

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2016**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Chair	Steve Killpack, MS
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Eileen Saffran, LISW-S
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Ericka L. Thoms
Cassi Handler	Anngela Williams
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	

**ABSENT:** Elsie Caraballo, J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D., Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.

**ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Tonya Birney, Frank Brickner, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria Harper, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Dave Lambert, Esmat Nasr, Scott Osiecki, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

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

Board Chair, Eugenia Cash, called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor for audience input on agenda items; none received.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 27, 2016 General Meeting were approved as submitted. Mr. Denihan highlighted revisions made to Agenda Process Sheets based upon the review of the Finance & Operations Committee; all revisions are highlighted.

**3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY – MAY 2016**

Katie Boland, External Affairs Officer, shared the mission of the ADAMHS Board's Artwork Display Program to showcase client artwork, highlight the Board's provider agencies, recognize the benefits of art therapy, and celebrate the recovery community. Ms. Boland presented the artwork display for the month of May produced by the artists participating in **AHH! Art Helps and Heals Program at the Far West Center.**

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Cash acknowledged that the ADAMHS Board's Annual Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful event. She expressed her appreciation to Board staff for all of the hard work and energy expended behind the scenes to culminate in a successful meeting. The CY2015 Annual Report adopted through Resolution 16-05-01 provides an excellent record of the initiatives undertaken and accomplishments for clients and the system throughout the year.

▪ **PROPOSED ADAMHS BOARD BYLAWS AMENDMENTS – (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading & Official Vote)**

Given no further discussion on the second reading of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, the Chair called for a motion to accept the Bylaws as amended.

**Motion to recommend approval of the ADAMHS Board Bylaws as amended.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: S. Killpack  
AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Ms. Cash congratulated Scott Osiecki, Chief of External Affairs, for receiving a resolution from the Leadership Academy of Cleveland State University College of Urban Affairs honoring him for his commitment to the Leadership Academy as well as his public service leadership.

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

On behalf of Faith-based Outreach Committee Chair, Mary Warr, Rev. Gohlstin reported that the committee met on 5/04/16. Following the approval of the January 6, 2016 minutes, an Overview of the Faith-based Outreach Initiative Pilot was introduced by Valeria Harper and reviewed by Tom Williams, Data Research Specialist.

Observations from the 1<sup>st</sup> Overview of the Faith-based Outreach Initiative Pilot Project are:

- All six pilot providers have begun serving their target communities.
- Some providers began their programs immediately in November, while others needed more time to prepare.
- The group of six providers are on target to meet their goal of providing services to 1400 people.
- Most people served identified themselves as Christian.
- Most people served identify themselves as Black or African American.
- Some programs have shown objectives met while time is needed to wait for measures of longer term objectives.

Two Pilot Provider Progress Reports were given by:

- Rev. Jared Littleton, Chaplain of Ohio Guidestone
- Dr. Deborah Watson - Trinity Outreach Ministries: Another Chance of Ohio

The Faith-based Outreach Committee shall begin to interview potential non-Board member candidates who have indicated an interest in serving on the committee. The next Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

## **6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) REPORT**

Committee Chair, Harvey Snider, Esq., reported that the CR&A Committee met on 05/04/16 and reviewed the pending legislative initiatives in both the House and Senate. Mr. Snider noted that the Legislature is currently voting on several bills and highlighted the information provided by OACBHA (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities) that summarizes the various House and Senate bills. (Document is attached to original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

The CR&A Committee also reviewed the various sponsorships and recommends their approval to the full Board. Other issues discussed included:

- Dedicated Mental Health & Addiction Levy
- Opiate/Fentanyl Discussion & Campaign
- Mental Health Advisory Committee Update
- Recovery Oriented System of Care
- May is Mental Health Month
- 2016 Annual Meeting Update
- Tracking Reports – Media & Social Media

## **7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Reginald C. Blue, Committee Chair, reported that Nominating Committee members at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed the letters of intent received for Board Officer positions. Presentation of the recommended slate consists of:

**Second Vice Chair** – Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

**Vice Chair** – J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

**Board Chairperson** – Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, and Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Dr. Blue explained that there was a tie vote for the position of Chairperson. As no further nominations were received from the floor, Board members will have the opportunity to vote at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting. This process is explained in the ADAMHS Board Bylaws which also stipulate that a Board member must be in attendance to vote.

