

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 27, 2015

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.	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Elsie Caraballo	Eileen Saffran, LISW-S
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Ericka L. Thoms
Cassi Handler	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	Anngela Williams

ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Valeria A. Harper, Acting C.E.O., Katie Boland, Frank Brickner, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Ph.D., Carol Krajewski, 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 General Meeting minutes of April 22, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Follow-up Report:

- **Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless:** Ms. Harper provided a comprehensive follow-up report regarding a concern expressed at last month's General Meeting from an audience member regarding the Women's Homeless Shelter. She explained that the Norma Herr Women's Shelter at 2227 Payne Avenue is an emergency homeless center. Although the average length of stay is up to 30 days, no one is ever turned away. A meeting was held at the agency where areas of concern were discussed at length; meeting participants included representatives from FrontLine Services, the Women's Shelter, the Director of Homeless Services, and the Executive Director of Cleveland Mediation. A matrix produced of written complaints given to Board staff consisted of two areas--facility and clients rights. The Board conducted a Clients Rights investigation on 5/13/15. Ms. Harper noted that this shelter is not intended to be a home-like environment; however, it is intended to be safe. The agency is doing a good job of keeping women safe. Mr. Denihan and Ms. Harper plan to visit the shelter in the near future.

With regard to having somewhere to go during the day or activities for the homeless women, Ms. Warr suggested that faith-based organizations might be enlisted to assist with daytime activities.

Ruth Gillette, Executive Director of Cuyahoga County's Office of Homeless Services, noted that there is an on-going effort to operate the facility very seriously and properly. Based on client feedback, the County has funded a third-party mediation process through the Cleveland Mediation Center in order to provide an additional oversight and assessment of the process. Funding also covers staff training at the various shelters.

- **Residential Vivitrol Pilot Project:** Additional information requested is highlighted on the agenda process sheet.

3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY – MAY 2015

Ms. Harper reported that the May art display was created by Sarah Ziccardi of Adult Guardianship Services. Ms. Ziccardi spoke to the value of the program and was recognized by the Board with a certificate of participation. Ms. Harper also recognized The Living Miracles for its art show held on Thursday, May 21st, entitled "Celebrating Recovery through the Arts" in honor of Mental Health Month.

4. CHAIR’S REPORT

Ms. Cash reported that 370 guests attended the Board’s Annual Meeting on 5/18/15 where the Annual Report was approved and distributed. Artwork serving as the theme of the Annual Report--“Behind the Mask”--addressed the fact that sometimes we let people see what we would like them to see but not what is really there.

Ms. Cash recognized Board staff—Katie Boland, William M. Denihan, Tami Fischer, Vicki Roemer, Scott Osiecki—for their successful efforts in planning and hosting the 1st Behavioral Health & Human Services Career Fair on 5/20/15 at the Cuyahoga County Community College Jerry Sue Thornton Center. The event was well represented by agencies and over 300 job seekers participated.

Lastly, Ms. Cash thanked Board members for their commitment to the ADAMHS Board and recognized that all 16 Board members were in attendance at this General Meeting.

5. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) REPORT

Mr. Snider, Committee Chair, reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 05/06/15. Legislative updates were shared regarding HB 64: FY16/17 State Biennium Budget Update, HB 28: Suicide Prevention in Higher Education, and recent legislation introduced: SB129 – Insurers-prior authorization requirements, Federal Breaking Addiction Act of 2015, Federal REDEEM Act, and the Federal Opioid Overdose Reduction Act.

Mr. Snider introduced the committee’s review of the anticipated effort of “Responsible Ohio” to propose a constitutional amendment to legalize medical and recreational marijuana in our state. Mr. Snider highlighted the agenda process sheet that addressed both the pros and cons of the proposed amendment. He noted that both the CR&A Committee and the Planning & Oversight Committee vetted this issue and jointly recommends opposing the legalization of marijuana in Ohio.

Resolution No. 15-05-02 also adopts an official position, shown below:

Position on the Legalization of Marijuana

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County opposes any attempts to legalize, promote, grow and sell marijuana for recreational purposes in the State of Ohio, and will lead and assist in efforts to defeat any actions to legalize marijuana including an Ohio Constitutional Amendment.

This decision is congruent with the Board’s efforts to prevent mental illness and addictions and ensure that recovery services are available. The Board believes that the use of marijuana is not benign -- which is consistent with major medical organizations -- as studies clearly outline the physical harm of marijuana including increasing the risk of psychotic disease by five times, and that adolescents are especially vulnerable to its many known adverse effects.

In addition to the physical effects, the Board also believes that there would be ramifications on society, including exacerbating a current problem of employers not being able to hire candidates or retain employees because of failed drug tests, decreased adolescent perceptions of marijuana’s harmful effects, and a potential increase of individuals developing addictions to marijuana and other drugs.

The Board also believes that marijuana for medical purposes should be subject to the same research, consideration, and study as any other potential medicine, under the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-02
OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN THE STATE OF OHIO**

Motion to approve Resolution 15-05-02. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Vice Chair, Dr. Biegel, asked Nominating Committee Chair, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., to present the recommended Slate of Officers for FY2016. Dr. Blue noted that the Nominating Committee met on May 13th and May 20th to deliberate on the recommended slate being proposed:

Chairperson – Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA

Vice Chair – J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

Second Vice Chair – Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Motion to accept the Nominating Committee’s Recommended Slate of Officers for FY2016. MOTION: R. Blue
SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

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

Dr. Robert Fowler reported on the P&O Committee meeting of 05/13/15. The committee reviewed the Marijuana Amendment as reported earlier. Three other issues were addressed regarding the current Opiate Epidemic: (1) Sober Housing Services (2) Vivitrol Medication Assisted Treatment and (3) Women’s Re-Entry Program. All three are being recommended for approval to the full Board; an update on the progress of SHARES was also provided to the committee.

