

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2020

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. | Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW |
| Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D. | Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S |
| Gregory X. Boehm, M.D. | Steve Killpack, MS |
| Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW | Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA |
| Erskine Cade, MBA | Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA |
| Elsie Caraballo | Harvey A. Snider, Esq. |
| J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D. | Megan Van Voorhis |
| Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA | ABSENT: None |

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Linda Lamp, Kelli Perk, Jacob Rosebrock, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Larry Smith, Jr., Michaele Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. CALL TO ORDER / AUDIENCE INPUT

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called the General Meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. No audience input regarding agenda items was received.

2. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Due to the current public health orders surrounding COVID-19, and the Board's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of our Board members, staff, partners, and stakeholders, the General Meeting was held via Zoom. To assure a quorum, Ms. Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant, completed the Board member attendance roll call.

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., to be presiding Chair.]

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division, from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj, Ms. Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Mr. Steve Killpack, MS, and Ms. Jena Olsen.

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., regained the Chair.]

Ms. Olsen and Mr. Bhardwaj, whose appointments commence on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, indicated that they are honored and privileged to be selected as Board members of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that Ms. Van Voorhis will be completing her term as Board member on June 30, 2020. Ms. Van Voorhis reported that she has reluctantly decided to resign as a Board member of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County in order to advocate for the arts and culture community during this difficult time. She emphasized that during her brief tenure as a Board member, she was afforded the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of individuals; and has a great deal of respect for the community and providers. She noted that she will continue to be an advocate for the mental health community and will continue to support the Board's efforts in the community.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes from the May 27, 2020, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin highlighted Resolution No. 20-06-01 Declaration: Racism is a Public Health Crisis.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-01 – DECLARATION: RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

Mr. Snider requested that Resolution No. 20-06-01 Declaration: Racism is a Public Health Crisis not only be placed on the ADAMHS Board's website, but also distributed to the Board's partners, stakeholders and the community at large.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-06-01 Declaration: Racism is a Public Health Crisis. MOTION: H. Snider (with honors) / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider, M. Van Voorhis / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

Rev. Gohlstin noted that a Board Training/Retreat was to be scheduled during August 2020; however, due to COVID-19 he has requested that this event be placed on hold until Board members are able to convene in person.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting of Wednesday, July 1, 2020 has been canceled.

On behalf of the Board, Rev. Gohlstin thanked Mr. Osiecki for his efforts relative to his daily communications around COVID-19.

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called Elsie Caraballo to be presiding Chair.]

6. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Ms. Elsie Caraballo, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2021-FY2022:

- **Chairperson:** Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
- **Vice Chair:** J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
- **Second Vice Chair:** Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S

Motion to elect the recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2021 - FY2022. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: H. Snider AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider, M. Van Voorhis / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

- **SUGGESTION OF BOARD CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY APPOINTMENT CONSIDERATION**

Ms. Caraballo reported that due to the number of qualified Board candidates received during the OhioMHAS Board member application process, the Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, June 17, 2020; and spent the majority of its time in "Executive Session" for the purpose of discussing & considering the suggestion of Board candidates for County appointment consideration. Consequently, the Nominating Committee requests approval from the full Board to recommend that the list of remaining OhioMHAS Board candidates be forwarded as a suggestion of Board candidates for County appointment consideration.

Motion to recommend the list of remaining OhioMHAS Board candidates be forwarded as a suggestion of Board candidates for County appointment consideration. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider, M. Van Voorhis / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., regained the Chair.]

7. **FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Gwendolyn Howard, Faith-based Outreach Committee Vice Chair, reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 via Zoom. She noted the following agenda items of discussion:

- Two provider program presentations transpired regarding COVID-19 impact on services:

1. 99Treasures Arts & Culture (formerly known as Coalition for a Better Life)

Mr. Khalid Samad, Chief Executive Officer/Co-Founder of 99Treasures Arts & Culture, reported that 99Treasures Arts & Culture has re-invented their programming to assure their youth have the necessary resources to face this monumental challenge. He noted that they have conducted a needs assessment on their youth and ensured through email and social media that program participants had access to information specific to their needs. Also, through their lessons, they have stressed using this time to reconnect with family, develop new skills and have positive supports. However, he reported that they encountered a minor setback during a recent trip to a rally, which turned into a riot. They returned safely and were able to utilize this experience as a learning mechanism to discuss current events. He stated that their youth have been writing and working on paintings about this historic experience and stressed that everyone can learn from this experience and be stronger and more connected than ever.

