICAID ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR 7/01/12 TO 12/31/12 TO CHANGE  
CONTRACT FUNDING PERIOD FROM STATE FISCAL YEAR TO CALENDAR YEAR
  - Direct Services Allocation
  - Board Operating Budget
  - Other Behavioral Health Set Aside Funds
  - Restricted Reserve Funds

Motion to approve the Resolution No. 12-05-11. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Folbert / AYES: D. Biegel,  
R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr  
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

#### 8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported that the Nominating Committee met on 4/25/12 and recommends the following Slate of Officers for FY2013:

Second Vice Chair – Pythias D. Jones, M.D.  
Vice Chair – Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW  
Chair – Harvey A. Snider

Per ADAMHS Board Bylaws, Ms. Thoms inquired whether any Board member wished to offer a nomination from the floor. Given that no responses were received, Rev. Noble noted acceptance of the Nominating Committee's recommended Slate of Officers and noted that it will be voted upon at the next General Meeting in June. Ms. Thoms noted that this was a good experience and thanked committee members for their assistance in arriving at the recommended slate.

#### 9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated May 23, 2012 (attached to minutes).

- At the Fourth Friday Series scheduled for 5/25/12, Armund Budish, Minority Leader of the House, shall speak about State House business at 10:00 AM. Board members and the public are invited to attend.
- Mr. Denihan provided an update on the Bridgeway transition process, which is nearly complete. Meetings have been held to address the various other Bridgeway properties with Key Bank that included attorney representation from the County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Denihan stated that the situation regarding the various independent Bridgeway properties will, most likely, be an on-going process.
- An official announcement confirms that the two state departments--the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services--will consolidate; the change will be reflected in the next biennium budget. Decisions regarding leadership have been determined; Tracey Plouck will be the Director and Orman Hall will hold a Cabinet position.
- Survey results on Drug Testing Policies & Procedures received from ERC, a professional service organization that provided the survey as a professional courtesy, are detailed in the CEO Headliners. Mr. Denihan referenced one particular finding from the survey that blue collar workers are more than twice as vulnerable to failing employment drug tests than white collar workers. The failure percentage was between 10-25%. Mr. Denihan will meet with the President of ERC to further discuss the findings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

- Mr. Denihan acknowledged the excellent Faith-Based Breakfast and Training held on 5/22/12.
- Mid-June, the ADAMHS Board will participate in a Culture of Quality Peer Certification survey by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) that will assess how the Board is complying with state standards/guidelines.
- A significant public hearing is scheduled for 5/30/12 at Cleveland City Hall to include County Council, Cleveland City Council officials, Robert Ronis, M.D., from University Hospitals, Joan Englund from the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition, Ewald Horwath, Ph.D., M.D., from MetroHealth Medical Center. The public officials making comments will be Councilman Conwell from the City, Councilwomen Conwell from the County, City Councilperson Joe Cimperman, Dr. Christina Delos Reyes, ADAMHS Board's Chief Clinical Officer and Mr. Denihan to speak on a board range of issues around mental illness.
- Regarding the CBCF Report (page 2 of the Headlines) Mr. Denihan was pleased to report that the Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) will now accept those individuals who have mental illness and who have been referred to the courts. This was a collaboration of the Court of Common Pleas, the County and the ADAMHS Board to provide the resources needed for treatment for individuals accepted by the CBCF.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Brown inquired whether other training sessions regarding suicide prevention would be provided for the faith-based community. Rev. Gohlstin noted that the recent Faith-Based Breakfast Training had a prevention focus where a two-day intervention workshop was referenced by the presenter. Rev. Gohlstin asked whether this might be a possibility. Mr. Denihan noted he would take this suggestion under consideration.
- Mr. Snider commended Board staff on the excellent Annual Meeting held on 5/15/12; he felt that it was one of the best he ever attended. Mr. Snider also thanked the Nominating Committee for their vote of confidence reflected in the recommended slate of officers for FY2013.

11. 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, Chairperson/ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*