

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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.
Cassi Handler	Ericka L. Thoms
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.

ABSENT: Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Steve Killpack, MS, Anngela Williams

ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT: William M. Denihan, CEO, Katie Boland, Frank Brickner, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria Harper, June Hudson, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER/AUDIENCE INPUT

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Vice Chair, 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 July 15, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting were approved as submitted.

3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY – SEPTEMBER 2015

Mr. Denihan reported on the September Artwork Display featuring art pieces created by Joan Weiler, a client of Connections: Health.Wellness.Advocacy who has shared artwork with the ADAMHS Board in the past. Ms. Weiler, diagnosed with schizophrenia a little more than 13 years ago, participates in activities and creates her art at Future Directions. Joan has an Associate's Degree in Art from Lorain Community College, where she graduated with honors, and a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Communication from Cleveland State University.

4. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Harvey Snider, Esq., reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 9/09/15. The committee was briefed on various legislative updates. He noted that the Ohio General Assembly placed Issue 2: Anti-monopoly Measure on the 11/03/15 ballot--a measure aimed at invalidating Issue 3, the marijuana amendment. The committee also received an update on the Cuyahoga County 2016-2017 Biennial Budget. Two items being recommended to the full Board are shown below:

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-01**
ENDORSEMENT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE TAX RENEWAL

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-09-01. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-02**
SUPPORT OF HR 2646: HELPING FAMILIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ACT OF 2015

Based upon review of the proposed support resolution, it was suggested that data specific to Cuyahoga County be included to reflect the caseload size for child psychiatrists in our County. Ms. Thoms recommended amending the resolution to add a statement with the pertinent information.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-09-02 as amended. MOTION: E. Thoms / SECOND: E. Saffran / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

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

Committee Chair, Dr. Robert Fowler, reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 09/09/15. After approval of minutes, all agenda items requiring action were considered and recommended to the Finance & Operations Committee for approval. Dr. Fowler briefly highlighted the programs/services recommended:

- Early Childhood Mental Health Training
- Access to Recovery (ATR) Program
- Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) Request for Mental Health Registered Nurse
- Authorization to Issue a Request for Information for Mental Health Services in the Juvenile Detention Center

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-03**
APPROVAL OF ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S COMMUNITY CAPITAL PLAN FOR SFY2017-2018

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-09-03. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: P. Jones / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Ms. Warr advocated for considering and hiring clients for skilled trade/employment opportunities. Dr. Fowler addressed the concept of providing incentives for those providers who hire behavioral health clients.

Regarding future community capital projects, Mr. Denihan recommended that the ADAMHS Board needs to work on getting new projects "shovel-ready" in order to apply for capital dollars and obtain a successful funding outcome.

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Dr. David Biegel, Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 09/16/15.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-04**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2015 AND AUGUST 2015

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-09-04. MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: E. Caraballo / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: D. Biegel
Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution No. 15-09-05 through 15-09-07)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-05**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS: (Acceptance of Funds)
 1. OhioMHAS – Problem Gambling - \$207,608.00 (Contractor: Recovery Resources)
 2. OhioMHAS – Forensic Services Allocation - \$194,406.00 (Contractors: Cuyahoga County Court of Commons Pleas, Court Psychiatric Clinic, Recovery Resources, Inc.)
 3. OhioMHAS – Central Pharmacy Line of Credit
 4. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections – Assertive Community Treatment Team for Cleveland Adult Parole Office - \$275,000.00 (Contractor: Recovery Resources)

5. Cuyahoga County Office of Health and Human Services, Family and Children First Council– Family Centered Services and Support - \$218,000.00 (Contractor: Positive Education Program)
6. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) – VRP3 Employment Program (Contractors: Recovery Resources, Inc. and Jewish Family Service Association) *[Recommended by P&O Committee]*

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-06**

APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS: (Allocation of Funds)

1. OhioMHAS – Problem Gambling
 - Recovery Resources, Inc. - \$207,608.00
2. OhioMHAS – Forensic Services Allocation
 - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$122,000.00
 - Recovery Resources, Inc. - \$72,406.00
3. OhioMHAS – Central Pharmacy Line of Credit
 - The Centers for Families and Children
 - Connections.Health.Wellness.Advocacy
 - Far West Center
 - Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board (Halfway House)
 - Jewish Family Services Association
 - FrontLine Services
 - Murtis H. Taylor Human Services Center
 - Recovery Resources, Inc.
 - Community Action Against Addiction
4. Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation & Corrections -ACT Team for Cleveland Adult Parole Office
 - Recovery Resources, Inc. - \$414,000.00
5. Cuyahoga County Office of Health & Human Services, Family & Children First Council: Family Centered Services & Support
 - Positive Education Program - \$218,000.00
6. Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) Request for Mental Health Registered Nurse
 - ORIANA House, Inc.- \$60,000.00

