

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 2012

Board of Directors Present:

Harvey A. Snider, Esq.	J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstein, Sr.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Mary Boyle	Ericka L. Thoms
Pastor Charles E. Brown	William J. Tobin
Elsie Caraballo	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
Stephanie J. FallCreek, D.S.W.	Anngela Williams
Richard A. Folbert	Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW
Absent: Rick A. Kemm, MNO, J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.	

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Michael Doud, Craig Fallon, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Cassandra Richardson, Linda Torbert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There being no audience input on agenda items, Mr. Snider welcomed all four new Board members on behalf of the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff.

2. OATH OF OFFICE: COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Barbara R. Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, from the Office of Timothy G. McGinty, administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals: **MARY BOYLE**, **ELSIE CARABALLO**, **STEPHANIE J. FALLCREEK**, **D.S.W.** and **WILLIAM J. TOBIN**. New Board members signed Oath of Office documents for their individual files and were also asked to sign conflict of interest statements. Mr. Snider introduced each new Board member and asked them to briefly introduce themselves.

Mary Boyle noted that she served for some time as a public servant as a State Representative and as a member of the Board of County Commission for Cuyahoga County. She returned to school to become a nurse and has been a practicing home care nurse with the Hospice of the Western Reserve for the several months. Mary looks forward to the opportunity of serving on the ADAMHS Board.

Elsie Caraballo retired from Cuyahoga County in 2010 as a Social Program Administrator for the County's Department of Human Services at the Old Brooklyn Office. She currently works part-time with Humana as a Field Care Manager, is grateful for the opportunity to serve and happy to be returning to public service.

Stephanie J. FallCreek, D.S.W. has been a resident of Cleveland for the past 20 years. Previously, she resided in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she served for six years for two different Governors; her public service there was focused primarily at the state level. She has worked locally in private non-profit organizations in Cleveland and is the President/C.E.O. of Fairhill Partners, a non-profit organization on Cleveland's east side. She noted that she is delighted and honored to have this chance to be a citizen/servant at the community level for our county.

William J. Tobin retired as the Chief Financial Officer of the former Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County after the consolidation of the Boards. For the past three years, he has been consulting. He has been in this particular field since 1992 and worked for a number of agencies. He is excited to be back.

On behalf of all of the Board members present, Mr. Snider acknowledged both the County Executive and the County Council for their diligence in finding such highly qualified individuals. He added that consumers/clients and agencies will certainly benefit from their expertise.

As a result of attrition, Mr. Snider announced that the Board is losing a Board member who has contributed greatly to its mission and the overall collaboration of programs and individuals. Mr. Snider read aloud a letter expressing thanks and recognition to Ms. Eugenia Cash for her contributions and leadership. Mr. Snider mentioned his hope that an application to a state appointment authority will be favorably considered so that Eugenia might be reappointed to the Board. (A hard copy of the letter is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Ms. Cash noted that her purpose and charge in life has been to serve. She has worked for 27 years in Health & Human Services and is also a community advocate who will work to hold everyone accountable to ensure that all consumers and clients receive doable, supportive services that they are entitled to. She graciously thanked everyone for being on this journey with her.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of September 19, 2012 were reviewed. An error was noted on page 7 regarding a date listed; the minutes were approved as amended.

4. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY (October 2012)

Mr. Denihan reported that the artists scheduled to be recognized for their artwork display—Garner and Ricky Lewis--were unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mr. Denihan explained that practice of displaying consumer artwork is to emphasize the importance of therapeutic treatment through art. He wished the record to reflect that this artwork display, by both individuals, is among the most impressive the Board has had the privilege of showing. Those present were encouraged to enjoy the outstanding art pieces and to read the statements provided about their recovery. Certificates will be provided to them in the future.

Mr. Denihan also recognized Ms. Barbara Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and thanked for her donation of a painting entitled "*The Forgotten*" (*Forgotten But Still Here*) by Kelly Perk, Assistant Prosecutor in the Civil Division, who is a co-worker of Ms. Marburger.