2. Naaleh Cleveland

Rabbi Chaim Helman, Director of Naaleh Cleveland, reported that COVID-19 has impacted services provided by Naaleh Cleveland. He indicated that Naaleh Cleveland is a high-risk mentorship program that provides a healthy and dependable role model to struggling teenagers to assist them to find themselves during this pivotal and formative time of life. During March, April and May 2020, Naaleh Cleveland was not able to facilitate programs with youth involvement; however, they were able to adapt by communicating with teens via Zoom video, phone calls and text messages. They have enabled peer-to-peer support and teens have reached out to other struggling teens they have met through Naaleh programming and continue to contact each other weekly.

Due to the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rabbi Helman indicated that Naaleh Cleveland commenced their Summer program early and hired additional staff to assist with ensuring the safety of social distancing through the utilization of smaller groups of participants. He reported that their Summer program has been successful, and parents have provided accolades for keeping their children engaged. Also, with the assistance of a close friend of Naaleh Cleveland, they are able to utilize a three-acre farm for teaching youth how to grow vegetable gardens, haul wood chips and paint.

- Ms. Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Director of Special Projects, highlighted accomplishments of each of the Faith-based Outreach Providers illustrated in the written Faith-based Programs Performance Outcomes 2020 Quarter 1 Report.
- Ms. Sizemore-Rice also reported on a variety of first quarter highlights from each the faith-based programs and responded to questions from committee members.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

8. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on June 10, 2020, via Zoom. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- Mr. Curtis Couch, Chief Technology & Data Analytics Officer, reported on the Needs Assessment. He indicated that this is a routine study requested by the ADAMHS Board to evaluate current mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services, identify gaps in services, and propose recommendations for changes in programmatic and funding decisions. This 400+ page document was compiled by Drs. Cathleen Lewandowski and Miyuki Tedor at Cleveland State University. Data was compiled to assess: Estimated Needs for Substance Use Treatment, for Mental Health Treatment, for Dual Diagnosis Treatment and for Publicly Funded Services and Rate of Uninsured. The socioeconomic status of residents in the County was also compiled.

Dr. Lewandowski presented a statistical data review via a Power Point presentation. She also reported that most respondents frequently saw the Board's role as providing funding, but also identified advocacy and support, oversight and accountability and leadership. The study analyzed delivery of service by sex, race/ethnicity and age and identified risk factors and gaps in services. Findings indicate that Cuyahoga County residents have a higher rate when compared to the state of Ohio and nationally. Social determinants of health can result in poor health outcomes, earlier death and increased risk of mental health and substance use disorders. Populations that frequently "fall thru the cracks" are persons with a dual diagnosis, chronically homeless, women with children, pregnant women, transitional adults ages 18-25 and persons whose primary language is other than English.

The Needs Assessment provided recommendations for improving services and improving an individual's outcome. These recommendations include the following:

- The need for additional prevention and early intervention services
- A greater need for care coordination and collaboration amongst substance use disorder and mental health service treatment providers
- Adaptation of culturally-competent and culturally-appropriate evidenced-based interventions
- Client-engagement and client-based practice research
- Evidenced-based interventions and treatment fidelity
- Adjust reimbursement toward population health, i.e., “moving away from providing services to the person (who is able to come in) for a session in front of the provider. Tele-health as a viable option.
- Inclusion of identified social determinants of health and addressing barriers to accessing services in program development
- Increased access to medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Harm reduction in reducing the negative consequences, morbidity, and mortality, and HIV transmission associated with drug use
- Increased prevention and public health strategies

The report also included recommendations for clients and families to instill hope for recovery, stability and access to wraparound services, employment, housing, childcare and more support resources. Medicaid Redesign recommendations identified respondents concerns around length of time for reimbursement and negotiating reimbursement of specific services that include assessments and length of stay in residential treatment. This comprehensive document is a valuable reference tool which will guide the Board in future considerations and decisions.

- Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided committee members with an update regarding the development and implementation of a five-year Strategic Plan for the ADAMHS Board for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 through CY2025. The ADAMHS Board is currently operating under the CY2017 through CY2020 Strategic Plan. In order to plan for the future by ensuring a system of care that enables individuals to access high quality, culturally competent, behavioral health services, the Board issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a consultant for the development of a new Strategic Plan. This plan will be developed based on the Board’s most recent Needs Assessment, workforce development strategies, community input and the performance of the current provider network. Ms. Fischer presented spread sheets and rating metrics of the 13 proposals received which were then reviewed and rated by an internal review committee. Five of 13 respondents met the rating criteria for final consideration. After further consideration to the number of hours committed to the project by the bidders, RAMA Consulting, Inc. was selected as the CY 2021-2025 Strategic Plan vendor with the contracted amount of \$57,630.
- Ms. Fischer reported that the ADAMHS Board is currently contracting through June 30, 2020 with Jeffrey D. Johnson, Attorney-At-Law Consultant, for the development and delineation of implementation of a Strategic Plan for Behavioral Health Workforce Development. Due to COVID-19, Mr. Johnson is requesting a two-month contract extension for completion of his outreach with community partners and to continue writing the plan. This contract extension would be through August 31, 2020.
- Mr. Larry Smith, Jr., Director of Programs, reported on three provider agency requests for COVID-19 emergency funding, which included Cornerstone of Hope in the amount of \$40,000, Recovery Resources in the amount of \$100,000, and Hispanic Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP) in the amount of \$20,382.51.
- Mr. Smith provided an update regarding the availability of two State Opioid Response (SOR) funding opportunities that the ADAMHS Board intends to pursue. He reported that this funding is available to the Ohio Association of Community Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) partnering entities that can conduct training for program sustainability and technical assistance to organizations funded through SOR. Presently, the ADAMHS Board has 15 programs funded through SOR and these programs will be the target of these trainings. These funds are intended to help providers funded by SOR assess areas of sustainability, create sustainable business models and sustainability plans, support collective efforts to spark system and local level change and integrate sustainability into business strategies and day to day operations. Through the collaborative efforts of Board staff to utilize these funds prior to end of the Federal State Fiscal Year (September 30, 2020), an extensive list of virtual trainings by national and local presenters will be created for SOR providers. The second SOR funding opportunity the Board intends to pursue consists of the expansion of peer support with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in non-traditional settings.

[Ms. Elsie Caraballo and Ms. Megan Van Voorhis left the meeting.]

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-02 – APPROVAL OF CONSULTING CONTRACT EXTENSION – JEFFREY D. JOHNSON**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-06-02 Approval of Consulting Contract Extension – Jeffrey D. Johnson. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: G. Howard / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Mr. Erskine Cade, MBA, entered the meeting.]

9. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Steve Killpack, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on June 17, 2020, via Zoom and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 20-06-03 through 20-06-05

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-03 – ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MAY 2020**

Mr. Killpack reported on the Voucher and Expenditure Report for May 2020. He indicated that relative to the Administrative Budget for the month of May, expenses were \$533,655. The Board's total administrative expenses through the end of May was \$2,054,427, which is roughly 34.39% of the total Administrative budget that was approved for CY2020. He reported that five months of the year would be approximately 42%, which indicates the Administrative Budget is underbudget.

In May, the Board received revenues of \$2,083,789. The Board's total revenue received through the end of May was \$54,041,542, which is 84.8% of the Board's budgeted revenue. The Board's expenditures for the month of May was \$3,461,042. The Board's total expenditures through the end of May was \$20,631,863, which is 31.3% of the Board's overall budgeted expenses.

