

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2018**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Cassi Handler

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Tonya Birney, Jim Cipiti, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Felicia Harrison, Carol Krajewski, Yvette Mitchell, Vicki Roemer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, LaVedia Smith, Maggie Spellman, Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

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

Board Chair, Eugenia Kirkland, called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and expressed her appreciation to Mary Jane Chichester, Executive Director of the Women's Recovery Center, for hosting the General Meeting. No audience input was received regarding agenda items.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The May 23, 2018 General Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Ms. Kirkland recognized three individuals who served as valuable assets to the Behavioral Health Care System and referenced the proclamations prepared for Dr. Fescer and Mr. Baskin who are retiring from their positions.

- Frank Fescer, Ph.D., Positive Education Center Executive Director, for his 40 years of service to the agency and, since 2008, his leadership as Chief Executive Officer.
- Michael Baskin, Ph.D., NAMI Greater Cleveland Executive Director, for his 13 years of service and leadership to and among individuals living with mental illness, their caregivers and families.
- Ericka L. Thoms, for her faithful service as an ADAMHS Board member since July 1, 2009. The Chair noted that a beautiful plaque commemorating her service will be presented upon Ericka's arrival.

**4. PRESENTATION: WOMEN'S RECOVERY CENTER**

Executive Director, Mary Jane Chichester, noted that this is the Women's Recovery Center (WRC) inaugural event and that she was pleased to welcome all. The WRC provides intensive outpatient drug and alcohol treatment. The agency has owned the building since 2001 and is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of construction. Recently, another 900 square feet was added to include 3 large meeting spaces, 5 treatment rooms, a child care space and a client restroom that offers clients a sense of privacy for monitored urine drops. The agency serves 275 women and families per year. As a result of the renovation, WRC can serve up to 475 persons per year. Ms. Chichester stated that the agency sincerely appreciates the support of the ADAMHS Board and a tour of the facility is also available following the meeting.

She announced that Senator Sherrod Brown intends to hold a press conference at the WRC on Friday, 7/29/18 at 10:30-11:15 a.m. to introduce legislation that he is proposing entitled, the CARE (Collectively Achieving Recovery and Employment) Act. The bill intends to create a federal pilot program to support combined workforce training and drug addiction treatment services. All interested persons are invited to attend this event.

**5. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Reginald Blue, presented the recommended Slate of 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.

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

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

Rev. Gohlstin, Committee Vice Chair, reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on 6/06/18. Rabbi Vann, President of the Greater Cleveland Board of Rabbis, was present for the meeting and has expressed her interest in serving as a member of the ADAMHS Board and working with this particular committee. The committee received the faith-based program report summarizing the activities of the faith-based prevention and treatment providers as of April 2018.

A presentation was made by Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Pastor of Inner Healing Ministries, regarding the STOP (Student Training Outreach Programs) a community outreach program designed to avert teens, young adults and their families from engaging in the illegal use, abuse and addiction to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or other dangerous substances.

An Interfaith Breakfast is being planned tentatively for the month of September as a way to reach out to overall faith community and to purposefully invite representation from a variety of faith communities. Efforts will be made to address cultural and dietary preferences. Personal invitations will be issued. An update was given on the visit to Franklin County to discuss its Faith-based program/initiatives. A working relationship has been established with Rev. Aaron Phillips of WERE, 1490 AM. The faith-based committee and providers have participated in two radio talk shows. The ADAMHS Board's Faith-based Outreach Committee has been invited to participate monthly on the radio program (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month) at 5:00 p.m.

[Ericka Thoms arrived.]

Ms. Kirkland suspended the agenda order to recognize Ms. Ericka Thoms and her valuable contributions to the ADAMHS Board and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service to the Behavioral Health System of Care. Ms. Thoms noted that she enjoyed her time on the Board, the process of learning new systems and that she will miss the company of her colleagues.

