

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Elsie Caraballo	Steve Killpack, MS
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Max M. Rodas, MA
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
Cassi Handler	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	Hugh Shannon

**ABSENT:** Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Mary M. Step, Ph.D., Ericka Thoms

**ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Valeria A. Harper, CEO, Frank Brickner, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

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

Board Vice Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No audience input received.

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Fowler noted that County Appointee, Erskine Cade, was unavoidably detained; therefore the agenda will be re-ordered.

**3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Kelli Perk, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, was present to administer the Oath of Office upon Mr. Cade's arrival.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The September 27, 2017 General Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**5. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY**

Valeria A. Harper, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the October Client Artwork Program featured the artwork of a **Kimberly McConville & PLAN of Northeast Ohio, Inc. through a partnership with Jewish Family Service Association**. A certificate of participation was presented to Ms. McConville in appreciation for her artwork.

**6. JOINT PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Joint Planning & Finance Committee meeting held on 10/18/17. The first two items listed below were considered and are recommended for approval:

- 1) CURES Act Funding For AOD Peer Recovery Support Initiatives
  - Pilot Peer Recovery Support: Quick Response Team – Project SOAR
  - Cleveland UMADAOP
- 2) Project AWARE
- 3) SHARES Update

For the benefit of all Board members, CEO Harper was asked by the committee to provide a Summary Report of the various efforts of the ADAMHS Board to combat the Opioid/Heroin Crisis in Cuyahoga County. Dr. Fowler suggested adding language to the document, included in the agenda packet, to clearly specify the leadership role of the ADAMHS Board in this effort.

In the absence of the Finance & Operations Vice Chair, Dr. Fowler enlisted Frank Brickner, Chief Financial Officer, to present the Consent Agenda recommended for approval to the full Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-10-01 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING SEPTEMBER 2017**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-10-02 - APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS** – \*Pass-Through
  1. \* Amendment to Resolutions 15-07-03, 16-07-03 and 16-10-03, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board - Sober Housing Services for Individuals Involved with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Adult Probation - \$150,000.00 Increase (Cleveland Treatment Center, Hitchcock Center for Women, I'm in Transition, ORCA House, Inc., Scarborough House)
  2. Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County – Project AWARE - \$26,000.00
    - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
    - Ohio Guidestone
  
- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-10-03 - APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS**
  1. Quick Response Team
    - The Woodrow Project, LLC - \$43,148.00
  2. Peer Support Initiative
    - Cleveland UMADAOP - \$25,000.00
  3. Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County – Project AWARE
    - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau – Up to \$10,000.00
    - Ohio Guidestone – Up to \$10,000.00

**Amendments:**

1. \* Amendment to Resolutions 15-07-03, 16-07-03 and 16-10-03, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board - Sober Housing Services for Individuals Involved with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Adult Probation - \$150,000.00 Increase of Pooled Funds
  - Cleveland Treatment Center
  - Hitchcock Center for Women
  - I'm In Transition
  - ORCA House, Inc.
  - Scarborough House
2. Amendment to Resolution 16-11-03, Eligibility Agreements with Licensed Adult Care Facilities
3. Amendment to Resolution 17-09-06, Peer Recovery Support Initiative
  - Cures Act Ascent Program - \$100,000.00 Increase

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-10-04 - APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

1. Sponsorship: Naaleh (Rise Together) & Yesh Tikvah (There is Hope) *Better Together* Mental Health Event on Sunday, October 22, 2017: \$1,000.00
2. Life Act: Recognizing Teen Depression & Preventing Suicide program materials - \$6,500.00

----- End of Consent Agenda-----

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 17-10-01 through 17-10-04).** MOTION: B. Gohlstin  
 SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-10-05**  
**APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