Amendments:

1. Amendment to Res. 13-10-04, U.S. Dept. of Justice Grant, Second Chance Act Reentry for Adult Female Offenders
 - FrontLine Services, Inc. - \$80,320.00 Increase
2. Amendment to Resolution 14-10-04, OHIOMHAS - Coordination of Prison Referrals - FrontLine Services, Inc. - \$0 Increase (Time Extension Only)
3. Amendment to Resolution 14-07-04, Employment Services
 - Public Policy Impacts for People with Disabilities - \$25,000.00 Increase
4. Amendment to Res. 14-11-08, Approval of CY2015 Service Provider Core, Mid-Biennium & One-Time Funding Contracts
 - Recovery Resources – \$25,000.00
5. Amendment to Res. 14-11-08, Approval of CY 2015 Service Provider Core, Mid-Biennium & One-Time Funding Contracts
 - Northern Ohio Recovery Association - \$10,000.00

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-07**

APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:

1. Gestalt Institute of Cleveland Program Ad - \$250.00
2. Early Childhood Mental Health Data Collection and Training
 - Devereaux Center for Resilient Children and Kaplan Early Learning - \$14,000.00

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 15-09-05 through 15-09-07). MOTION: R. Blue

SECOND: C. Rerko / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-08**
AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-09-08. MOTION: C. Handler / SECOND: E. Saffran / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-09**
AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCESS TO RECOVERY (ATR) PROGRAM

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-09-09. MOTION: E. Saffron / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, C. Handler, P. Jones, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the attached CEO Headliners dated September 30, 2015.

- **Roads to Recovery Conference 2015:** Special thanks were extended to Scott Osiecki, Director of External Affairs, and other Board staff involved with the Roads to Recovery 2015 Conference held on September 21st. The conference was outstanding; 370 persons attended and comments and evaluations received were very complimentary. The Market Place was sold out at 30 provider/vendor tables.
- **Lease Agreement or ADAMHS Board Administrative Offices:** The ADAMHS Board lease agreement has been signed; regarding parking procedures going forward, Board members will be assigned a specific parking spot that will be available on Wednesdays after 3:00 p.m. New parking permits designating the parking space number will be distributed after the meeting. Additionally, new "Recovery" white t-shirts, ordered to replace the former shirts with fading logos, will also be distributed.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Mental Health Advisory Committee for Cleveland Police:** The MOU between the ADAMHS Board and the Cleveland Chief of Police was recently signed. The MOU addresses the Consent Decree and documents the desire of Cleveland and the ADAMHS Board to work collaboratively to improve the Cleveland Police Department's interactions with individuals in crisis. The ADAMHS Board has been selected to continue to provide Crisis Intervention Training, and efforts will be made to implement the goals of the program. Mr. Denihan is the Chair of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee charged with conducting an analysis of crisis intervention incidents and recommending appropriate changes to Cleveland Police Department policies, procedures and training regarding contact with individuals in crisis. Reports are to be submitted annually.
- **SHARES Update:** Each time the system is tested, issues are discovered which take time to fix. The go-live date is projected for 10/21/15. A significant challenge now is to obtain Medicaid information from the state. To accomplish this, the Council of Governments (COG) will need to utilize a 3rd provider/vendor. As this is a complex issue, it is estimated that we will not get this information until January. A position is being created to represent our special interest; the cost of the full-time position will be shared--the COG will pay for 2/3's of the cost with the ADAMHS Board paying 1/3.
- **Consumer Protection Association (CPA) Status:** Mr. Denihan reported that effective 9/01/15 the Consumer Protection Association, one of our provider agencies, was informed by the Social Security Administration that it can no longer continue to serve as representative payee for SSA and Supplemental Security Incomes beneficiaries. In an effort

to assist clients with payee assistance, the ADAMHS Board is considering how it may end up running the agency on a short-term basis. Mr. Denihan noted that the ADAMHS Board has asked for authorization from OhioMHAS to conduct such business during this crisis period. Verbal permission was granted; however, nothing in writing has been received. Mr. Denihan asked Chief Operating Officer, Valeria Harper, to provide a CPA status report.

