

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 27, 2013

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	William J. Tobin
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW	Mary R. Warr, M. Ed.
Richard A. Folbert	Anngela Williams
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	

Absent: Pastor Charles E. Brown, Elsie Caraballo, Stephanie J. FallCreek, D.S.W., Ericka L. Thoms

ADAMHS Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Carole Ballard, Michael Doud, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor for audience input on agenda items.

- Michael Baskin, Executive Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland, noted that NAMI supports the resolution for a dedicated levy due to reported unmet needs of the consumers of mental health services as well as the status of inadequate funding. He stressed the importance of examining how to best present this effort in order to be successful.
- Pastor Pinckney shared how she overcame challenges in her life and registered several of her concerns.
- Kathleen Stoll, identified herself as a long-time advocate since the establishment of the original Mental Health Board who has also been working for some time on a book about the history of mental health in Cuyahoga County. She explained her rationales for support of the resolutions in support of a dedicated Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy and for approval of Medicaid Expansion.

2. OATH OF OFFICE: STATE APPOINTMENT (ODADAS)

Mr. Snider noted that Ms. Eugenia Cash was recently appointed by Director Orman Hall of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to serve on the ADAMHS Board. Barbara R. Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from the Office of Timothy G. McGinty, administered the Oath of Office to EUGENIA CASH, MSSA, LSW.

3. RECOGNITION OF CONSUMER ARTWORK DISPLAY - February 2013

Mr. Denihan introduced JOAN WEILER, who receives services from Connections: Health.Wellness.Advocacy and participates in activities and creates her art at Future Directions. Joan's written statement noted that "I believe that art is work, hard work, a form of self-expression that helps to release stress . . . my artwork took time and concentration which enables me to appreciate art therapy and future help." A certificate of recognition was presented to Joan in thanks for displaying her artwork this month.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The General Meeting minutes of 01/23/13 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Committee Chair, Ericka Thoms, Dr. Fowler reported on the Nominating Committee meeting held on 02/13/13, and noted that on 02/07/13, Ms. Eugenia Cash was appointed to serve as the AOD advocate on the ADAMHS Board of Directors by ODADAS Director, Orman Hall; her appointment term expires on 6/30/16. Dr. Fowler explained that before Ms. Cash's term expired, she had been elected to the office of Vice Chair, which remained open based upon an action of the Executive Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT *(Continued)*

Dr. Fowler noted that Ms. Cash's initial appointment to the ADAMHS Board was on 7/1/09 and that during her tenure, she actively participated and served on many committees including: the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee; the Nominating Committee; the Executive Committee; the Planning & Oversight Committee; the CEO Performance Review Team; and the Faith-Based Outreach Committee. At the February 13th Nominating Committee meeting, committee members unanimously approved reinstating Ms. Cash to her former elected position as Vice Chair through the end of June.

Dr. Fowler noted that currently there is another ODADAS appointment vacancy which must be filled by an AOD professional according to the Ohio Revised Code. An e-mail announcement was made & posted on the Board's Board Web site that garnered 11 applications from individuals interested and qualified for applying for the AOD professional vacancy on the Board. The Nominating Committee reviewed the applications received and identified the next steps for interviewing several candidates. An interview date will be determined soon.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Snider stressed the importance of the two actions being considered on the agenda for the residents of our County and shared his personal support of both resolutions, Nos. 13-02-01 and 13-02-02. Mr. Snider asked Board members to encourage their friends and associates to speak out in support of Medicaid expansion.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-01**SUPPORT OF A DEDICATED MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES LEVY**

Motion for approval: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., seconded by Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Board member input in support :

- As the mental health and addiction service system is significantly underfunded, a dedicated levy is a way to begin to close the gap for needed services.
- Given the Board's favorable reputation, it should not have trouble obtaining private support for a dedicated levy.
- Due to the lack of adequate funds, for a number of months last year, agency admission intakes were closed; this outcome is evidence that more funds are needed.
- A dedicated levy would help to provide Non-Medicaid support for related services such as Peer Support--a vital component of Recovery--and for better, improved housing. An analogy was provided; people living with a mental illness can be compared to a medical patient waiting for a transplant. The person with mental illness is need of vital resources—all linked to funding.
- Our daily newspaper points out those situations when individuals fall through the cracks and do not get the help that they need.

