

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 29, 2017

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Max M. Rodas, MA

ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Valeria A. Harper, CEO, Frank Brickner, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Esther Hazlett, Myra Henderson, Derrick Kirklen, Carol Krajewski, Michelle Myers, Danei Nowosadzki, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Maggie Spellman, Diane Taylor, Tom Williams, Leshia Yarbrough, 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 received. The revised agenda reflects that the administration of the Oath of Office for Erskine Cade has been postponed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The October 25, 2017 General Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY

Valeria A. Harper, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the November Client Artwork Program featured the artwork of: PLAN of NE Ohio / Jewish Family Service Association; Life Exchange Center; Magnolia Clubhouse - Robin DeFleice. Those individuals present identified their artwork and shared what their experience meant to them. Certificates of participation were presented to the respective agency noting that individual artist certificates would be mailed to agencies for distribution.

4. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Interim Committee Chair, summarized the information shared at the Faith-based Outreach portion of the Joint Committee Meeting.

- **Provider Progress Report** – findings indicated that a total of 1,273 individuals served as of September 30, 2017.
 - Majority of individuals served were female totaling 772 persons or 75%.
 - Age category with the highest percentage served was 45-64 years (328 persons or 31%).
 - Majority of individuals served were African American (927 persons or 82%).
 - Majority of individuals identified themselves as Christian (908 persons or 84%).
- **Visit to Franklin County Faith-Based Program** – Rev. Gohlstin expressed his interest in meeting with Franklin County Faith-based Program representatives in order to share information and initiatives.
- **Faith-based Future Radio/TV Taping** – Rev. Gohlstin reported on getting its faith-based message out to the community. To date, the committee's message was communicated through a public information radio show and on an access TV show.
- **Artwork presentation** – Dr. Deborah Watson-Daniels, Trinity Outreach Ministries' Program Operations Manager, presented a painting to the ADAMHS Board from the end-of-the-summer program that showcased the positive messages from its participants and built on the courage needed to refuse negative influences and peer pressure. The art piece was a way to say thank you for supporting the Trinity Outreach Ministries' early intervention and prevention services.

5. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Snider, Committee Chair, reported on the CR&A portion of the November 1st Joint Committee meeting; the following topics were covered:

• Legislative Updates:

National Public Health Emergency Declaration - CEO Harper referenced President Trump's declaration regarding the Opiate Epidemic as a national Public Health Emergency and referenced his statement/intention to revoke the Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) Rule so that more individuals can receive in-patient AoD treatment as they are suffering with substance use disorders.

Recovery Ohio Plan - The Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine just announced Ohio's set of 12 new initiatives to combat the opioid crisis entitled, "Recovery Ohio" that can be accessed on line via www.ohio.gov

Update on Senate Bill 71 – This bill would allow Directors of ADAMHS Boards to execute contracts without the approval of the Board. The Ohio Senate unanimously passed an amended version of SB71 that the Board may establish a rule, operating procedure, standard or bylaw to allow the Executive Director of the Board to execute contracts in prescribed circumstances on behalf of the Board without the Board's prior approval. The amendment lowered the limit of the Board's delegating authority on contracts to \$25,000.00 and requires that Boards define the scope of the contracts including clarity as to whether the contracts are for emergency clinical services or standard non-clinical service contracts. It was noted that the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities (OACBHA) is in favor of this bill.