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

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., P&O Committee Chair, reported on the 05/11/16 Planning & Oversight Committee meeting. The committee recommends approval of the first two items listed in the Consent Agenda. Dr. Fowler summarized discussions for the topics below.

- Recommended Providers for Provision of Representative Payee Services resulting from RFI Review
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
  - Assured Payee Service
- Invest in Children: Intensive Consultation
- Performance Improvement Watch Report
  - Murtis Taylor - Residential Treatment & Provision of Pharmacological Management Services
  - Hitchcock Center for Women - All Programs & Services
- Evaluation of Crisis Services
- Community Plan Process Update

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

David Biegel, Ph.D., Committee Chair, thanked Mr. Denihan and Board staff for the revisions made to the Agenda Process sheets as a result of the committee's review at its 05/18/16 meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA** (Resolution Nos. 16-05-02 through 16-05-05)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-02 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2016**

For Administrative Budget Reports, total spending through 4/30/16 was \$1,659,701. The Board is under budget in all categories other than contracts that are slightly over budget. The Board anticipates remaining under budget for the calendar year. Mr. Brickner highlighted and elaborated on several significant voucher payments made in April.

Total Revenues received through April are \$24.7 million of our 62.3 million budget. The Board anticipates receiving all revenues. Total Expenses through April were \$23.4 million. Of this number, \$4.5 million was expended on 2015 services that were paid in 2016. No unusual activity occurred; payments made were for utilities or on-going maintenance. (All financial reports are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-03 - APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS**
  1. Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$376,270.00
  2. Amendment to Resolution 15-07-04, Allocation of Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Pass Through Funding for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) - \$42,900.00
  3. Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board – Drug Court Sustainability - \$100,000.00
- **RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-04 - APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS**  
***[\*Recommended by Planning & Oversight Committee]***
  1. OhioMHAS – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
    - FrontLine Services (\$501,693.00)
  2. Problem Gambling
    - Recovery Resources, Inc. (\$207,608.00)
  3. \*Representative Payee Services
    - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$100,000.00
    - Assured Payee Service - \$15,000.00
  4. \*Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Expansion – Up to \$180,000.00
    - Applewood
    - Beech Brook
    - Ohio Guidestone
    - Positive Education Program

**Amendments:**

1. Amendment to Resolution 15-07-04, Allocation of Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Pass Through Funding for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) – Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime Programs (TASC)
  - Catholic Charities Corporation - \$9,600.00 Increase
  - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas - \$33,300.00 Increase
2. Amendment to Resolution 15-11-05, Approval of CY 2016 ADAMHS Board Operational Budget and CY2016 – 2017 Service Provider Contracts – Drug Court Sustainability
  - Community Assessment and Treatment Services - \$183,000.00 Increase
3. Amendment to Resolution 14-11-08, Approval of CY 2015 Service Provider Core, Mid-Biennium and One-Time Funding Contracts – MH Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) Services
  - Epilepsy Association - \$8,790.00 Increase

• **RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-05 - APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS**  
**[\*\*Recommended by Community Relations & Advocacy Committee]**

1. \*\*Sponsorship Requests
  - Recovery Resources Run for Recovery, Saturday, August 20, 2016: \$2,000.00
  - Edna House The Next Step Race to Recovery on Sunday, August 21, 2016: \$1,000.00
  - NAMI Greater Cleveland - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMI Walks for the Mind of America Sponsorship, Saturday, August 27, 2016: \$1,500.00
  - Women’s Recovery Center of Greater Cleveland’s 28<sup>th</sup> annual run, june, run, Aug. 2016: \$1,500.00
  - Cleveland Municipal Drug Court 4th Annual Celebrating Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 25, 2016: \$1,500.00
  - NORA Recovery Ride, August 27, 2016: \$1,500.00
  - Epilepsy Association *erace*, October 2, 2016: \$1,200.00
2. Phone Book and Internet Advertising, \$9,918.00

**Motion to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 16-05-02 through 16-05-05).** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

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

William M. Denihan, CEO, highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated May 25, 2016, attached to the minutes.