Board member feedback noting concern:

- Appreciation was felt for the need for adequate funding for services; however, a concern was registered about the timing of releasing this information given the various issues around the state budget, the tenuous issue of Medicaid Expansion, the merger of state departments, etc. There needs to be time to develop a clear message to the community identifying why a new or different tax is needed.
- A third levy would not be desirable; however, options could be explored by the County to revise the distribution of allocations, for example, a separate healthcare levy and human services levy.

Response from the Chair:

- Issues raised are valid and ones that have been considered by others. Approximately 15-18 years ago, a request was made of the County Commissioners for an independent mental health levy. At that time, the Commissioners stated, "this is not the time, don't worry; we'll take care of you. You will get your portion; don't rock the boat." Other Counties in Ohio with dedicated levies are doing much better than our County.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-01, SUPPORT OF A DEDICATED MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES LEVY

The issue of polling was discussed. Mr. Denihan noted that a poll was conducted approximately 10 years ago; however, he did not favor spending funds for a poll at this time prior to receiving a decision from the County. Ms. Boyle noted for the record that she is not voting against the mission of the Board, its goals, or its responsibility to advocate for funding; however, she is not comfortable with the timing or the wording of the resolution as it appeared.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-08**CALL FOR SUPPORT OF MEDICAID EXPANSION**

During review of resolution in support of Medicaid Expansion, a revision was proposed to remove the phrase, "*has crumbled and*" from the 3rd whereas statement. The sentence then read, "Ohio's mental health and addiction services support system is in a state of crisis. . ." The maker of the motion accepted the amendment.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-02-08 as amended. MOTION: M. Boyle / SECOND: W. Tobin / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Vice Chair, David E. Biegel, Ph.D., reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 02/13/13 and items discussed. (Details regarding topics listed can be found in the P&O minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

- AIDS Funding Collaborative Presentation
- 72-Hour Crisis Unit
- SHARES Overview/Update
- SCALE Update
- Psychiatrist for Community Based Correctional Facility
- Strategic Plan Updates
- Future Topics for P&O Committee were announced.

Mr. Snider reported that Dr. Reginald C. Blue, following the P&O Committee meeting, expressed his interest in serving on the AIDS Funding Collaborative as the ADAMHS Board's representative. The Board Chair, subsequently, appointed him to this position. Details regarding agenda topics & future topics can be found in the P&O Committee minutes on the Web site.

8. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Interim Committee Chair, Harvey Snider, reported on the meeting held on 02/20/13.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-02**
APPROVAL OF AGENCY PROVIDER PARTICIPATION IN TEAM DECISION MAKING MEETINGS

Recommendation: To approve the allocation of funding to agencies contracted through the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$75,000.00 to attend Team Decision Making meetings (that are a part of the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services) upon the completion of the program protocols.

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

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-03**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JANUARY 2013

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-02-03. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution No. 13-02-04 through 13-02-07)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-04**
APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:
 - ◇ Execution of Agreement with Ohio Department of Mental Health: Assumption Waiver and Release Agreement for Premises MH-219B located at 1466 W. 81st Street, Cleveland, OH
 - ◇ Execution of Agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) and Warrensville Developmental Center
 - ◇ ODMH Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA): Early Learning Challenge Grant – Positive Education Program
- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-05**
APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:
 - ◇ Execution of Agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) -
 - Warrensville Developmental Center
 - ◇ ODMH Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA): Early Learning Challenge Grant
 - Positive Education Program
 - ◇ Mental Health Program at Community Based Correctional Facility
 - Recovery Resources
 - ◇ Psychiatric Services for the Cuyahoga County Community Based Correctional Facility
 - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas
- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-06**
APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:
 - ◇ Faith-based Suicide Prevention Training Presenter, Russ Crabtree of BestMinds Consulting
 - ◇ Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Cleveland
- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-06**
RATIFICATION OF FISCAL AGENT TRANSACTIONS FOR DEFENDING CHILDHOOD TRAINING CONTRACTS:
 - ◇ SPARCS (Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress) Clinical Training: Mandy Habib
 - ◇ PCIT (Parent Child Interaction Therapy) Training: Cheryl McNeil, Ph.D.
 - ◇ AFCBT (Alternatives for Families: A Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy) Training: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
 - ◇ TFCBT (Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy) Training: Erna Olafson, Ph.D., Psy.D

Motion to approve Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 13-02-04 through 13-02-07. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / Motion passed.