- **Review of 2017 Advocacy Action Agenda** - Committee members reviewed each of the goals in the 2017 Advocacy Action Agenda. All items were completed with the exception of the last funding goal to "support efforts for the utilization of standardized provider performance measures to establish funding priorities". Board staff will begin to formulate the 2018 Action Advocacy Agenda and bring the recommended goals to the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee for feedback and subsequently to the Planning & Oversight Committee for its input.
- **Clients Rights Report: July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016** - Mr. Bill Hebble, Clients Rights Officer, utilized a power point presentation to present the Clients Rights Data for Calendar Year 2016 representing an 18-month report (the time period of 7/1/15 through 12/31/16) as the Board shifted from a fiscal year to calendar year funding. (The document can be accessed via the Board's website.)
- **2018 Annual Meeting** - The External Affairs Unit is currently looking for a venue for next year's Annual Meeting. Among the choices being considered, staff is leaning towards recommending Windows on the River with the date of 5/07/18. Rev. Gohlstin suggested the option of Covenant Baptist Church at 260th & Euclid. Mr. Osiecki took note of the suggestion and will report back to the committee at its meeting in January.
- **Art Mural Program Update** - A building in the Gordon Square area located at West 72nd and Lorain has been identified by artist, Ricky Lewis, for the second Art Mural installation. The Board is waiting for confirmation from the building owner. The kick-off for the Eastside Art Mural on East 55th and Euclid went very well and was live-streamed on our Facebook page.
- **2017 Roads to Recovery Conference Wrap-up** - Mr. Osiecki reported that 366 individuals attended the 2017 Recovery Conference including 25 staff and presenters. A breakdown of the total expenditures for the 2017 Conference was given. Revenue received from individual registration fees and display table sponsorships support the conference, and registration fees collected annually by the Training Institute covers the balance of the conference cost. Mr. Osiecki and Board staff were commended for the excellent conference experience.
- **Social Media Tracking Reports** - Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, External Affairs Officer, reported that on Facebook the Board expanded its total reach to 27,546 (from 3,450 people). On Twitter, the Board was down to 14,500 Twitter impressions; however, although we had less tweets, more people engaged with the tweets.
- **Media Tracking Report** – Mr. Osiecki reported that from September 6, 2017 through October 31, 2017, the Board received 26 media mentions; 24 are considered positive with 2 neutral and 0 negative. This brings the 2017 year-to-date total to 252 mentions, 250 positive, 2 neutral and 0 negative.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Kirkland, Board Chair, noted that the Executive Committee met on 11/15/17. Based upon the feedback received from committee chairs, consensus was reached on Board member appointments to the various standing committees for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018 including the appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. (Committee Assignment Rosters for FY2018 were distributed around the Board table.)

Committee members also re-visited the ADAMHS Board of Directors' committee structure and considered whether to hold Joint Committee meetings as a regular practice. Input was received from Committee Chairs and is reflected in the Executive Committee minutes. Based upon the discussion, committee members unanimously agreed to maintain separate Board committee meetings.

Discussion followed on the concept of utilizing conference calls or skype to allow for Board member participation when a Board member is unable to be physically present at a meeting. Currently, it was noted that the ADAMHS Board Bylaws do not permit this option. It was noted that efforts should be made to check with legal counsel as a first step in considering this possibility.

Upon being recognized by the Board Chair, Mr. Snider shared good news with the full Board about the Board's Second Vice Chair. On 11/11/17 at the 10th Annual Journey to Hope Conference, The John Hopkins University Memory & Alzheimer's Treatment Center in Baltimore, MD, awarded the 2017 Trailblazer Award to **Dr. Pythias D. Jones** "for advocacy and support of Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers."

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Ms. Kirkland presented the Consent Agenda recommended for approval by the Committee of the Whole on 11/15/17.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-01 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING OCTOBER 2017**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-02 - APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS – *Pass-Through**
 1. * Cuyahoga County Office of Health and Human Services, Family and Children First Council– Family Centered Services and Support - \$203,948.50 (Contractor: Positive Education Program)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-03 - APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS**
 1. Cuyahoga County Office of Health and Human Services, Family and Children First Council– Family Centered Services and Support
 - Positive Education Program - \$203,948.50
 2. Eligibility Agreements with Licensed Adult Care Facilities – *(List on Agenda Process Sheet)*
 - New Directions - \$37,500.00
 3. Recovery Housing Initiative
 - I'm in Transition - \$14,167.00

Amendments:

1. Amendment to Resolution 15-11-05, Approval of CY2016 ADAMHS Board Operational Budget and CY2016 – 2017 Service Provider Contracts – Residential treatment and Support
 - Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare – Up To \$220,000.00 Increase
- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-04 - APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**
 1. Attorneys and Nurses Contracted Services (hourly rates listed on Agenda Process Sheet)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 17-11-01 through 17-11-04). MOTION: B. Gohlstin
 SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Shannon, H. Snider, M. Step, E. Thoms / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-05**
APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ADAMHS BOARD OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The Board Chair stated that the ADAMHS Board has worked hard to address the needs of the community by staying true to the Board's mission to *"enhance the quality of life for our community through a commitment to prevention in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services coordinated through a person-centered network of community supports."*

Motion to approve Resolution Nos. 17-11-05. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Shannon, H. Snider, M. Step, E. Thoms / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-06**
APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2019 SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS

Ms. Harper reported that each service provider received its budget information prior to the General Meeting as well as any amended information. She thanked all Board staff responsible for the many steps needed to prepare the comprehensive budget books. After using the binders for the budget process, it was Ms. Harper's hope that Board members could refer to the budget books as reference material throughout the year.