Policy Renewal:

- **RECORDS RETENTION POLICY – 2nd Reading**

Given no additional input regarding revisions, the Chair entertained a motion to approve the policy as submitted.

Motion to approve the Records Retention Policy. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. David Biegel, Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 05/20/15.

- **PURCHASING POLICY – 1st Reading – 05/27/15**

Dr. Biegel reported that the Finance & Operations Committee considered and reviewed a new policy being proposed that delineates the purchasing policies of the ADAMHS Board. Historically, procedures had been followed by the Board but were not written down.

Based upon agreement of Finance & Operations Committee members, a change was proposed for page 3 in the Minority Business Enterprise section. The policy stated that the ADAMHS Board would set aside funding for bidding by minority business enterprises only; however, committee members felt that this should be the floor and not the ceiling. Consequently, the last sentence was changed to read, “The funding set-aside will be no less than 15% of the total annual procurements to be awarded in the current fiscal year and aggressively strive to award above the fifteen percent total.”

This purpose of this policy is to identify the policies and procedures to be used in the procurement of goods and services by the ADAMHS Board and is up for its first reading today.

Dr. Biegel highlighted items recommended for approval in the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda (Res. No. 15-05-03 through 15-05-05)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-03 - ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2015**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-04 - APPROVAL OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT:**
 1. Amendment to Resolution 14-11-02, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board – Drug Court Expansion (Contractors: Catholic Charities Services Corporation and Stella Maris) - \$479,598.00 Increase

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-05 - APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:**
 1. Sober Housing Services - \$164,192.00
 - Hitchcock Center for Women - \$101,432.00
 - I'm in Transition - \$32,760.00
 - ORCA House, Inc. - \$17,500.00
 - Scarborough House - \$12,500.00
 2. Vivitrol Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot
 - Community Action Against Addiction - \$100,000.00
 3. Women's Re-Entry Program
 - Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry - \$25,000.00
 4. Temporary Employment Pilot
 - Recovery Resources - \$50,000.00

Amendments:

1. Amendment to Resolution 14-11-02, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board – Drug Court Expansion - \$479,598.00 Increase
 - Catholic Charities Services Corporation
 - Stella Maris
2. Amendment to Resolution 14-11-08, Approval of CY 2015 Service Provider Core, Mid-Biennium and One-Time Funding Contracts – Drug Court Sustainability
 - Community Assessment and Treatment Services - \$168,750.00 Increase
3. Amendment to Resolution 15-01-03, Approval of CY Early Childhood Mental Health Contracts
 - Ohio Guidestone - \$50,000.00 Increase

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 15-05-03 through 15-05-05). MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Harper encouraged all to review the items featured in the attached CEO Headliners dated April 22, 2015.

- On behalf of Mr. Denihan, Mr. Osiecki introduced Danielle Connors, who will be graduating from Kent State University. Ms. Connors will serve as an intern on a part-time basis at the ADAMHS Board during the summer months. She will assist with a project to record the history of the mental health system in Cuyahoga County and to work with the Board's Children's Unit. Ms. Connors' major is Human Development and Family Studies.
- Mr. Osiecki distributed copies and reviewed the Consent Decree: City of Cleveland and the Department of Justice: Mental Health Component Highlights/Briefing. It was noted that the Mr. Denihan was pleased with the report and that the Board will participate through C.I.T. Training and the Advocacy Committee. (The 2-page briefing is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)
- Mr. Osiecki also distributed and explained the Dashboard sample format. Board members agreed that this format seemed to be more user-friendly.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- Rev. Gohlstin noted his appreciation for the award he received at the Annual Meeting for Faith-Based Involvement.
- Mr. Osiecki reported that the special QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training was held on 05/26/15 for the Faith-Based community chaired by Faith-based Outreach Committee Chair, Mary Warr. Ms. Warr noted that sixty people attended from various organizations and appreciated.

11. AUDIENCE INPUT

- On behalf of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's President & CEO, Andrew Genszler, Charles See, Executive Director of Community Re-Entry, thanked Board members for their support of the Women's Re-Entry Program and for the support of Mr. Denihan and Ms. Harper during the development process of this new program.

Regarding the follow-up report on the Women's Homeless Shelter and Ms. Warr's suggestion that the faith community might be invited to help provide activities or support for women during the day, Mr. See noted his interest in collaborating with the Shelter as a way to secure the appropriate services needed for the women; consequently, Mr. See offered to take up Ms. Warr's invitation to work together on this issue.

- Steve Morse of Recovery Resources and liaison with the Council of Agency Directors (CAD) thanked that Board for their support of the Temporary Jobs Pilot to start on 06/01/15.

Mr. Morse addressed the Consent Decree document and noted that CAD representatives wish to let the Board know that they are available to offer their expertise as teachers for C.I.T. trainings as a way to protect our clients. Mr. Morse asked the Board to feel free to call on any or all for this need.

- Mr. Jeremy Koosed, Owner of Plant Kingdom Bakery & Snackery, shared information about a Nutritional Advocacy Group that he is a part of and that advocates for balanced fat intake. He encouraged the ADAMHS Board to concentrate on nutritional wellness as well. Ms. Cash, Board Chair, asked Mr. Koosed to speak further with Ms. Harper after the meeting.
- Greg Uhland, Executive Director of ORCA House, thanked Board members for the honor he received at the Annual Meeting (Addiction Treatment Professional of the Year). Additionally, he wished to share his annual invitation for Board members to attend ORCA House's Picnic scheduled for Friday, 07/19/15, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by:

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