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Snider reported that when the Executive Committee met on 1/16/13 it conducted its 3-year review of the ADAMHS Board Bylaws. Accordingly, the membership received the revised document and written notice well in advance of the 21 days stipulated in the Bylaws.

• APPROVAL OF ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY BYLAWS

Board members were asked to provide their input regarding other revisions needed; see proposed revisions below:

- Page 1 - Remove notation regarding revision of Mission Statement
- Page 2 - Remove statement regarding initial appointments & predecessor Boards – no longer relevant
- Page 12 - Change title, HR Manager, to Director of Human Resources

Motion to approve the ADAMHS Board Bylaws as revised.

MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, 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 February 27, 2013 (attached to minutes).

- Mr. Denihan referenced the recent testimony made by ODMH Director Tracy Plouck before the House Finance Committee that stated that "Cuyahoga County with 11% of the population receives 15% of state funding." Mr. Denihan noted that this true quote that has been taken out of context. We do have 11% of the population; however, we have less than 2% of Non-Medicaid funds which are wrap-around services for those who have Medicaid and those who are uninsured. The chart on page 6 of the Headliners indicates how Non-Medicaid dollars are spent.
- Mr. Bernie Smith, the first Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board, submitted a written statement as he was unable to be present at the meeting. Mr. Denihan read into the record:

"The ADAMHS Board and its contract agencies perform remarkably in reaching approximately 46,500 residents of Cuyahoga County. However, these services reach less than half of those residents identified as at risk, in need of mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction services.

Existing Health and Human Services levies do not meet the Cuyahoga County's mental health and addiction service needs. These past years diminished State and County monies have brought about staff layoffs and waiting lists for services. President Obama's Executive Order last week safeguarding mental health and addiction services, and the creation of Health Exchanges under the Affordable Care Act will greatly increase the number of residents eligible and seeking services. Those above Medicaid levels and uninsured are a special group of persons who can only get services through Board sponsored agencies.

We cannot afford to postpone or delay availability of services because of financial limitations. Comparable Ohio counties with dedicated levies for mental health and addiction services provide double the dollars for their citizens. We must reach out to the troubled, disturbed, addicted child, adolescent, adult, senior citizen and their families. We must prevent a Columbine, Aurora or Newtown in our community. Support a dedicated mental health and addiction levy for Cuyahoga County." H. Bernard Smith, first Executive Director/Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board

- Mr. Denihan was pleased to introduce the ADAMHS Board's Chief Financial Officer, Frank Brickner. Frank brings with him 27 years of accounting, 5 years experience conducting audits for local/federal governments, 22 years of supervisory and managerial level positions in Cuyahoga County and is currently the Chief Financial Officer for Workforce Development in Cuyahoga County. Mr. Denihan felt confident that Mr. Brickner will exhibit a collaborative, teamwork approach. Mr. Brickner stated that he looks forward to working at the ADAMHS Board and will begin his employment on March 11, 2013.

11. OLD BUSINESS – None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Snider thanked Board members for their courage in standing up for those who cannot speak for themselves by approving a resolution in favor of a dedicated levy for mental health and addiction services. Mr. Snider noted further that dissent is also important in order to call for review and to point out those things that the Board should look out for; consequently, he appreciates such input.

13. AUDIENCE INPUT

Steve Morse, from Recovery Resources and President of the Council of MH Agency Directors (CAD), provided an update on CAD interests and activities:

- Medicaid Expansion – CAD is unanimous in supporting Medicaid expansion; however, it is not unanimous that this issue should be considered a separate bill. The reasoning for this is (1) that if you remove Medicaid Expansion from budget bill, suddenly it throws the budget out of balance into a deficit, and (2) as some Republicans question the advisability of Medicaid Expansion, they would have to go on the record for supporting it if it were a separate bill. By the time the budget is presented, the hope is that CAD will be able to come to a unified approach and advocacy effort for its passage.
- Mr. Denihan plans to attend the March CAD meeting in order to share information about the dedicated levy issue.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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