Special recognition was given to Chief Financial Officer, Frank Brickner, for the hours of work, collaboration, creativity as well as his communication process with agencies. Ms. Harper noted that her goal as the ADAMHS Board's CEO will be to find additional revenue streams to build the behavioral health system of care for the residents of Cuyahoga County.

Ms. Harper reviewed the revised table entitled, 2017 Programs Not Recommended for Funding and highlighted information regarding the rationales identified for non-funding the providers listed. Discussion followed on the funding challenges going forward given the limited amount of our state revenue.

- Mr. Shannon encouraged more cooperation and collaboration at the local level to assure that we are maximizing our resources and can share this information at the state and federal level.
- Ms. Thoms suggested that Board staff might draft a letter outlining what steps have been done to utilize existing funds and our need for our state and federal legislators to step up for our needs.

Mr. Brickner elaborated on the revised pages distributed and the impact to four specific agencies. Both Ms. Harper and Mr. Brickner addressed questions of Board members. The Chair thanked Board members for their insight and noted that she may tap into Board member's expertise in the future and specifically asked Mr. Shannon to assist in drafting the letter for legislators as previously mentioned.

Motion to approve Resolution Nos. 17-11-06. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Shannon, H. Snider, M. Step, E. Thoms / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed**

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recovery in Action for Mental Health and Addiction Newsletter

Take Charge Ohio Campaign - was held at ADAMHS Board and is featured on the 1st page of the November newsletter.

Employee of the Month – Thomas Williams

CEO Harper announced that the ADAMHS Board team member featured for November in the Recovery in Action newsletter is Thomas Williams, Evaluation and Research Officer. She noted that Tom is a stellar team member and dedicated employee. Supervisor, Dr. John Garrity, shared that Tom has a positive outlook and is a thoughtful listener who is both patient and collaborative. Tom is a great team member and his contributions are a valuable asset to the Board.

This newsletter also features the press conference and launch of the state-wide “*Take Charge Ohio Campaign*” held at the ADAMHS Board on 11/28/17. The campaign “was developed to help opioid prescribers educate their patients and the public about the dangers of misusing prescription pain medication and how to safely manage pain.”

Client Holiday Party & Lunch-N-Learn - Ms. Harper reminded Board members that the Client Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at the Airport Cleveland Marriott from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. where a plated lunch will be served.

Three articles of celebrations:

- Lottie Gray, Manager of the Conditional Release Unit and ACT teams, received the prestigious Sokolov Mental Health Leadership Award.
- Debra Rex, President & CEO for the past 12 years, is congratulated on her retirement from Beech Book for her total 26 years of service to the agency and the families it serves.
- Thomas P. Royer, MPA, has been named President & CEO of Beech Brook.

Plans for 1st Quarter of CY2018

Ms. Harper delineated her plans for the first quarter of 2018:

- Getting out into the community: meetings with providers, current system partners, building new potential partnerships, public awareness, educational opportunities, and networking.
- Working with County Executive & Council – plans to monitor closely the impacts of the funding reductions to request periodic audiences with both the County Executive and various Council committees.
- Launch a community discussion about the Crisis Continuum.
- Form a workgroup, near the end of the 1st quarter, to allow time for the providers to embrace Behavioral Health Redesign to talk about the various models for access to services.
- Reconvene the Addiction Recovery Advocacy Group meetings.
- Continue working with the Mental Health Response Advisory meetings.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Given the number of new Board appointments, Rev. Gohlstin addressed the concept considered at the Executive Committee to resurrect provider presentations at committee meetings as well as scheduled agency visits. Ms. Harper shared this information with providers at a recent provider meeting; efforts to arrange provider presentations at Planning & Oversight Committee meetings have begun; however, agency visits have not yet been determined.

10. NEW BUSINESS - None

11. AUDIENCE INPUT

- On behalf of the Visiting Nurse Association’s Psychiatric Bridge Program, Tom Huggins thanked the Board for over 12 years of funding and for the support of the Board’s Utilization Review Nurse, Maggie Tolbert, over this time period. He advocated for considering the VNA as a valuable resource to provide for clients in the future if the impact of decisions made at the Federal level change.
- Rosie Palfy identified herself as an advocate for veterans and those who are homeless. As a member of the Mental Health Response Advisory Council, she expressed her concerns about continuity of care, the challenges for the homeless coalition, and issues related to combatting the serious opiate epidemic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by:

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