

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 26, 2019**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Steve Killpack, MS
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Max M. Rodas, MA
Elsie Caraballo	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Hugh B. Shannon
Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S	

**ABSENT:** Erskine Cade, MBA, Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Mary M. Step, Ph.D.

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Leslie Koblentz, Carol Krajewski, Linda Lamp, Lindsey McMillion, Madison Scagnetti, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Maggie Tolbert, Linda Torbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

**1. CALL TO ORDER / AUDIENCE INPUT**

Board Chair, Benjamin Gohlstin, called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and expressed his appreciation to JJ Comisso, Executive Director of Future Directions, for graciously hosting the ADAMHS Board's General Meeting and for the warm welcome. No audience input was received on agenda items.

**2. WELCOME** - JJ Comisso welcomed all to Future Directions, a non-profit Peer Wellness/Drop-In Center located at 2070 West 117<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44111. The Center is open weekdays from 9:00 am to 5 pm; group programs are held, as well as arts and crafts work in areas on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Mr. Comisso invited all to take a brief tour of the facility following the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes from the May 22, 2019 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

**4. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY – June 2019**

Madison Scagnetti, External Affairs Officer, reported on the work produced by Rosie's Playhouse and Francois P and brought with her samples of the artwork displayed in the Ohio Room at the ADAMHS Board. A certificate of participation was presented to Francois and later in the meeting to the artists from Rosie's Playhouse.

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

During the month of June, Rev. Gohlstin attended several workshops: The 2019 OACBHA (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities) Opiate Conference in Columbus and the Recovery Addiction Recovery Advocacy meeting held on 6/17/19 at the Tri-C Jerry Sue Thornton Center. Those in attendance participated in a strategic planning session on aligning behavioral healthcare services in Cuyahoga County with RecoveryOhio's goals. RecoveryOhio is a new council advising the Ohio Governor's Office on critical matters concerning mental illness and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

On 6/25/19, Rev. Gohlstin participated in a meeting at the Harvard Community Service Center convened by the Police Commission. Ed Eckert, Scott Osiecki and Captain Purcell, co-chairs of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee, made a presentation to the Commission in terms of the work accomplished by the committee. Rev. Gohlstin appreciated the presentation by Mr. Osiecki with the support of Board staff, Madison Scagnetti, External Affairs Specialist, and Carole Ballard, Director of Education & Training.

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

In the absence of the Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin presided over the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on 6/05/19. The Committee received a progress report on the Faith-based Outreach Initiatives on the 9 Faith-based Outreach providers by Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Director of Special Projects. An excellent presentation was made by Marsha Blanks, Program Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland. In the calendar year NAMI has served 441 people in the category of awareness and 12 persons in support. NAMI also recently partnered with Naaleh Cleveland and the Jewish community in a recent panel discussion.

**Radio Broadcasts** – Several providers have participated on the “Healing the Hurt” radio broadcasts on 1490AM/WERE. Broadcast times have changed to every other Thursday evening from 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Rev. Gohlstin noted that as of May 20<sup>th</sup> there were 19 overdose deaths (crack cocaine laced with fentanyl) in Cuyahoga County. This topic was addressed by Rev. Gohlstin on a radio broadcast on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> on 1490 WERE. The ADAMHS Board is currently distributing fentanyl test strips that can be placed in the bathrooms of restaurants, barber/beauty shops, etc. to test drugs to see if fentanyl is present. The ADAMHS Board is also preparing posters for display and businesses will be asked to have at least one Naloxone/Narcan kit on their premises.

**Evaluation/Outcome Training** – Faith-based Outreach providers participated in their last training session on the use of Devereux Student Strength Assessment (DESSA) and Devereux Adult Resilience Survey (DARS) Evaluation Tools on 5/16/19.

**Faith-based Program Documentary** - Dr. Watson-Daniels plans to produce a 35-40 minute documentary. The goal is to interview and record provider staff as well as to visit their programs on-site. The documentary will aim to share the impact of the various programs and services. It is hoped that the finished product can be shared with committee members in October.