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

Committee Chair, Pythias D. Jones, M.D., reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 10/10/12 and items discussed. (Details regarding topics listed can be found in the P&O minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

- **SCALE Update** – Dr. Delos Reyes reported on recent aggregate information; the wait list remains at zero. Year to date, 775 phone screens have been received; 536 total assessments scheduled and 375 individuals assessed. The majority are seriously ill—275 people at Level 3 and 210 people at Level 4.
- **Health Homes** – Mr. Eric Morse of Mental Health Services, Inc. and Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, introduced the Health Home concept; a power point presentation was utilized to highlight the program and MHS's Health Home proposal.
- **Role of Medicaid Grievances** – As the Ohio Revised Code has not been revised on this issue, the P&O Committee considered Board staff's recommendation that Board staff continue to implement its current complaint and grievance procedure for Medicaid clients.
- **Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey** – Dr. John Garrity shared with committee members the two surveys administered for internal and external stakeholders. Top three strengths were advocacy, providing leadership and providing information.
- **Future Topics for P&O Committee** – are listed in P&O Committee minutes on Board's Web site.
- **Old/New Business** – An All Provider Meeting was scheduled for 10/16/12 to introduce the program review of contracts to all providers. .

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-01**
RATIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND/OR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR MEDICAID CONSUMERS/ CLIENTS

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-10-01. MOTION: D. Biegel / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

6. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Chair, Pastor Brown, thanked Chief Financial Officer, Cassandra Richardson, for her review of Administration/Clinical Issues, Finance Reports and Agreements at the meeting of 10/17/12. One resolution will be voted upon separately; while the others reviewed by the committee are being presented in the Consent Agenda Format.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-02**
AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES AND SUPPORT (FCSS) GRANT DOLLARS

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-10-02. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 12-10-03 through 12-10-06)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-03**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING SEPTEMBER 2012
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-04**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:
 - ◇ Cuyahoga County – Family & Children First Council: Family Centered Services & Support Program
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-05**
APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 12-05-11(a) Approval of Service Provider Contracts – FY2012
Extension of Funds to December 31, 2012: Family Centered Supporting Services (FCSS) Funding
 1. Positive Education Program
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 12-07-09(4) Approval/Ratification of Provider Contracts – FY2012
Extension of Funds to December 31, 2012:
 2. Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS)
 - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 12-09-07(5) Approval of Service Provider Contracts – Allocation for Funding for H.U.D. Legal Services Property Transition:
 3. E.D.E.N., Inc.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-06**
APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:
 - ◇ SHI: Three-Year Renewal of select Microsoft Software
 - ◇ CDWG: One-Year APC Maintenance Renewal

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 12-10-03 through 12-10-06) MOTION: B. Gohlstin
SECOND: A. Williams / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: W. Tobin / Motion passed.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported that the Nominating Committee met on 10/17/12 and was happy to learn that four new Board members would soon be coming aboard. The committee also began to address the two current state appointment vacancies. The committee intends to meet in November and has tentatively scheduled a meeting for 11/7/12.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Mr. Snider reiterated his pleasure in welcoming individuals to the Board who have such substantial qualifications and experience; they were encouraged to notify him of their committee preferences. Additionally, Mr. Snider reminded current Board members to consider joining more than one committee.
- Mr. Snider announced that on Saturday, 10/27/12, there is going to be a seminar presented by Connections: Health.Wellness.Advocacy. The content will include mental health updates and many distinguished speakers. The conference is free with lunch provided; the time is 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Snider convened a special Executive Committee meeting, 10/24/12, just prior to the General Meeting. The agenda included committee composition and the process for policy reviews. The Index of Policy Statements, outlining the policy review dates, was brought before the Executive Committee. Several policies are due for their three-year review. It was noted that all system-wide policies are posted on the www.adamhsc.org Web site.

