

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2018**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA	Steve Killpack, MS
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Max M. Rodas, MA
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Hugh B. Shannon
Cassi Handler	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	Ericka L. Thoms
Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S	<b>ABSENT:</b> Elsie Caraballo, Mary M. Step, Ph.D.

**ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Holly Butterfield, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Felicia Harrison, Carol Krajewski, Michelle Myers, Ralph Piatak, Maggie Spellman, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

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

Board Chair, Eugenia Kirkland, called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No audience input on agenda items was received.

**2. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: MAY 2018**

Mr. Osiecki introduced Denise Ayers, co-facilitator, of Far West Center's ART HELPS AND HEALS Program. Two artists/program participants were present and shared their thoughts about the value of the program in their personal recovery. Certificates of participation were provided in recognition of the program and all of its participants.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The April 25, 2018 General Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Kirkland commended Board staff on the great art show and "awesome" Annual Meeting held on May 14, 2018 at the LaCentre Conference Center in Westlake; approximately 400 people were in attendance. She noted that Resolution 18-05-01: Accepting the Calendar Year 2017 Annual Report was adopted at the Annual Meeting and is now posted and available to the community via the Board's website.

**5. PRIORITY SETTING UPDATE**

Mr. Osiecki and Dr. Garrity shared two documents summarizing data gathered from focus groups which included input from the All Providers Meeting, the Board Staff Retreat, Board of Director Committees, Client input through the ACAC (Action Committee Advocating Change). The main themes that emerged based on the question, "what kinds of recovery support services do you think are the most needed to complement treatment services?" in unranked order were: Housing, Transportation, Employment, Peer Support, Prevention, Education & Advocacy, Special Set-Aside Funding, Access to Services, Care Coordination, Workforce Development, Special Services. Additionally, Ms. Ballard and Dr. Garrity plan to hold a series of webinars to order to gather input from the overall community.

With regard to the process of ranking priorities, Mr. Osiecki reported that Board staff will look at the aforementioned priorities in relation to the budget and plan to bring the priority ranking recommendations to the full Board at the July General Meeting.

**6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Harvey Snider, Community Relations and Advocacy Committee Chair, reported on the meeting held on 5/02/18. The committee was apprised of pending legislation (HB427, HB508, HB535, and HB585) related to the opioid crisis; all are being monitored closely by the Ohio Assoc. of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities (OACBHA). Other topics addressed included:

- Priority Setting Discussion – details to be shared later on the agenda
- Sponsorship of Pride in CLE March and Festival for LBGT Community Center of Cleveland – recommended for approval to the Finance & Operations Committee
- Update on coming events – with invitation to participate
- Annual Meeting update
- Briefing on First Responder Appreciation Week activities
- Social Media and Media Tracking Reports

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

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the proceedings of the May 9, 2018 Planning & Oversight Committee meeting. Dr. Fowler provided a thorough summary regarding the topics listed below.

- Prevention Education Program funded by Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Grant – reviewed and recommended for approval.
- Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Program – an expansion of a specialized diversion program/services funded by OhioMHAS and ODYS (Ohio Department of Youth Services) – also recommended for approval to the Finance & Operations Committee.
- CURES: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Funding – Recommended distribution of OhioMHAS funds from OhioMHAS for the areas of Certified Peer Recovery Support, Medication Assisted Treatment and Recovery Supports Services; also in Consent Agenda.
- Update on SHARES implementation - Dr. John Garrity.
- RFI (Request for Information) Process for CY2019 Funding Timeline
- Monthly update on Board's Leadership in Fighting the Opiate Crisis – Staff members, Carole Ballard and Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, are participating in planning sessions for the upcoming local Opiate Summit.
- Priority Discussion - Q: *What kind of recovery support services*
- Introduced to new Chief Financial Officer – Ms. Felicia Harrison

## **8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Reginald Blue, Nominating Committee Chair, reported on the 5/16/18 meeting of the Nominating Committee that met in "Executive Session" for the purpose of discussing & considering the appointment of public officials. Two major tasks included:

- 1) Determining a recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2019-FY2020 to the full Board; and,
- 2) Reviewing interviews of potential candidates for Board of Director vacant appointment seats.

As a result of the deliberations, Dr. Blue distributed a handout listing the Nominating Committee's recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2019-FY2020:

- Chairperson: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
- Vice Chair: Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA
- Second Vice Chair: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

Board Chair Kirkland asked for nominations from the floor. Given there were no nominations generated, it was noted further that the election of Board Officers was scheduled for the June General Meeting in compliance with the ADAMHS Board Bylaws.

**Motion to approve the recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2019 to FY2020.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Currently, the Board of Directors has 3 appointment vacancies. Of the 6 applicants interviewed, the Nominating Committee voted to recommend 3 of the candidates. Efforts are underway to contact 2 of the 3 applicants to assure that they are still available and interested in serving as a Board member as they were interviewed earlier in 2017.

At this time, the Nominating Committee unanimously recommends a particular candidate to fill an existing state appointment vacancy. **Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard, MSSA**, is a licensed Social Worker and instructor at the high school and college level. She has served as the Director of Christian Education & the Director of The Ministry of Hope at her church and has also served on several community Boards. She currently is serving as a community member on the Faith-based Outreach Committee.

