

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2014

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Harvey A. Snider, Esq.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.,
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Steve Killpack, MS
Mary Boyle	Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC,
Elsie Caraballo	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA	Ericka L. Thoms
Richard A. Folbert	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Anngela Williams

ABSENT: David E. Biegel, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Eileen Saffran, LISW-S, William J. Tobin

ADAMHS BOARD STAFF PRESENT: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Ralph Piatak, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 PM as a quorum had been reached.

AUDIENCE INPUT

On behalf of NAMI Ohio, Michael Baskin, Executive Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland, cordially invited everyone in attendance--providers, Board members and Board staff--to attend a Northeast Ohio Mental Health Appreciation Reception on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Beachwood DoubleTree Hilton Hotel. Flyers were provided with details.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 29, 2014 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Snider reported that Congress is considering a plan from the Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that proposes a rule to restrict access to anti-depressant and anti-psychotic medications in the Medicare Part D program. Historically, Medicare Part D Plans have been required to include on their preferred drug lists all or substantially all psychiatric medications in recognition that personal choice and clinical judgment are critically important in decisions about these medications. The proposed rule would restrict the availability of anti-depressant medications in 2015 and restrict the availability of anti-psychotic medications in 2016.

NAMI's stance is that restricting access to psychiatric medications can be extremely harmful for individuals living with serious mental illness, including increased hospitalizations and other negative consequences. Mr. Snider agrees that at a time when national attention is focused on improving mental health care, a rule restricting access to psychiatric medications does not make sense; therefore, he encouraged all concerned to contact the NAMI national office to support its advocacy efforts.

[Anngela Williams arrived.]

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING REPORT

Mr. Snider reported on the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on 02/19/14.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-01
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT
DURING JANUARY 2014**

Motion to approve Resolution 14-02-01. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None
Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolutions Nos. 14-02-02 through 14-02-04)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-02**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:
 1. Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) – Early Learning Challenge Grant (Contractor: Positive Education Program)
 2. Amendment to Resolution 13-09-03 – Opportunities for Ohioans With Disabilities – VRP3 Funding for Employment Services: Recovery to Work (Contractors: Jewish Family Services Assn. & Recovery Resources)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-03**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:
 1. Notice of Sub-Award: OhioMHAS – Early Learning Challenge Grant
 - Positive Education Program
 2. Amendment to Resolution 13-09-03 – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities – VRP3 Funding for Employment Services: Recovery to Work Grant
 - Jewish Family Services Association
 - Recovery Resources
- **RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-04**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS:
 1. State and County Reentry & Criminal Justice Planning - Michael J. Stringer
 2. Amendment to Resolution 14-01-07 – Chief Clinical Officer Farid Sabet-Sharghi, M.D.

Motion to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 14-02-02 through 14-02-04).

MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None **Motion passed.**

[Mary Boyle arrived.]

- **RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-05**
APPROVAL OF CY2014 NEW FUNDING PRIORITIES

Regarding the Priorities Description document (page 3), Ms. Boyle asked whether there would be incentives for providers other than funding. Mr. Denihan noted that the concept of incentives is still to be flushed out.

Motion to approve Resolution 14-02-05. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-06**
APPROVAL OF CY2014 NEW FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Mr. Killpack inquired about the funding process outside of the (RFI) Request for Information. Mr. Denihan noted the RFI process considered core services. The Board has received letters and proposals from providers where the priorities established have been used to make decisions and recommendations. While this is a mixture of those services mentioned in the RFI process, it also includes new providers and existing providers with new programs/services.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-02-06. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None **Motion passed.**

Mr. Snider thanked Board members for their questions after the passage of the Health & Human Services Levy about funding decisions that spearheaded the explanation of the process and the comprehensive material prepared by Board staff. Board members also appreciated the hard work of Board staff to effectively present the information about RFI's, the use of funds, services provided throughout the system, etc.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted several items featured in the CEO Headliners dated February 26, 2014 (attached to minutes).