Three resolutions, considered by the Executive Committee, are being recommended for approval. Mr. Snider introduced each action:

- RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-07
AUTHORIZATION TO EXPLORE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FORMERLY OWNED/OPERATED BY BRIDGEWAY, INC.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-10-07. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

- RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-08
AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE ASSUMPTION, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FORMERLY OWNED/OPERATED BY BRIDGEWAY, INC.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-10-08. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

- RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-09
PARTICIPATION IN THE GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS' NORTH EAST OHIO MEDICAID EXPANSION COALITION (NEO-MEC)

Mr. Denihan reported that Governor Kasich intends to wait until after the election to determine if Ohio will expand Medicaid. The Greater Cleveland Congregations' NE Ohio Medicaid Expansion Coalition wishes to advocate for Medicaid expansion through this and other resolutions across the state.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 12-10-09. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: C. Brown / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated October 24, 2012 (attached to minutes).

- For the benefit of new Board members, Mr. Denihan provided summary background information about the closing of Bridgeway. He noted that Bridgeway notified the Board during the last week of March that it was going out of business on April 1, 2012. A transition process was undertaken immediately to assure the continuity of care for the Bridgeway clients. An emergency authority was granted to the Board by ODMH to become a legal direct provider during an interim period in order to assist with the transition process. Agency providers came to the rescue by absorbing consumers of mental health services for their Medicaid treatment services. Now, a challenge exists regarding the properties owned by Bridgeway and ODMH which is quite complex.
- On 11/01/12, Gary C. Mohr, Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, is bringing his Executive Staff to meet with ADAMHS Board staff for an entire day. The discussion will focus on responding to HB 86 which allowed for divergent and better policies on re-entry for those returning to the community from prison.
- Mr. Denihan has been hearing from employers across the state that the failure of drug tests by prospective job applicants has escalated. The Chambers of Commerce are asking what can be done about this and are interested in forming a coalition to talk about education, prevention and treatment.
- Through many efforts of local hospitals and the hospital association, the state has tentatively awarded \$1.8 million for a 72-hour crisis center. This is an attempt to address uninsured individuals in emergency rooms. There are a number of issues facing the program. The goal is to have a plan in place by the end of the year with a starting date in April. The fundamental issue is that this allocation is one-time funding for Non-Medicaid and there needs to be a sustainability for the program and services.
- Mr. Denihan noted that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County received its Culture of Quality Certificate and 3-year certification with commendation from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) for our compliance with the best practices in this industry. Details are shared on page 5 of the October CEO Headliners.

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Biegel was interested in holding a discussion at a future Board meeting about what could be learned from the Bridgeway experience. Dr. Biegel noted that Board staff did an excellent job in transitioning consumers. The Board would certainly not want to be in this position in the future with another agency; therefore, Dr. Biegel advocated for such a review. Mr. Denihan proposed scheduling this topic for the January General Meeting.
- Ms. Boyle asked for an opportunity to sit down and receive additional background information about the Bridgeway situation prior to being asked to make additional decisions on this issue. Mr. Denihan proposed discussing this at the new Board member Orientation session to be held before the year end.
- In answer to Ms. Thoms' question, Mr. Denihan noted that the majority of Bridgeway staff were hired by other providers who took on the delivery of services for former Bridgeway clients.

12. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Steve Morse of Recovery Resources wished to report that the Council of Agency Directors (CAD) implemented three actions of support regarding ADAMHS Board resolutions. The CAD adopted resolutions for the following issues:
 - 1) Resolution requesting information from ODMH Director, Tracey Plouck, on the funding formula.
 - 2) Resolution in opposition of the proposed Medicaid Pharmacy Rule that would require consumers to have two failures on medication before being prescribed a more expensive medication.
 - 3) Resolution in support of the ADAMHS Board and NAMI Ohio's stance that the new name for the state consolidated Board should not include the phrase, Behavioral Health, because the people represented by the department do not have behavioral problems; they have biological brain disorders and behavior is a symptom of the illness.

Mr. Morse also wished to welcome the newly appointed Board members on behalf of CAD and noted that the agency directors look forward to working with them.

- Mr. Denihan introduced and welcomed John Hoag, on a sabbatical at Case Western Reserve University, who is a Fairfield County ADAMHS Board member appointed by Orman Hall, ODADAS Director.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

*Approved by: _____
Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*