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

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the proceedings of the 6/13/18 Planning & Oversight Committee meeting. Dr. Fowler provided a thorough summary regarding the topics listed below; details provided in agenda process sheets distributed.

- Northeast Ohio Regional Collaborative: Withdrawal Management-Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis Expansion – This is a \$1.2 million grant from OhioMHAS. The NE Collaborative reviewed 5 proposals received and recommends expanding services through the 3 providers selected: Windsor Laurelwood, Stella Maris and Ravenwood Health. Reporting requirements still have to be developed by the Collaborative. The ADAMHS Board was selected to serve as the Fiscal Agent for this grant.
- Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services (DCFS) Treatment Foster Care/ Kinship Care Pilot – Request for Proposal (RFP) Recommendation - Catholic Charities. A critical need was identified by DCFS to support children and their families in foster care and relative kinship placements. The committee recommends approval of Catholic Charities to provide these services for the time period of 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.
- SHARES Outcome Presentation – Dr. John Garrity, Chief of Quality Services, and Thomas Williams, Data Research & Evaluation Specialist, utilized a power point presentation to illustrate Brief Addiction Monitor (BAM) results.
- Leadership in Fighting the Opiate Crisis Update - Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus highlighted examples of how the ADAMHS Board initiatives are working to combat the Opioid/Heroin Crisis in Cuyahoga County; a list is contained in the P&O Committee minutes.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-01**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT INTERVENTION CENTER**

**Motion to approve the Resolution No. 18-06-01.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

• **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-02**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RFP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

A question was asked whether potential services might be needed for children who may have been separated from the family members due to current immigration actions. Discussion followed. Rev. Rodas addressed this challenging situation for families and encouraged Board members to contact State Rep. Rob Portman regarding the issue of re-unification. Mr. Snider suggested contacting the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities to get consensus on this important issue as well.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 18-06-02.** MOTION: E. Caraballo / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

**8. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rev. Gohlstin, Committee Chair, presented the Consent Agenda as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee at its meeting held on 06/20/18.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - (Resolution Nos. 18-06-03 through 18-06-05)

• **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-03 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MAY 2018**

• **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-04 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) & ADAMHS Board – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program: Total allocation: \$451,119.12 - (Ohio MHAS pass-through allocation: \$338,339.34; ADAMHS Board Local Match: \$112,779.78)
  - FrontLine Service - \$451,119.12
2. OhioMHAS – SAPT (Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment) Pass Through - \$ 2,729,590.00
  - Catholic Charities - \$291,803.00
  - 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
  - ORCA House, Inc. - \$156,499.00
  - Recovery Resources - \$153,618.00
  - Women's Recovery Center - \$241,142.00
3. OhioMHAS State Forensic Evaluations Pass Thru - \$194,406.00
  - Recovery Resources - \$72,406.00
  - Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$122,000.00
4. Northeast Ohio Regional Collaborative – OhioMHAS State Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis Expansion
  - Windsor Laurelwood - \$650,000.00 each state fiscal year
  - Stella Maris - \$200,000.00 each state fiscal year
  - Ravenwood Health - \$225,000.00 each state fiscal year
5. Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services Treatment Foster Care/Kinship Care
  - Catholic Charities - \$251,000.00
6. OhioMHAS Funding: Whole Child Matters: Early Childhood Mental Health - \$441,906.00
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau - \$155,972.00
  - OhioGuidestone - \$168,511.00
  - Positive Education Program - \$117,423.00

7. White Pages & yp.com Advertising & Search Engine Marketing
  - YP Advertising Solutions - \$8,508.00

- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-05 – APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:**

1. Amendment to Res. 17-11-06 Approval of CY2018 Service Provider Contracts for Child Response Team
  - FrontLine Service - \$280,000.00 Increase
2. Amendment to Res. 18-01-08 Approving Extension of Personal Service Agreement for Chief Clinical Officer Consultant
  - Farid Sabet-Sharghi, M.D. - \$68,952.00 Increase & Extension of Term