Ms. Harper presented background information regarding the community capital process and noted that Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services has approved our application and made funds available for recovery housing. This resolution supports a Women's Recovery Housing Project described in detail at the committee level several months ago. It was noted that typically the Board provides a funding match for the project.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 17-10-05.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider  
 NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-10-06**  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONTINUATION OF AGREED SALARY SCHEDULE WITH OAPSE, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 328 LABOR AGREEMENT**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 17-10-06.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider  
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

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

- **Recovery in Action for Mental Health and Addiction Newsletter**

Ms. Harper announced that the ADAMHS Board team member recognized this month and featured in the Recovery in Action newsletter is **John Coleman**, Facility Compliance Specialist. John's work responsibilities, professionalism, caring nature and sense of humor were lifted up as valuable contributions to the ADAMHS Board and the behavioral health system.

- **Art Mural Update**

On 9/29/17, Mrs. Kirkland and Ms. Harper along with a generous crowd of people, participated in the unveiling of the art mural project and introduction of the lead artist, Mr. Ricky Lewis. A Midtown Corridor representative was present and as a partner in the project spoke proudly about his experience working with Mr. Lewis and the other artists. A photo of the mural located at 1981 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street is on page 4 of the newsletter.

- **County Budget Process Presentation**

The ADAMHS Board budget hearing was held on Thursday, 10/19/17. To stay within the 5 minute timeline requested, the presentation focused on responding to the five questions that were provided in advance. Ms. Harper expressed appreciation for County Executive's recommendation for continuation funding of \$39 million but stressed that the Board's budget will be strained to maintain current programming. Ms. Harper offered to return to speak before Council to address the overall needs of the behavioral health system.

- **Roads to Recovery Conference 2017**

Ms. Harper stated that this year's Recovery Conference was outstanding with 360 individuals participating. She is still receiving positive feedback from conference participants about the variety of choices for the various workshops, ease in the process from start to finish, opening performance by Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word to the abridged performance of the one man play, How to be a Respectable Junkie. Ms. Harper acknowledged and thanked the members of the Training Advisory Committee, Board staff who helped throughout the process from inception to completion and especially to Scott Osiecki, Chief of External Affairs, for his leadership.

- Ms. Harper shared the unique experience of attending the Nalleh (Rise Together) & Yesh Tikvah (There is Hope) event on Sunday, 10/22/17, with several Board members and staff listed on page 4 of the newsletter. Over 600 attendees experienced an evening centered on mental health awareness and support for individuals living with mental and emotional challenges, their family members and friends. Both Ms. Harper and NAMI representatives have been invited to return back to speak. From the perspective of being a former NAMI Ohio Chairperson, Mr. Snider acknowledged that this is a major accomplishment for a community that has been overlooked. He added that this collaboration has made a significant contribution to the Board's appearance in the community.

- Ms. Harper also met with the United Pastors in Mission to discuss the development of the mental health crisis centers announced by the County Executive. Rev. Gohlstin confirmed that the United Pastors in Mission fully supports the ADAMHS Board's plan for the crisis centers. Consequently, he intends to organize a committee to partner with the ADAMHS Board on this initiative.

**9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Shannon stated that a political movement is attempting to tie Medicaid Expansion to the impact of the opiate crisis/emergency. Although there is no data to support this, the narrative is out there. He suggested that the Board consider referring to our budget situation as "an emergency". An additional suggestion was to refer to it as a county-wide emergency.
- Mr. Osiecki was pleased to introduce new staff member, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, External Affairs Officer. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus noted that she previously spent 9 years in the office of Mayor Frank Jackson in the area of public information. She felt that working at the ADAMHS Board is a wonderful alignment of her gifts and her passion for the Board's mission.
- Dr. Fowler and Ms. Caraballo shared their appreciation for the Recovery Conference and the very inspirational and moving Keynote and Plenary Sessions.
- Mrs. Kern-Pilch wished to publicly commend Tonya Birney, Training Officer, and Vicki Roemer, Administrative Assistant, for their organization and support of the Recovery Conference as well.

**10. AUDIENCE INPUT - None**

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.***

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

***Approved by:***

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***J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County***