Ms. Harper reported that this is a very serious matter and has impacted about 500 clients. An ADAMHS Board internal CPA Crisis Response Team has been working everyday on this problem. Ms. Harper commended Murtis Taylor Human Services System for immediately stepping forward to deploy staff to assist with the payee process. She noted that case managers from other agencies have also been awesome in responding to this crisis.

Our Clients Rights Officer, Judy Jackson-Winston, and Consumer Affairs Specialist, Craig Fallon, have been receiving approximately 15 calls per day specifically complaining about client's financial situations as a result of CPA's closure.

Discussion followed and Board members relayed the impact on their family members and associates. Mr. Snider commended staff for their efforts and appreciated the efforts of his son's case manager. He added that it is extremely difficult for clients to cash their Social Security check.

Ms. Thoms reiterated Mr. Snider's suggestion made at the 9/16/15 Finance & Operations Committee to reach out to banks that have relationships with providers or the ADAMHS Board in order to alleviate the problem for clients needing to cash their monthly Social Security check. Ms. Harper noted that Murtis Taylor had a long-standing relationship with Key Bank; when the agency called the bank, an arrangement was made with the East 30th and Chester branch to ease the process of cashing checks for clients. Mr. Denihan noted that he also has working relationships with Huntington Bank and Third Federal and will see if he can get them to help with this issue as well.

Ms. Harper reported that a meeting has been scheduled with SMILE, an agency that provides payee services; however, efforts are needed first to check on the entity to assure that it is within compliance.

- **Request for Information (RFI) Process:** Mr. Denihan reported on a change needed in the RFI process. In order to review the 100 programs proposed by 65 agencies, Board staff needs additional time to analyze the submissions. The intent is to present the proposed budget during the November Board meeting cycle. In October, the ADAMHS Board's priorities will be presented where Board will recommend adding a section to the proposed budget entitled System Priorities.
- **County Budget Status:** The ADAMHS Board has been informed that Cuyahoga County Administration is planning to reduce our base allocation by \$6,718,183.00 due to the fact that the County is projecting a \$27 million deficit in 2015. The actual County cash reserve is approximately \$40 million rather than the \$160 million previously reported that is now considered an error. Mr. Denihan feels strongly that Health & Human Services levy dollars should not be used to make up for County General Fund shortages. He has met with Sharon Sobol-Jordan, Chief of Staff, Akram Boutros, President & CEO of MetroHealth Medical Center and Dan Brady, County Council President, to address this issue and to confirm with all that the proposed reductions do not constitute an acceptable solution. The ADAMHS Board will present our budget to County Council on 10/22/15 and Board staff has been advised by Mr. Denihan to prepare our proposed budget without factoring in a potential reduction.
- **Medicaid Expansion:** The ADAMHS Board has realized approximately \$5.4 million in cost savings as a result of Medicaid Expansion; however, OhioMHAS reduced our state revenue significantly based on the State's assumption that our Board would realize a cost savings of \$9 million.
- **Marijuana Campaign:** Given the upcoming election, the legalization of marijuana issue is heating up. The ADAMHS Board is being asked by several entities to present its formal position to oppose any attempts to legalize, promote, grow and sell marijuana for recreational purposes in the state of Ohio and 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. Mr. Denihan noted that he will be involved in a discussion about marijuana legalization

and Issue 3 at The City Club of Cleveland on Monday, 10/5/15 at noon. Later than afternoon, a special press conference has been scheduled where Mr. Denihan and Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. will also participate.

- **Board Appointments:** Mr. Denihan was pleased to report that five county appointments have recently been made; however, not all appointments reflect a full term. Mr. Denihan has spoken to County Executive, Armond Budish, about this situation and suggested that the affected appointments be amended to full term status. County Executive Budish concurred verbally with the recommendation and noted that he would follow up with the appropriate County Council committee.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – None

9. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Maureen Dee, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, thanked Mr. Denihan for his acknowledgement of the passing of Dennis Madden, Chief Executive Officer of Stella Maris.

Ms. Dee also announced the 50th Anniversary of the Matt Talbot Programs and invited Board members to attend the event scheduled for Tuesday, 10/6/15 from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Parmadale campus. Mr. Denihan is scheduled to make the opening remarks.

- Kelly Dylag, President of the Council of Agency Directors (CAD), acknowledged and commended Mr. Denihan’s participation and leadership of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee and its important charge. CAD members appreciate being a part of this mission and look forward to serve as contributing members of this initiative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by:

**J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Vice Chair
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**