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 18-06-03 through 18-06-05).** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## **9. CY2019 BOARD PRIORITIES DISCUSSION**

Mr. Osiecki thanked Board members for authorizing the CY2019 priority setting process that incorporated input from community members, stakeholders, providers, Board members and staff. Mr. Osiecki presented the 10 funding priorities for FY2019 behavioral Health and recovery services (not listed in ranked order):

1. High Quality Housing including Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) for adults with mental illness, Sober and Recovery Housing certified with National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, and Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) that meet State and National Residential Care and Assisted Living Regulations and Policies.
2. Expanded Crisis Services for both children and adults.
3. 24 Hours/Seven Days per Week Access for mental health and addiction treatment services, for adults and children, with in-person services delivered wherever possible.
4. Peer Support for mental health & addiction, including innovative programs in Adult Care Facilities & Recovery Housing.
5. Prevention and early intervention programs and campaigns for mental health and addiction across the lifespan for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, using both traditional and innovative approaches in the community such as Faith-Based programming.
6. Employment Programs including sheltered and supported.
7. Inpatient and Ambulatory Detoxification Services.
8. Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction Disorders.
9. Piloting of Innovative Techniques and Programs, such as the new Bridge device for Ambulatory Detox.
10. Transportation for clients to keep mental health and addiction treatment appointments; and,

Additionally, Mr. Osiecki recommended the following internal system priorities:

1. Client-Centered Funding Strategies.
2. System Training.
3. Stigma Reduction.
4. Education and Prevention Campaigns.
5. Workforce Development.
6. Collaboration with Courts and Criminal Justice System.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-06**

### **APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FUNDING & BOARD SYSTEM PRIORITIES**

Mr. Osiecki noted that the ADAMHS Board will be responsible for funding services that are Non-Medicaid. The intent is to have the funding follow the individual client. Mr. Osiecki noted that the Board can anticipate receiving the same funding amount as we had this calendar year; however, the intent is to allocate it differently.

#### **Board Member Input:**

- Consider piloting new initiatives.
- Take care in how the continuity of care focus is rolled out.
- Make sure that we can verify the potential revenue streams to assure that foundational elements are in place.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 18-06-06.** MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms  
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-07**

- **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CY2019 SERVICES**

Discussion followed and questions asked about the RFP process. It was noted that the Crisis Response Services Needs Assessment focusing on both children and adults will be presented at the Joint Planning & Finance Committee meeting in July.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 18-06-07.** MOTION: H. Shannon / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## 10. **OPIATE LAWSUITE DISCUSSION**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-08**

- **ADAMHS BOARD INDEPENDENT LAWSUIT AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS**

Mr. Osiecki explained that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, which is mentioned in the Cuyahoga County lawsuit for expending millions of dollars to provide opioid addiction treatment and recovery services, has been advised by the legal team representing the County to file a separate lawsuit to recoup damages beyond what are listed in the Cuyahoga County lawsuit, including expenditures for staffing and compensatory time for planning and monitoring treatment and recovery support services, advertising, prevention and education campaigns and events and other financial strains placed on the Board to address increased community needs.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 18-06-08.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## 11. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- **Board Staff Update** - Mr. Osiecki introduced new staff hires in attendance:
  - Jim Cipiti, Network & Systems Specialist / LaVedia Smith, RN, BC, Clinical Utilization Review Specialist / Yvette Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II
  - Sheila Winemiller – Claims Unit recent hire recently resigned due to husband's out-of-state job transfer.
  - Michael Doud, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, has submitted his resignation in order to take on a new role at EDEN, Inc., as its Chief Operating Officer. We thank Michael for his service for almost 20 years and wish him well in his new position.
  - Ms. Natalie Schrimph has accepted the position of External Affairs Officer and will start with the Board on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - The ADAMHS Board will welcome a Vista Worker on July 23<sup>rd</sup> who will work with us on a one-year commitment.
  - Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Fischer are scheduled to interview 4 candidates for the position of Risk Management.
  - For the 2 Training Officer new positions, Carole Ballard, Director of Education & Training, along with Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Fischer will interview 9 candidates from the 42 resumes received.
- **OACBHA Opiate Conference** – The 2018 Ohio Opiate Conference in Columbus was held on June 11 & 12, was very informative. Scott Osiecki, Derrick Kirklen, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, and Thom Olmstead, Director of External Affairs for St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, presented on innovative pilot programs underway in Cuyahoga County.
- **Northcoast Behavioral Health Meeting** – Both Scott and Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, met with State Hospital Staff; the meeting went well toward re-establishing a good working relationship and addressed the areas of hospital admissions and discharges. Another meeting was held with the NE Ohio Collaborative participants. Ms. Tolbert and Mr. Osiecki also participated with Stella Maris around stakeholder interviews.