**Motion to approve recommending to OhioMHAS that Gwendolyn Howard be considered to fill an existing vacant state appointment seat.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

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

Rev. Gohlstin, Committee Chair, presented the Consent Agenda as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee at its meeting held on 05/16/18.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - (Resolution Nos. 18-05-02 through 18-05-04)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-05-02 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2018**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-05-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**
  - a) Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) - CURES 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Federal Funding - Total: \$1,375,013.00
    - Ascent - Connect. Hope. Live (Peer Support MetroHealth ED) - \$250,000.00
    - Ascent - Virtual App (Peer Recovery Support) - \$131,944.00
    - Catholic Charities - Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Treatment Services (MAT) - \$296,913.00
    - Cleveland Treatment Center – Clinically Managed Low Intensity Residential Services (MAT) - \$175,831.00
    - Community Action Against Addiction – MAT (Methadone) - \$100,000.00
    - I'm In Transition – Certified Peer Recovery Support Recovery Housing - \$4,544.00
    - Moore Counseling and Mediation Services Certified Peer Recovery Support Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) Safe Passages East - \$52,500.00
    - The Woodrow Project - Certified Peer Recovery Support Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) Safe Passages SW - \$52,500.00
    - The Woodrow Project – Certified Peer Recovery Supporter Recovery Housing - \$57,584.00
    - The Woodrow Project – Certified Peer Recovery Supporter Project SOAR City of Lakewood Quick Response Team - \$29,571.00
    - Visiting Nurse Association - Ambulatory Withdrawal Management Services - \$223,626.00
  - b) OhioMHAS and Ohio Department of Youth Services Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice – Total \$550,000.00
    - Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court - \$310,712.00
    - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau - \$97,100.00
    - Applewood Centers, Inc. - \$142,188.00
  - c) Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Grant: Prevention, Education Program
    - Catholic Charities - \$184,727.35
  - d) Sponsorship: Pride in the CLE March and Festival, Saturday, June 2, 2018
    - LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland - \$1,000.00
  - e) Sponsorship: Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Recovery Conference, October 1-2, 2018 - \$1,500.00
- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-05-04 – APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:**
  - a) Amendment of Resolution 17-11-06, Approval of CY 2018 Service Provider Contracts – No change in annual allocation to FrontLine Service
    - Amend Safe Haven allocation - \$77,264.00 increase for 11/01/18 – 12/31/18
    - Amend Flores House allocation - \$386,324.00 decrease for 01/01/2018 – 12/31/18
  - b) Amendment to Resolution 18-02-04 CURES Act Funding - Peer Recovery Support
    - Ascent - \$20,000.00 Increase
  - c) Amendment of Resolution 16-04-02 – OhioMHAS Pass-Through Funding: Addiction Treatment Program (ADT) - \$1,337,294.00 pooled funding to include additional provider listed below:
    - Cuyahoga County TASC (Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 18-05-02 through 18-05-04).**

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- **Issue 9 Update** – Mr. Osiecki was pleased to report that the Cuyahoga County Health & Human Service Issue 9 passed by a large margin and thanked everyone for their support.
- **Board Staff Retreat** – The staff retreat went very well; staff responded well to the motivational speaker in the morning and were engaged in providing their input around priorities as led by facilitator, Mo Wright of RAMA Consulting, Inc.

- **Board Staff Update**

The Information Technology (IT) Network Administrator has been hired and will start in early June. The Claims Processor will also be starting soon. The Utilization Review Specialist position is ready to be posted. A posting notice recently went out for the two training officer positions offered. The final position to be posted will be the Director of Risk Management.

- **Opioid Lawsuit Update**

Cuyahoga County and Summit Count are working together on a bellwether case and have been meeting with legal counsel hired by the County specifically for this purpose. We are presently providing them with information. Given that we receive allocations from the County, we wish to assure that our interests are also represented.

- **Council of Governments (COG Update)**

The COG is comprised of Franklin, Hamilton and Cuyahoga Counties. A recent meeting held focused on the topic of behavioral health redesign.

- **Franklin County Visit** – Representatives from the Faith-based Outreach Committee—Rev. Gohlstin, Mary Warr, Starlette Sizemore Rice and Mr. Osiecki—traveled to Franklin County to exchange information on the various faith-based initiatives and to learn from each other's activities.

- **United Pastors in Mission** – Board staff were invited by United Pastors in Mission to participate in a discussion focusing on the proposed Diversion Center. Rev. Gohlstin added that the United Pastors in Mission has been working with the County and the Board in advocating funding for the Diversion Center with the understanding that the ADAMHS Board will not be responsible for its operating costs.

- **Media** – Suicide Prevention Awareness activities were recently featured on several Clear Channel radio stations. Mr. Osiecki participated on a television program, along with Circle Healthcare, to discuss the topic of fentanyl test strips. Ms. Linda Torbert was taped for a documentary on suicide prevention.

- **Stakeholder Meetings** – During May, Board staff has met with various stakeholders: Mental Health Advocacy Coalition, Women's Recovery Center, City Mission, Recovery Resources, NAMI Annual Meeting, Positive Education Program Annual Meeting, and the Community Based Correctional Facility.

- **OACBHA's Opiate Conference** – The conference in Columbus is scheduled for June 11-12, 2018. Those Board members interested in attending should inform Vicki Roemer, Administrative Assistant, who will make the necessary arrangements.

## 11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hugh Shannon noted that the 2017 Final Report from the Coroner's Office will be complete by the end of the month, and the information will be available to the ADAMHS Board at that time.

## 12. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Jeff McManamy, Executive Director of Stand UP Together, shared information about a fundraiser scheduled for July 21, 2018 at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. The proceeds of the Night of Comedy entitled, "Stand UP Together" will be given to the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's Suicide Prevention Coalition. The event is an evening of comedy to honor fellow comedian, Nick Ramsey, who sadly took his own life. Placards were distributed and everyone was encouraged to attend.

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.***

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

***Approved by:***

***Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County***