### **PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT**

P&O Committee Vice Chair, Katie Kern-Pilch, reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 6/12/19 and addressed the following topics:

- A presentation by Catholic Charities Employment Services
- Collaboration Initiatives: Mental Health Jail Liaison Specialist, Crisis Intervention in the Jail, Cleveland Division of Police
- Workforce Development - action recommended for a consultant contract with Jeffrey D. Johnson
- Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Waiver Match – recommended for approval
- State Opioid Response (SOR) Peer Support Grants – recommended for approval
- Community Capital Plan Applications – recommended for approval
- Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services Treatment Foster Care/Kinship Care Pilot
- Whole Child Matters: Early Childhood Mental Health Services – recommended for approval
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program – recommended for approval

#### **• RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-01**

##### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY CAPITAL PLAN APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS MH-1099 AND MH-1100**

**Motion to approve the Resolution No. 19-06-01.** MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: S. Killpack  
 AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, H. Shannon, S. Rosenbaum / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed**

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

Steve Killpack, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the F&O Committee meeting held on 6/19/19.

#### **▪ RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-02**

##### **APPROVAL OF FENTANYL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

1. Brothers Printing - \$750.00
2. Radio One Cleveland - \$5,025.00
3. La Mega - \$2,500.00
4. Voice It Radio - \$3,000.00
5. The Wave - \$2,000.00

**Motion to approve the Resolution No. 19-06-02.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Kirkland / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, H. Shannon, S. Rosenbaum / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Resolution Nos. 19-06-03 through 19-06-05.

▪ **RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-03 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MAY 2019**

Mr. Killpack reported that the Administrative budget expenses in May amounted to \$513,199.00; the year-to-date figure stands at \$1,988,628.00. As of 5/31/19, actual expenditures were at 35.01% compared to the projected amount of 41.67%. Ms. Harrison explained that the amount reflects that there were three pay periods in May. Revenue received was \$2,778,264.00 bringing our total year-to-date revenue to \$49,286,365.00. Expenses for the total budget in May were \$4,165,414.00 bringing our total expenses year-to-date to \$21,069,358.00--approximately 33% of our total budget for the year.

▪ **RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-04 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS): State Opioid Response (SOR) – Peer Support Grant - \$673,755.00
  - Ascent - \$118,562.00
  - Lifeworks - \$150,000.00
  - NORA - \$118,324.00
  - Point of Freedom - \$130,989.00
  - Thrive - \$134,880.00
  - Woodrow Project - \$21,000.00
2. OhioMHAS: Whole Child Matters - Early Childhood Mental Health - \$441,906.00
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau (Wingspan) - \$155,972.00
  - Ohio Guidestone - \$168,511.00
  - Positive Education Program - \$117,423.00
3. OhioMHAS: SAPT (Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment) Pass Through - \$2,722,702.00
  - Catholic Charities – Hispanic Women's Treatment - \$59,701.00
  - Catholic Charities – Juvenile Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) - \$232,102.00
  - Cleveland UMADAOP - \$115,556.00
  - Community Assessment & Treatment Services - \$157,570.00
  - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court - \$220,500.00
  - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas TASC - \$810,006.00
  - Hispanic UMADAOP - \$79,813.00
  - Hitchcock Center for Women - \$378,882.00
  - New Directions - \$124,201.00
  - Recovery Resources - Women's Program - \$70,730.00
  - Recovery Resources – Gambling Treatment & Prevention - \$75,000.00
  - Signature Health - \$157,499.00
  - Women's Recovery Center - \$241,142.00
4. OhioMHAS: System of Care Treatment & Recovery Services for Youth - \$215,796.00 (Total)
  - Catholic Charities - \$88,296.00
  - Ohio Guidestone - \$127,500.00
5. OhioMHAS: State Forensic Evaluations Pass Through - \$194,406.00
  - Recovery Resources - \$72,406.00
  - Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$122,000.00
6. Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program - \$90,000.00 (distributed evenly to UPK program partners below)
  - Achievement Centers for Children - \$18,000.00
  - Applewood Centers, Inc. - \$18,000.00
  - Beech Brook - \$18,000.00
  - OhioGuidestone - \$18,000.00
  - Positive Education Program - \$18,000.00
7. Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disability (CCBDD) Waiver Match
  - CCCBDD – Not to Exceed \$135,000.00
8. Consulting Contract – Strategic Plan for Behavioral Health Workforce Development
  - Jeffrey D. Johnson, Attorney-at-Law, Consultant – Up to \$60,000.00

- **RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-05**

- **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 18-06-04 Approval and Ratification of Contracts: Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services Treatment Foster Care/Kinship Care
  - Catholic Charities - \$230,609.00

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 19-06-03 through 19-06-05).** MOTION: R. Blue  
 SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas,  
 S. Rosenbaum / NAYS: R. Fowler / ABSTAIN: H. Shannon / **Motion passed**

**8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT - Scott S. Osiecki**

- **Staff Update:**

New Staff members starting in June:

- Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown – Clients Rights Officer II
- Erin DiVincenzo, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist
- Lucrecia Moss, Claims & Membership Specialist

Farewells have been extended to:

- Lyn DeChant, Claims & Membership Specialist, who retires from the Board & whose last day is June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Lindsey McMillion, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, who has accepted a new job opportunity with MetroHealth Medical Center at the County Jail; her last day is today.