Mr. Killpack noted that the County is instituting a new fiscal system and remains a little bit behind in terms of processing the Board's expenses. However, the Board is hoping that at some point the County will catch up.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Consulting Contract for the Development of a Strategic Plan for Calendar Years (CY) 2021-2025 for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County
 - RAMA Consulting, Inc. - \$57,630

Mr. Killpack commended Ms. Fischer and the Board's Review Team for completing a thorough process relative to the selection of the consulting contract for the development of the Board's CY 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

2. Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion Grant – SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 Funds – \$309,383
 - Ashtabula County MHRS Board - \$51,563.83
 - Geauga County MHRS Board - \$51,563.83
 - Lake County ADAMHS Board - \$51,563.83
 - Lorain County MHARS Board - \$51,563.83
 - Summit County ADM Board - \$51,563.83

Mr. Killpack reported that each Northeast Ohio Collaborative Board will receive \$51,563.83 to specifically enhance their Crisis/Information/Referral/Support Hotlines, Warm Lines and/or Mobile Crisis Teams. Each Board will contract with their local provider to utilize the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool to identify then direct individuals impacted by COVID-19 to the appropriate levels of care.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will provide the emergency COVID-19 grant funds to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). OhioMHAS will then provide four quarterly payments in the amount of \$77,345.75 to the ADAMHS Board to provide quarterly payments in the

amount of \$12,890.95 of the \$51,563.83 allocated to each of the additional five Boards in the Northeast Ohio Collaborative.

3. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) Immediate Services Program (ISP)
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau - \$62,700.76

Mr. Killpack reported that the ISP is a CCP grant program that provides disaster relief assistance for up to 60 days after a major disaster declaration. CCP funding supports community-based outreach, counseling, and other mental health services to survivors of natural and human-caused disasters. The focus of the ISP program is to provide high-intensity, low-volume individual services to persons and special populations directly affected by COVID-19.

OhioMHAS submitted a proposal on behalf of Ohio and negotiated with FEMA for the state's award. The ISP FEMA grant was awarded to the State of Ohio, June 3, 2020 in the amount of \$466,500. Bellefaire, Jewish Children's Bureau (JCB) was chosen to receive an allocation for licensed therapists to provide telehealth services to current and newly enrolled clients across Cuyahoga County. Outreach and crisis staff provided individuals with information and education about typical reactions, coping strategies and available disaster-related resources.

4. 2020 Census Outreach Campaign – \$4,100
 - Call and Post - \$1,000
 - Entercom - \$2,000
 - The Mosound Group, Inc. - \$1,100

Mr. Killpack reported that the 2020 Census Outreach Campaign will target the City of Cleveland and East Cleveland, both of which have Census tracts with the lowest responses in Cuyahoga County at or below 30% response as of June 7, 2020.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-05 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Cornerstone of Hope - \$40,000

Mr. Killpack stated that when the COVID-19 quarantine began, Cornerstone of Hope expanded its services beyond bereavement to provide counseling for anxiety, depression, isolation, stress, adjustment disorder, and other related issues. Cornerstone of Hope has been offering remote telehealth counseling, and also opened their offices on May 11, 2020 in accordance with the Responsible RestartOhio protocol.

Through this emergency funding, Cornerstone of Hope will be in a better position to ensure the continuation of the organization's ability to provide critical bereavement and mental health care while adding targeted programs for caregivers of all types. They will also be able to serve additional low-income individuals in need with the ability to obtain reimbursement from Medicare/Medicaid.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Recovery Resources - \$100,000