- **Heroin/Fentanyl** - Mr. Denihan referenced the chart e-mailed to Board members that represents the worsening of the heroin and fentanyl epidemic in Cuyahoga County. If this startling rate of death by overdose continues, nearly 600 people may die from a heroin or fentanyl overdose by the end of 2016. (The chart is attached to original minutes stored in Executive Unit.)
- **Y-Haven Update** - Mr. Denihan reported that on 5/2/16 Y-Haven was notified by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that its Federal annual grant would be discontinued as of 5/31/16. Nationally, this HUD decision impacted all Transitional Housing Programs as all HUD funding would be directed to Permanent Housing. Mr. Denihan noted that Y-Haven has an exceptional record of providing transitional housing, recovery and treatment services, educational training, vocational services and permanent housing placement to men who are homeless.

Board member, Dr. Richard Romaniuk, sent a letter expressing concern about this serious financial situation and advocated for the Board making a positive stance to support this agency. Letters have also been received from Mayor Frank Jackson, Susan Neff, Executive Director of FrontLine Service, Deborah Bridwell, Executive Director of Stella Maris, etc.

- Board staff has been meeting with Y-Haven officials about this situation. Mr. Denihan reported that a recommendation in support of Y-Haven may come before the full Board in June.

- **Contact from Westside Catholic Church** – Mr. Denihan was recently contacted by Father Doug Koesel, a Catholic Priest who introduced the idea and/or opportunity of utilizing Catholic church facilities that may become available as a resource for social service needs. Father Koesel wants to set up a community group to look at these properties now with the goal of using them to provide social services; he indicated that individual priests have been given the authority to plan for the use of their respective facilities.
- **Children of Incarcerated Parents** - Mr. Denihan met with individuals who are supporting the issue of children of incarcerated parents. As important as this is, currently our county does not have a program that deals with this area that impacts approximately 2,000 children. Another area that needs additional support is Transitional Youth. A Task Force for Children of Incarcerated Parents has been set up, and our Board has been invited to participate.
- **Dedicated Mental Health & Addiction Services Levy** – Mr. Snider is energized to lead this charge. Meetings will be set up with County Council President, Dan Brady, to assure him that the Board enthusiastically promotes the concept of a dedicated levy and that the effort will include provider agency support.
- **Annual Client Fun Day & Picnic** - The ADAMHS Board, the ACAC (Action Committee Advocating Change) and Provider Agency Client Rights Officers are hosting the Annual Fun Day & Picnic at the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo on Monday, June 13, 2016, from Noon to 3:00 PM. Board members are invited to participate.
- **ORCA House Picnic** – Board members are once again invited to attend the ORCA House’s Annual Picnic at 1905 E. 89<sup>th</sup> Street on Friday, June 24, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Art River Walk in San Antonio, TX** - Mr. Denihan shared his experience at the Art River Walk in San Antonio that addresses the needs of homeless individuals. The designer of Art River Walk recently received an award for his efforts. Additionally, the city has embraced an outdoor art project produced by adolescents who were involved with graffiti. As a result, Mr. Denihan has met with the Art Council in Cuyahoga County to consider a similar outdoor Art Program for those adolescents brought into court because of their unauthorized use of graffiti on public/private property.
- Mr. Denihan asked Training Officer, Tonya Birney, to introduce the high school student who has been shadowing the Board’s External Affairs Unit. Ms. Birney introduced Beaumont High School student, Jeannea Cobb, who briefly spoke about her intern experience at the ADAMHS Board.

11. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

12. **AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Greg Uhland, ORCA House Executive Director, noted that picnic flyers are available on the table for all interested.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.*

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

**Approved by:**

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