- **Council of Agency Directors Request** – As announced at the recent Finance & Operations Committee meeting, Board staff was requested by providers to extend the 1/12<sup>th</sup> payments through the end of the calendar year. Board staff deliberated and decided that it would be possible to extend the 1/12<sup>th</sup> payments for 2 more months through August 31, 2018. Agencies seemed to be pleased with this compromise.
- **Meeting with Governor Kasick's Representative** – Mr. Osiecki, Ms. Fischer and Ms. Tolbert met with a representative from the Governor's office around the Board's proposed priorities, etc.; they also met with a representative from Senator Sherrod Brown's office to determine how the Senator can assist with prominent issues/needs.
- **Upcoming Meeting with County Executive Budish** – Mr. Osiecki, along with Rev. Gohlstin and Eugenia Kirkland, shall meet with Mr. Budish to discuss specific issues such as the Opiate Lawsuit, the St. Vincent Charity issue, introduce the new Chair and address the Board appointment process and current county vacant seats.
- **Meeting with Dave Merriman, Assistant Director of Cuyahoga County Department of Health & Human Services, & the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (DJFS)** – The focus of this meeting to talk about the potential work requirement for people on Medicaid and how persons can maintain benefits if they are unable to work.
- **Kaizen Process** - Although the Board of Directors previously approved the action to utilize the Kaizen Process for priority setting, Board staff opted not to go forward with this direction. The contractor was notified and a cost saving realized.
- **Update on 2018 Behavioral Health & Human Services Career Fair** – Ms. Fischer noted that the Career Fair held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. Approximately 200 individual candidates attended. More than 40 agencies and area non-profits seeking candidates for various positions were present.

## 12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Snider publicly acknowledged the valuable contributions of outgoing Board member, Ericka Thoms, and thanked her for her guidance and expertise over the years. With regard to Mr. Baskin's proclamation, Mr. Snider suggested that additional wording be considered to include the accomplishment of NAMI Greater Cleveland in receiving the national 2014 Outstanding NAMI Affiliate Award. Mr. Osiecki was in agreement and will expedite the revision.
- Eugenia Kirkland noted that her last meeting as Board Chair seemed to be her longest. She wished to publicly thank each and every Board member for their cooperation, their energy and commitment. She enjoyed the one-on one conversations and their support through challenging times. She appreciated the support of Board staff and thoroughly enjoyed her 4 years as Board Chair.
- Rev. Gohlstin addressed a serious concern regarding a new organization entitled, National Socialists, formerly known as the KKK. This organization has stated that the city where they experience the most success in recruiting is from Cleveland, OH. They note that both African American and Caucasian males are the most depressed and angry men in the country with Detroit, MI coming in second. As we talk about providers and develop policies, Rev. Gohlstin encourage all to keep in mind that we have some serious problems that are not necessarily being assessed and/or treated.

## 13. AUDIENCE INPUT - None

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

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

**Approved by:**

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