- Mr. Denihan addressed the OACBHA (Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities) meeting on 2/21/14 with OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck as outlined on page 2 of the CEO Headliners. She stated that after the Mid-biennium Budget Review she will meet specifically with Boards to further develop the plan that focuses on recovery support services. Since Medicaid enrollment is down state-wide, Mr. Denihan hopes that the state takes time to re-evaluate Medicaid enrollment figures prior to making a decision regarding state funding changes.
- Testimony before House Health Committee - Mr. Denihan provided testimony about the Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion. The IMD 16-bed rule, enacted in 1965, was a way to curtail warehousing people in institutions and prohibits Medicaid providers from having residential facilities that can serve more than 16 individuals at a time. Mr. Denihan reported that our system lacks the capacity for detox and residential beds to address the current heroin epidemic. Currently, there is a waiting list for 20-60 individuals; therefore, it may take several months before a person can be assessed and treated. Another outcome is that 50% of individuals who cannot obtain services when needed do not return, go back to their addiction/s, and may not survive.
- Mr. Denihan highlighted the SAMHSA Behavioral Health Barometer: Ohio (on page 4) that illustrated the percentage of youths reporting improved functioning from treatment received through the public mental health system was lower in Ohio than in the nation as a whole.
- The OACBHA Legislative Day has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 18. Board members were encouraged to participate in this important lobbying event.

[Elsie Caraballo arrived.]

- The NAMI Ohio Mental Health Appreciation Reception scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, will recognize Board members for their service. The primary award will be presented to Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq. for his service to the mental health community. Board members were encouraged to attend the recognition ceremony; Director Plouck will also be in attendance.

Ms. Warr asked whether the Board should take a position on the Medicare Part D rule. The Chair noted that NAMI Ohio is taking an official stance in opposition. Dr. Jones noted that this practice is not an unheard of situation. As a cost-cutting measure on the federal level, VA (Veterans Administration) hospitals must go through at least 3 old-style medications to say that they have failed in order to prescribe the newer, expensive medication. Dr. Jones supports opposing this rule for the general public. Burt Rahl, a member of Council Agency Directors (CAD), noted that the Mental Health Institute on Aging has already written its letter of opposition on this subject.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Pythias Jones commented that the working documents distributed regarding CY2014 funding have enhanced his understanding of the Board and the behavioral health system.
- Ms. Boyle addressed the potential changes proposed at the state level and her understanding about where this Board's finances stand. Ms. Plouck, when asked, would not specify what targeting meant. Although we will have to wait to see, Mr. Denihan noted that the ADAMHS Board's priorities are congruent with the state's priorities.

7. AUDIENCE INPUT

- Mr. Greg Uhland, Executive Director of ORCA House, commented on the IMD Rule. He noted that ORCA has two facilities that are a block from each other—one with 16 beds and the other with 12 beds. An effort was made to unbundle and bill for Medicaid from each facility; however, authorities told ORCA House that it did not fit the criteria to meet Medicaid expansion at this site.

AUDIENCE INPUT (Continued)

- Steve Morse, of Recovery Resources and President of the Council of Agency Directors (CAD), congratulated Mr. Snider on NAMI Ohio's decision to recognize him for his service to the mental health community. Mr. Morse reported that many CAD meetings focus on the same issues/discussions of the Board; updates are summarized below:
 - 1) The CAD agrees that the proposed Medicaid rule requiring experimentation with cheaper medications before finding the right one is a terrible proposal; therefore, many agencies are writing letters in opposition.
 - 2) Regarding state funding cuts, the CAD feels as strongly as the Board about reductions or targeting mandates from the state because it appreciates the long and hard fight to obtain better equity for Cuyahoga County and more per capita funding from the state.
 - 3) There is momentum in our state to join the National Association of Recovery Residences. In Cuyahoga County efforts have begun to form an affiliate to join this national association with its own standards and evidenced based practices to create more beds in the community for people who have committed to sobriety. HUD has a philosophy which does not require sobriety. The Department and the Ohio Counsel strongly believe that there needs to be choice for people so that individuals have an option to live among people who have the same goals to remain sober.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: _____
Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County