- **GOSH (Great Office Solution Helper) Update** – Curtis Couch, Chief Technology & Data Analytics Officer, reported that the system is going live on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board is terminating our interim reimbursement process on 6/30/19; consequently, all providers must participate in the new system. Multiple agencies have gone live and have also back-billed. A series of trainings have also been held for provider staff. Mr. Couch is pleased with the progress to date and noted that the current vendor has been very responsive to suggestions or questions regarding the performance of the system.

[Dr. Gregory Boehm arrived.]

- **Council of Agency Directors (CAD)** – Board Executive Staff participated in a CAD meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> where GOSH information was shared and provider questions addressed. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Felicia Harrison, spoke about providing documentation for the invoices provided to accurately account for cost reimbursement. A separate meeting with agency CFO's will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> to go into greater detail; this group will begin to meet on a quarterly basis.
- **Meeting with County Council President Dan Brady** – On June 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Osiecki had a meeting with County Council President Brady and talked about the funding request that will be made to County Council later in the month, discussed what might be happening with the upcoming Health & Human Services Levy--whether it will be a replacement levy, a replacement with an increase, or a renewal levy. Mr. Osiecki confirmed that the ADAMHS Board would be willing to help out with the levy campaign as it has done in the past.
- **County Council Presentation** - On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Osiecki made a presentation to County Council's Health, Human Services & Aging Committee to request an additional \$7.8 million to restore previous cuts to needed programs and services. Both Rev. Gohlstin and Dr. Fowler were also present. Council committee members were receptive, fully engaged and asked great questions. Mr. Osiecki noted that the Board is working to provide the information requested that required more time to compile. Those questions and answers will be shared with the County Executive as well as the Board of Directors.
- **Living Miracles Follow-Up** – Mr. Osiecki reported that this General Meeting is being held in the same building that Living Miracles and Future Directions shared. Mr. Osiecki expressed his gratitude for Future Directions taking over all of the activities and services previously delivered through Living Miracles with the exception of the Warmline.

Mr. Osiecki was asked by Board members to follow-up regarding any Living Miracle legal issues with the County Prosecutor and this has been done. The County Prosecutor has opened an investigation and is working with Ms. Harrison to retrieve Board documents and has subpoenaed Living Miracles computers and bank records. The Prosecutor’s Office will keep us informed on developments going forward.

- **Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CSMD) Meeting** – On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Osiecki, Rev. Gohlstin, Eugenia Kirkland, and Jeff Johnson met with Eric Gordon, CSMD Chief Executive Officer, to open a dialogue to clarify misinformation being disseminated. Mr. Gordon noted that he would resolve this situation in-house. Other topics include potential partnership opportunities going forward such as looking for grants together, etc. Mr. Johnson was there to discuss the Say Yes Program, efforts underway with college partnerships and workforce development. Both Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Johnson will serve on a special committee with CSMD’s consultant to help develop a special behavioral health tract.
- **Residential Facility Operators Contract Meeting** – On June 17<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with operators of Residential Facilities around their contracts and the checks and balances that the Board and operators share. A goal is to make sure that a monthly census is taken as a part of the Board’s ability to monitor group homes and be able to accurately pay for clients residing in their facilities. A Client Rights presentation was shared as well as the initiative to have Lifeworks Behavioral Solutions Peers make visits to group homes; visits will occur on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Emphasis was made on the importance of operators carrying insurance policies on their residential facilities. It was noted that the Board has a position open for overseeing the Residential Facilities and will recruit for this position soon.

**9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch asked the Board Chair to remind Board members of the pot-luck dinner planned for next General Meeting on July 31st which will be Carol Krajewski’s last General Meeting prior to her retirement on August 31st. Rev. Gohlstin noted that Carol has been a valuable asset to the Board and to him personally and will be missed. Plans going forward have been made for Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant, who is very capable and up to the charge of assuming the duties of the position of Executive Specialist.

**10. AUDIENCE INPUT - None**

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

**Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist**

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*