Mr. Killpack reported that this crucial emergency funding will increase the safety and wellbeing of all clients, staff and visitors who receive services, work or are engaged in other business at Recovery Resources. Screeners will be stationed at entry points to ensure all clients, employees and visitors are screened properly before entering the building. Currently this is an unfunded but required service to ensure the safety of all entering the facility and will require at least 2.5 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) for the remainder of the year. Also, due to the current social distancing requirements, alternative waiting areas are needed. As a result, an additional 1-2 Peer Navigators are needed for the remainder of the year. Additional safety barriers will be put in place in waiting areas in response to COVID-19.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Hispanic UMADAOP - \$20,382.51

Mr. Killpack highlighted that Hispanic UMADAOP will utilize the emergency funding for professional decontamination and related expenses, June 2020 employee fringe benefits and June 2020 treatment center operating expenses. This

emergency funding will allow 22 Hispanic UMADAOP employees to maintain benefits, as well as cover expenses related to reopening the residential treatment program.

[Ms. Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW, left the meeting.]

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 20-06-03 through 20-06-05). MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- **Diversion Center Update**
- **Staff and Board Members Return to Administrative Office**
- **Legislative Updates / Testimony / Media**
- **Virtual Client Art Program**

- Mr. Osiecki reported that a response was submitted to Cuyahoga County regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a Diversion Center. This response was submitted on behalf of the convening group, which included, but was not limited to, MetroHealth, Recovery Resources, Stella Maris, FrontLine Service, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, and the ADAMHS Board. This collaboration effort resulted in the ADAMHS Board serving as the lead agency to carry out the programmatic contracting and fiscal management of the Diversion Center. He indicated that St. Vincent Charity Medical Center was selected as the location of the Diversion Center and that other providers will be on site to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment services and peer support to navigate other recovery services. The Diversion Center will be completely separate from St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's Psychiatric Emergency Room. Mr. Osiecki emphasized that St. Vincent Charity Medical Center has the space for a dedicated area for intake and observation, a sobering unit and detoxification services, which will allow up to 80 beds on their campus.

Mr. Osiecki indicated that a Zoom meeting was scheduled with representatives of more than 33 Cuyahoga County law enforcement departments to discuss the Diversion Center. He also reported that in addition to the Diversion Center, there are two additional components that Cuyahoga County requested, a 24-hour/7 days a week call in center for law enforcement and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. FrontLine Service was selected as the vendor for the call in center and the ADAMHS Board was selected for the CIT Training.

Mr. Osiecki reported that two additional bidders submitted responses to Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Treatment Center (CTC) and a private individual who owns a building on the East Side.

Mr. Osiecki provided accolades to Ms. Beth Pfohl, Grants and Evaluation Officer, and a representative of MetroHealth for their efforts with this endeavor.

- Mr. Osiecki reported that efforts continue for ADAMHS Board staff and Board members to return to the administrative office and noted that discussion has transpired with organizations specializing in COVID-19 for office modifications to ensure the safety of all.
- Mr. Osiecki commended ADAMHS Board staff for their continuous efforts with working from home.
- Mr. Osiecki reported that he provided testimony to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee regarding racism is a public health crisis and the proposed Naloxone Amendment, House Bill (HB) 341, which expands access to Naloxone in public locations.
- The ADAMHS Board and FrontLine Service were featured in a story by Channel 5 regarding civil unrest and increased mental health calls.

- Mr. Osiecki participated in several activities, which included but were not limited to, a discussion on Ideastream regarding the ADAMHS Board's response to Opioid overdose spikes and to inform individuals that services are available; authored correspondence to the Plain Dealer's Editor; and will participate with Rev. Gohlstin on VoiceItRadio.
- The ADAMHS Board is participating in the Strive for Five Challenge, which will continue to run through July 2020.
- The Board's Virtual Client Art Program is available for viewing on the ADAMHS Board's website. This program consists of photographs of artwork that were submitted by various artists.
- Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, and Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, have been diligently working with a vendor on the development of the ADAMHS Board's new website.
- The ADAMHS Board's Vista worker, Mr. Jake Rosebrock, will be completing his tenure at the Board on Friday, June 26, 2020. A new vista worker will start at the Board in July.

11. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

12. **AUDIENCE INPUT** - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by: *Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant*

Approved by:

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County