

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

GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2013 MINUTES

Board of Directors Present:

Harvey A. Snider, Esq.	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Mary Boyle	Ericka L. Thoms
Pastor Charles E. Brown	William J. Tobin
Elsie Caraballo	Mary R. Warr, M. Ed.
Richard A. Folbert	Anngela Williams
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Absent: Stephanie J. FallCreek, D.S.W.

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Michael Doud, Tami Fischer, Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Harvey Snider, called the General Meeting at 4:00 PM; no audience input was received.

2. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY

Mr. Denihan introduced the artwork of TERRY STONE, a consumer of mental health services at the Far West Center who uses many materials to create a variety of interesting birdhouses. Terry stated that the production of these art objects has helped him to feel good and prepare for employment. Mr. Denihan explained that Terry was unable to receive the recognition in person because he was "at work". Mr. Denihan confirmed that a certificate of recognition will be forwarded to Terry in thanks for displaying his artwork this month.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of 11/28/12 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

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

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 01/09/13. Dr. Fowler reviewed and elaborated on the Legislative/Advocacy Report and other issues, including the:

- SFY14-15 Budget
- OACBHA Legislative Advocacy Day: January 29, 2013
- Community Discussion: To discuss the Development of Recommendations to Address the Role of Mental Health in Preventing Tragedies
- 2013 ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting – Monday, May 20, 2013 – Airport Marriott Hotel
- Advocacy/Social Marketing Strategic Plan Update
- Suicide Prevention Activities recommended and reflected in operational contracts
- Media Tracking Report
- Advocacy Action Agenda

(Details regarding topics can be found in the CR&A minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

• **RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-01**

APPROVAL OF 2013 ADVOCACY ACTION AGENDA

Discussion followed on the proposed Advocacy Action Agenda draft specifically around the new goal to recognize and advocate for spirituality in the recovery process. One format revision accepted was to list first in the System of Care goals the general goal of continuing public awareness and other efforts.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-01-01. MOTION: C. Brown / SECOND: A. Williams / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

As this General Meeting is the first time that the full Board has met since the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy, Mr. Snider felt that now is the time for Cuyahoga County's ADAMHS Board, one of the largest counties in the state, to take the opportunity and chance to promote the mental health agenda addressed recently by President Obama. Mr. Snider noted that the President of NAMI (National Association on Mental Illness) is speaking on national public radio, public television, etc. to promote congressional legislative action to support crisis intervention throughout the country. Mr. Snider asked each Board member to individually think about this important focus on mental health in order to provide feedback to him regarding potential issues to support or next steps to take.

Rev. Gohlstin invited Board members to attend the Greater Cleveland Congregations meeting scheduled for Thursday, 1/24/13, at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8900 Quincy Avenue at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on the additional Medicaid funds being offered to the state of Ohio. The assembly is in support of advocating for acceptance of these funds by Governor Kasich for needed mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services for members of our community and state.

6. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Pythias D. Jones, M.D., reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 1/09/13 and items discussed. (Details regarding topics listed can be found in the P&O minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

- S.C.A.L.E. Evaluation Overview– Purpose, Summary of Progress & Recommended Improvement Steps
- Stakeholders Survey results were shared.
- Spend-Down Project Overview & Status Report provided.
- Consolidation of State Departments: Preliminary proposed Ohio Revised Code revisions were shared.
- Future Topics for P&O Committee were announced.

Details regarding agenda topics and future topics can be found in the P&O Committee minutes on the Web site.

7. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Pastor Charles Brown, reported on the meeting held on 01/16/13 and commended Board staff from the Fiscal Unit who provided financial information and reports--Ralph Platak, Financial Analyst Administrator, and Cheryl Fratalone, Claims and Membership Administrator. Pastor Brown presented the resolutions recommended for approval included in the Consent Agenda. Dr. Biegel requested that Resolution No. 13-01-02 be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda. The Board Chair entertained a motion.

Motion to remove Resolution No. 13-01-02 from the Consent Agenda. MOTION: B. Gohlstin

SECOND: C. Brown / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Romaniuk, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None

Motion passed.

- RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-02
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING NOVEMBER 2012 AND DECEMBER 2012

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-01-02. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Romaniuk, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / Motion passed.

- RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-03
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:
 - Memorandum of Understanding: Office of Early Childhood (ECMH), Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD), Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services (CCDCFS), Educational Services Center (ESC) and Help Me Grow – Family Centered Services & Support Program : ECMH Coordinator position
 - MOU: Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities & Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-04**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Family Centered Services & Support Program : ECMH Coordinator position – Educational Service Center (ESC)
 - Memorandum of Understanding: Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
 - Positive Education Program: Family Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) Contract
- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-05**
APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:
 - Call & Post and JEM Relations LLC - Suicide Prevention Awareness Newspaper Ads
 - Marriott Cleveland Airport: ADAMHS Annual Meeting – May 20, 2013
 - Amendment to Resolution No. 12-10-07, Authorization to Explore Purchase of Properties Formerly Owned/Operated by Bridgeway, Inc.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended: Resolution Nos. 13-01-03 through 13-01-05.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Romaniuk, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, reported that the revised policy statement, Recruitment of Board Members, is up for its second reading and vote. She reiterated that the revisions to the policy are being proposed to delineate the Board's role with respect to state appointment vacancies and county appointment vacancies.

• **POLICY STATEMENT: RECRUITMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Purpose: To help enlist quality and committed individuals who are demographically representative of the population of Cuyahoga County to serve on the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County for state appointments and, upon request, for county appointments.

Motion to approve the revised Recruitment of Board Members policy, effective 1/23/13.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Romaniuk, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Snider reported that the Executive Committee met on 1/16/13 to conduct a review of current ADAMHS Board policies up for their 3-year review.

Additionally, the Executive Committee voted to approve a resolution in support of the efforts throughout the country to overhaul and strengthen mental health and crisis services; consequently, **Resolution 13-01-06, Acknowledgement of Addressing Mental Health**, is recommended for approval by the full Board.

Discussion followed. Input from Board members included the following changes to the proposed resolution:

- Strengthen WHEREAS statement, "ADAMHS Board believes that more ***must*** be done" . . .
- In 3rd "resolved statement" . . . to include Medicaid expansion **through the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act in** the SFY 14-15 Budget . . .
- Stronger wording of title was provided . . . **A Call to Respond to the Mental Health Needs of Ohioans in the Wake of the Tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-06**
A CALL TO RESPOND TO THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OHIOANS IN THE WAKE OF THE TRAGEDY IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-01-06 as revised. MOTION: E. Caraballo / SECOND: R. Blue
AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Romaniuk,
P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None

Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY RENEWALS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

The Board Chair highlighted the minor changes being proposed for the policies listed below:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- Claims Appeal Policy
- Clients Rights and Grievance Policy
- Contract Modification Due to Change in Funding
- Education about False Claims Recovery
- General Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality
- Policy Development & Implementation
- Processing Requests for Public Records

Motion to approve the renewal of the policy statements as listed above.

MOTION: E. Caraballo / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, C. Brown, E. Caraballo, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, R. Romaniuk, P. Jones, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated January 23, 2013 (attached to minutes).

- Mr. Denihan introduced the various funding models being considered by Ohio Department of Mental Health Director as outlined on page 3 of the CEO Headliners.
- Efforts to convene a community discussion on mental health issues have begun; the meeting date and location is yet to be determined.
- The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Annual Legislative Day is Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the Statehouse in Columbus. Board members were encouraged to participate in the day-long event. Transportation will be arranged; an itinerary and discussion points will also be provided.

11. BRIDGEWAY: A DETAILED DISCUSSION

Mr. Denihan used a comprehensive power point presentation to describe Bridgeway's history, the results to date, lessons learned and proactive preventative strategies. (The 62-slide presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit and is also posted on www.adamhsc.org) Mr. Denihan recognized and thanked all Board staff involved with the transition process and provider agencies who also stepped up to assist with service delivery to clients. He specifically thanked Ms. Harper and Mr. Osiecki for their support in producing the content and presentation of this report.

Discussion points:

- 1) Program reviews are a proactive way to ensure that agencies are providing quality services, etc. and will be conducted on Non-Medicaid services only.
- 2) Given the elevation of Medicaid oversight to the state, it was noted that Medicaid agencies experiencing financial problems in the future might also be problematic if not identified early on by the state.
- 3) If such a situation occurred with a Medicaid only agency, Mr. Denihan noted that he would still want to step in to help but would bill the state for reimbursement.

Discussion points: (Continued)

- 4) Mr. Denihan stated that Bridgeway's fundamental problem was not meeting productivity to bill Medicaid and meet costs for personnel.
- 5) The 06 rule prevented the Board from evaluating Bridgeway's finances.
- 6) A concern was raised with the name of a particular individual mentioned in the Bridgeway Summary document; Mr. Denihan noted that the document would be revised accordingly.
- 7) Mr. Denihan noted that he presented the information on Bridgeway as it was under his watch and he wished to assure that lessons learned would be addressed in an effort to avert similar situations.
- 8) Mr. Denihan acknowledged the presence of Jim McCafferty, the current CEO of the organization, who has been very helpful in untangling all of the various components and working to get all of the properties sold.
- 9) The Chair and several Board members stated that they were favorably impressed with the thoroughness of the report and presentation prepared by Mr. Denihan and Board staff.

12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

13. AUDIENCE INPUT - None

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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