

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2015

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Eileen Saffran, LISW-S
Reginald C. Blue, 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
J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.	

ABSENT: Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Elsie Caraballo, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Steve Killpack, MS, Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC

ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT: William M. Denihan, CEO, Katie Boland, Frank Brickner, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Carol Krajewski, Dave Lambert, Scott Osiecki, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER/AUDIENCE INPUT

Acting Chair, David E. Biegel, Ph.D., 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 May 27, 2015 were approved as submitted.

3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY – JUNE 2015

Mr. Denihan reported that the June art display was created by Sarah Mayer, who formerly received treatment at Community Assessment and Treatment Services. Although Sarah was unable to be present, Mr. Denihan shared that Sarah loves painting with acrylic and tries to capture the beautiful places in her world through her use of colors, symbolism, functional art and décor. Currently, Sarah is involved with the McIntyre Center where she is continuing her journey of personal recovery. She is the mother of a three year old son and remains busy with her own house-cleaning company--Sarah Smiles. In her spare time, she is a tattoo artist. Sarah will soon receive our thanks along with a certificate of participation.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Chair, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., presented the recommended Slate of Officers for FY2016.

Chairperson – Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA

Vice Chair – J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

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

Motion to approve the recommended Slate of Officers for FY2016. MOTION: R. Blue SECOND: M. Warr
AYES: R. Blue, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

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

On behalf of Committee Vice Chair, Steve Killpack, Dr. Reginald Blue reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 06/10/15. Although there were no action items on the agenda, there were three important informational items discussed.

1. A SHARES Update was given by Mr. Denihan, CEO, and John Garrity, Director of QI/Evaluation & Research. The committee was pleased to receive another positive report that the project remains on track to go live on August 11th. The current focus is training and testing. Once the system is live, our providers will phase in use through the rest of 2015 and will file claims for the first time after January 1, 2016. Providers are currently being surveyed for their technology needs. The Board is committed to assisting agencies that need technology upgrades to access the system.

2. Mental health in the local refugee community - The P&O Committee received recommendations from the recently completed report: Mental Health Needs and Service Delivery Capacity for Refugees Living in Cuyahoga County. The report was funded by the ADAMHS Board and the lead contractor was the Case Center for Reducing Health Disparities, led by Earl Pike. Three members of the Refugee Services Collaborative along with Mr. Pike presented the comprehensive insightful recommendations. Both the executive summary and full report are available to Board Members upon request. Board Staff will continue to meet with the leadership of the Refugee Services Collaborative to explore ways to be supportive in the implementation of the recommendations in the short and long term.

3. Scott Osiecki, Director of External Affairs, presented the timeline for the Recovery Oriented System of Care, a part of the statewide transition of mental health and addiction services from a system that concentrates on acute care to one that focuses on recovery management to help individuals not only get well, but stay well. The first step is to conduct a local self-assessment to determine Cuyahoga County's current alignment with the core principles of the Recovery Oriented System of Care. An online survey will be administered through a Board operated survey monkey account to all stakeholders of our Cuyahoga County Board, including our Board Members. Look for the survey in mid-July. Survey results will be presented to the P&O committee in September.

6. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Vice Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 05/20/15.

• **PURCHASING POLICY – 2nd Reading & Official Vote**

Ms. Thoms noted that the purpose of the Purchasing 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 second reading and vote for approval. As no additional feedback or changes were received, Dr. Biegel asked for a motion to approve the policy as presented.

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

• **RESOLUTION NO. 15-06-01
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MAY 2015**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-06-01. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: R. Blue, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / **Motion passed.**

Ms. Thoms highlighted items recommended for approval in the **Consent Agenda, (Res. No. 15-06-02 through 15-06-04)**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-06-02 - APPROVAL OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT:**
 1. Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-06-03 - APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT:**
 1. OhioMHAS – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- FrontLine Services (\$505,223.00)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-06-04 - APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT:**
 1. 13th Annual NAMIWalks for the Mind of America Sponsorship (\$1,500.00)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 15-06-02 through 15-06-04). MOTION: B. Gohlstin
SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: R. Blue, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the attached CEO Headliners dated May 24, 2015.

- Mr. Denihan summarized elements of the State Fiscal Year 16-17 Budget currently in Conference Committee. Unfortunately, there is no additional funding for community mental health and addiction services included. Details are enumerated on the 1st page of the CEO Headliners attached to the minutes.
- Sad news was shared that Lucille Fleming, the founding Director of the former Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, passed away earlier in the day. Ms. Fleming was credited with many contributions that helped to shape Ohio's behavioral health system.
- Recently, Mr. Denihan met with the representatives of the City of Cleveland Division of Police to discuss the ADAMHS Board's involvement in the Consent Decree between the City of Cleveland and the Department of Justice. Mr. Denihan was asked to serve as Chair of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee.

In response to questions of Board members, Mr. Denihan noted that specialized training sessions will be offered for dispatchers to include role playing and address the different types of calls expected, etc. Mr. Denihan also reported that the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee will review all situations that require deadly force.

- Legalization of Marijuana Update: Mr. Denihan reported that there seems to be a growing consensus, across the aisle, to oppose the amendment to legalize the use of marijuana in the state of Ohio.
- The latest version of the ADAMHS Board Dashboard draft was distributed and reviewed. Input from Board members is listed below:
 - Once an item is designated red (act), the action should include a comment explaining how this should be done.
 - The dashboard content seems to focus on access to services; what is still needed is to monitor what happens overtime to track outcomes.

Mr. Denihan acknowledged and thanked his Executive Staff for their work on the dashboard draft.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Ericka Thoms thanked everyone for their well wishes and cards on the passing of her mother, Fran Thoms.
- Ms. Warr expressed her interest in hearing updates from the Council of Agency Directors (CAD) at General Meetings. Mr. Denihan noted that he will relay this message to the CAD.
- Acting Chair, Dr. Biegel, congratulated Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., for his reappointment by OhioMHAS to the ADAMHS Board for an additional four year term.

9. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Orlando Grant, Executive Director of the Life Exchange Center, made three announcements:
 - 1) Everyone was encouraged to "Save the Date--Saturday, October 17, 2015" to attend the 1st Annual "A Night of the Arts" Event to benefit the Life Exchange Center—A Center for Hope & Recovery. Save the Date cards were distributed and will be available at the ADAMHS Board.
 - 2) The Life Exchange Center's Annual Open House is July 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; all welcome.
 - 3) On Sunday, 6/27/15, the Life Exchange Center will be featured on Kaleidoscope Show on TV -5 at 10:00 a.m.

AUDIENCE INPUT *(Continued)*

- Ms. Lu spoke on behalf of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) and was pleased to report that Mr. Denihan and Ms. Harper attended a NEOCH meeting and participated in addressing concerns. She noted her appreciation for their responsiveness and collaboration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: _____

***David E. Biegel, Ph.D., Vice Chair
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County***