

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2015**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Chair	Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
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
Steve Killpack, MS	

**ABSENT:** Elsie Caraballo, Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.

**ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Katie Boland, Frank Brickner, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Dave Lambert, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, 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 was received.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of November 12, 2014, and the General Meeting minutes of November 19, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Cash acknowledged that several Board members took the opportunity of participating in the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Annual Legislative Day on January 27th. Board members and Board staff met in small teams with legislators to talk about key issues of concern: Medicaid Expansion, increased healthcare coverage, positive developments in our system as well as funding issues. As a result, Dr. Fowler was given a follow-up task from one of the state representatives. Other involved Board members shared their observations and experiences.

The Executive Committee met on 1/21/15 to address the Performance Evaluation of the CEO. Assessment forms were disseminated to committee members; the individual forms once completed are due back to Human Resources Director by Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> for compilation. The meeting addressed Mr. Denihan's contract and salary. The Executive Committee will continue to discuss these areas at its next meeting scheduled for 2/4/15.

For future General Meetings, Ms. Cash noted that the agenda will include a follow-up element affording Mr. Denihan an opportunity to provide answers to questions or additional information requests made at a previous Committee or General meeting. Given this new process, Mr. Denihan noted that there were two corrections made to Agenda Process Sheets, underscored below, for the record:

- 1) CABHI (Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals) Grant - The project is expected to serve 900 individuals statewide over the three-year grant period.
- 2) Amendment to Resolution 14-05-03, Agreement for SMART Ohio Program – Target populations for this grant are for an additional 20 persons (10 female and 10 male) identified and court ordered for treatment who suffer from opioid addiction with a focus on heroin addiction.

**4. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Committee Chair, Mary Warr, Dr. Blue reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting of 1/07/15.

The committee discussed:

- HB 483: Community Connections Program - Signed by Governor Kasich in June, the bill created Community Connections, a student mentoring program that now has a requirement for religious partners. The committee is considering how it can begin to work on and partner with the schools.
- Subcommittee Report - The subcommittee is in the process of developing scenarios relevant to faith-based entities around the various behavioral health issues that may exist within organizations.
- Other structural elements regarding the Subcommittee membership, orientation, etc. were addressed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 3/4/15 at 3:00 p.m.

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

J. Richard Romaniuk, Committee Vice Chair, presided over the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting held on 1/7/15 and highlighted five specific areas:

- The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) developed a Budget Platform focusing on the proposed FY16/17 State Biennium Budget. It advocates for (1) keeping services and supports in local communities as collaboratively planned for utilizing the \$50 million per year 507 funds; and, (2) requesting specific funds for peer services and supports, crisis services and housing, detox/medication-assisted treatment and early detection, identification, and intervention.
- Details were shared about OACBHA's Annual Meeting and Legislative Day scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Review of Policy Statement, *Sponsorship Requests* - The policy is up for its 3-year annual review and assists the Board and its staff in determining the appropriateness of requests for sponsorships. Today's review of this policy is considered the first reading. The second reading and official vote of the full Board will take place at the February General Meeting.
- Advocacy Action Agendas: The 2014 Advocacy Action Agenda, developed to guide advocacy efforts, was reviewed and approved by committee members. A preliminary review of the draft 2015 Advocacy Action Agenda was conducted. Based on the discussion, a suggestion was made to allow committee members additional time to review the proposed advocacy efforts and to provide any additional insight to the attention of Mr. Denihan. The committee is sharing the DRAFT 2015 Agenda today with all members of the Board to solicit feedback.
- Other topics covered at the meeting and recommended to the Finance & Operations Committee are:
  - a. Social Media Advertising
  - b. Youth Involvement Plan
  - c. Question, Persuade, Refer Update
- Tracking Reports are now provided for both Media/Press Clippings & Social Media. The 2014 year-end total for media/press clippings was 73 media mentions-- 71 positive, 2 neutral and 0 negative.

**6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Blue, reported that the committee met 1/14/15 and discussed the issue of pending county reappointments. Presently, there are four Board members whose reappointment status is pending. A draft letter addressed to County Executive, Armond Budish, along with an attachment highlighting the contributions of these Board members, was reviewed. Committee members agreed to send the letter and copy it also to the Chair of the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee of the County Council.

Upon reviewing the Board Member Appointment Term roster, the committee decided to take action to:

- 1) Add to the letter one more Board member's name whose appointment term will expire at the end of June 2015.
- 2) Compose a separate letter to the County to recommend a candidate for the current vacant County appointment seat.
- 3) Recommend in the near future that a particular candidate for the anticipated "state appointment vacancy" on 7/1/15.

Mr. Denihan provided a status report on the state appointment term of Richard Folbert that was vacated by OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck due to the number of absences from Board meetings within one year. A potential candidate for this vacancy should be a person who has received or is receiving mental health services paid for by public funds.

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

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., reported on the meeting held on 01/14/14 and provided highlights on the various topics covered. (Details can be found in the P&O Committee minutes on the ADAMHS Board Web site.)

1. Presentation on CABHI (Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals) Grant by Esmat Nasr, Adult Programs Specialist & Martin Williams, Director of Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment-FrontLine Service
2. Two items requiring action and recommended for approval by the P&O Committee:
  - Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization Agreement - presented by Linda Torbert, Children's Projects Admin.
  - SMART Ohio Program – presented by Carole Ballard, Forensic Specialist
3. Other updates provided:
  - Evaluation Timelines – presented by Tom Williams, Research Grant Specialist
  - Community Plan Submission – presented by Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Admin.
  - Shares Update – presented by William M. Denihan, C.E.O.

**8. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

David Biegel, Ph.D., Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 1/21/15 and highlighted the items contained in the Consent Agenda.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-01 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING NOVEMBER 2014 AND DECEMBER 2014**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-02 - APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
  1. Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)– Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) (Contractor: FrontLine Service)
  2. Amendment to Resolution 14-05-03, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board – SMART Ohio Plan (Contractors: Catholic Charities, Community Assessment and Treatment Services, ORCA House, Inc., Hispanic UMADAOP, Hitchcock Center for Women, Free Clinic, Salvation Army, and Stella Maris)
  3. Amendment to Resolutions 12-09-07 and 14-11-02, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board: Time Extension for Naltrexone Program (Contractor: Community Assessment and Treatment Services)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-03 - APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:**
  1. Notice of Funding Award: OhioMHAS – CABHI (Reference Interagency Agreement Item 1)
    - FrontLine Service (\$243,795.00)
  2. Early Childhood Mental Health
    - Achievement Center (\$390,000.00)
    - Applewood (\$90,105.00)
    - Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (\$70,000.00)
    - Ohio Guidestone (\$125,023.00)
    - Positive Education Program (\$310,000.00)

**Amendments:**

1. Amendment to Resolution 14-05-03, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board – SMART Ohio Plan - \$165,000.00 Additional Funds (Reference Interagency Agreement Item 1)
  - Catholic Charities
  - Community Assessment and Treatment Services
  - ORCA House, Inc.
  - Hispanic UMADAOP
  - Hitchcock Center for Women
  - Free Clinic
  - Salvation Army
  - Stella Maris
2. Amendment to Resolutions 12-09-07 and 14-11-02, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board: Additional Time Extension for Naltrexone Program (Reference Interagency Agreement Item 2)
  - Community Assessment and Treatment Services (No Increase)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-04 - APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**

1. Armed Security Guard Services
  - Tenable Protective Services - \$114,000.00
2. Inpatient Hospital Admissions for Minors' Agreement - \$50,000.00
  - Fairview Hospital
  - Windsor Laurelwood Center
3. Social Media Advertising
  - Facebook - \$6,000.00
  - Twitter - \$3,000.00
4. Marketing of Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training
  - Cleveland Letter Service, Inc. thru Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio – \$2,000.00
  - Healthcare Data Solutions - \$4,900.00

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 15-01-01 through 15-01-04).**

MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

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

Mr. Denihan referred all to review the items featured in the attached CEO Headliners dated January 28, 2015.

- OACBHA Legislative Day – Mr. Denihan explained that the focus of meetings with governmental officials in Columbus was to develop a good relationship with legislators, to ask for the support of Medicaid Expansion, to increase awareness of several nuances involved with former financial decisions, and to advocate for equity. Board of Directors and staff attending communicated our Board's desire to create a continuum of care that requires additional funding.

New state Representative Janine R. Boyd (D) Ohio House District 13, has asked us to provide data regarding the number of persons served in the various counties. While discussing equity and funding with Rep. Boyd and the fact that Cuyahoga receives 32 cents per capita while the highest allocation to an Ohio County is \$20.39, Rep. Boyd had an interesting suggestion—"why don't we take a look at what it would cost the state to bring everyone to \$20.39?" Dr. Fowler noted that if we had an equitable distribution it might even be less expensive than the \$50 million that had been allocated the year prior.

Dr. Biegel suggested that when providing information about the number of people served, we should share the specific data about how Cuyahoga County differs from other counties.

- The OACHBA Legislator of the Year, nominated by Mr. Denihan, was Nickie J. Antonio (D) House District 13, who is in a leadership position on the Finance Committee in the House of Representatives.
- Mr. Denihan expressed his appreciation to Mr. Osiecki for his extraordinary work to prepare data for the Legislative Day along with meeting many other internal deadlines—CEO Headliners, meeting preparations, dashboard handout, etc.
- Mr. Denihan reported on the Youth Heroin Summit hosted by Cuyahoga Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell and thanked Board member, Cassi Handler, for sharing her story about her loss of a family member due to addiction.
- Senator Sherrod Brown hosted a press conference at the ADAMHS Board on 1/12/15 to outline The Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act (TREAT Act); details are available on page one of the Headliners.
- Mr. Denihan highlighted the many activities that are underway through the Mental Health Task Force that has been formed to discuss and develop a response to the CIT program and other issues regarding mental health, addiction and developmental disabilities identified through the U.S. Department of Justice's investigation of the Cleveland Division of Police.

- Mr. Denihan distributed copies of a Dashboard discussion draft/working document. He noted that the purpose of a dashboard is to give a quick viewpoint of “where we are” regarding our services. Two concepts of interest are He is interested in knowing what Board members wish to know.
  - Ms. Saffran shared how her organization, The Gathering Place, developed its dashboard. Generally, most items are taken from the Strategic Plan and a color-coded system was used (red, yellow, green) where goals are measured on a quarterly basis with Board members and help to formulate next action steps.
  - Ms. Thoms wished to see how many people are being served and the cost for those services.
  - Dr. Biegel stressed the focus on outcomes and objectives.
- SHARES Update - A meeting of the three CEO’s of the COG (Council of Governments) met with InfoMC’s President and new Vice President to determine whether the contract with the vendor should be continued. As a result of the meeting, an agreement was reached to move forward utilizing performance pay. To clarify, the vendor would be paid upon performance delivery of the satisfied work product. Regarding the amount of Board staff work time requested by InfoMC, the COG did not agree with the proposal and cut down the participation agreement to a third of the request. Mr. Denihan’s professional opinion is that it is best to resolve issues with the vendor at this point in the process rather than terminate the contract and be stalled in court.

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

11. **AUDIENCE INPUT** - None

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.*

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

***Approved by:***

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