

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 24, 2013**

**Board of Directors Present:**

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

**Absent:** Mary Boyle, Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Richard A. Folbert

**ADAMHS Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Frank Brickner, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Tami Fischer, 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 4:05 p.m. There was no audience input on agenda items.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of 03/20/13 were approved as submitted.

**3. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Committee Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., noted that a quorum of the Faith-based Outreach Committee was not reached on 4/3/13; however, a discussion was held between committee and adhoc members present.

A proposed Action Plan, submitted by Karell T. McDaniel, Faith-based Outreach Subcommittee Chair, addresses the four goals previously approved by the full Board. The document was added to the General Meeting packet for first reading by the full Board. Both Rev. Gohlstin and, committee member, Mary Warr, commended subcommittee members for their excellent work product. Mr. Snider asked Board members, providers and audience members to provide feedback on the proposed Action Plan to Rev. Gohlstin or other committee members.

**4. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, Pythias D. Jones, M.D. reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 04/10/13 and highlighted items discussed.

- **Medical Marijuana** – There is a decreased perception of the harm of marijuana for younger people. Legalization efforts are in progress in many states. 52% of Americans support legalization based on one research study of 1500 people ages 18-32. Sixteen states have passed medical marijuana laws. The presentation addressed the concerns of marijuana on health, academics, the workplace, highway safety and the cost to society.
- **Opiate/Heroin Epidemic** – Project DAWN, supported by the County Executive, MetroHealth Medical Center and the Ohio Department of Health addresses the significant Opiate/Heroin Epidemic. Joan Papp, M.D. and Megan Hatta, SEP Nurse at the Free Clinic, highlighted the program developed for opioid users who are at risk of death from opioid and/or heroin overdose.
- **Gambling** – Jennifer Clegg of Recovery Resources and Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, presented an update on problem gambling issues in Ohio as well as the prevention services provided by the agency. For the first 6 months of FY13, the agency had 55 clients. It provided prevention services to 250 consumers and screened over 550 consumers for gambling issues.
- **Program Review Update** – Valeria Harper, Chief Operating Officer, highlighted progress on provider agency reviews that are not considered audits but are being conducted to review consumer/client files and to talk with agency staff/consumers to ensure that services as described in the Non-Medicaid contracts are being delivered. Technical assistance is also provided to provider agencies upon request.

- **Update on Hoarding Network** – Co-Chairs of the Hoarding Connection Network, Bert Rahl, Director of Mental Health/Eldercare Services Institute, and Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Projects Specialist/ADAMHS Board, presented an overview of the Task Force its mission and goal statements. Its mission is to educate the community about the need for a coordinated effort of personnel from local government, mental health and social service agencies to effectively help individuals who hoard and those working with individuals who hoard.
- **SHARES Update** – Dr. John Garrity, Director of QI/Evaluation & Research, reported that the Council of Governments is getting very close to signing a contract with a vendor to implement the SHARES Information System.
- **SCALE Update** – The current number to be added to the wait list was 25. Tortal SCALE Phone calls were 93 and appointments scheduled for community SCALE was 105.
- **Agenda Topics for Future P&O Committee Meetings**

**MAY 2013**

- Veterans Administration Update
- Medicaid Expansion
- Bridgeway properties/consumers
- County Levy

**Dates yet to be determined:**

- ▶ CMHA Collaboration
- ▶ Defending Childhood
- ▶ Forensic/Civil Beds
- ▶ Update on Division of Children & Family Services Team Decision Making Meetings

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

**5. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board Chair, Harvey Snider, chaired the 4/17/13 F&O Committee meeting due to the resignation of the Committee Chair, Pastor Brown. Based upon a Board member's request to remove the approval of the Expenditures and Vouchers from the Consent Agenda, all resolutions would be voted upon separately.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-04-01**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MARCH 2013**

Concerns were raised regarding vendor references and descriptions with respect to the purchase of beds on page 10. Mr. Snider asked that additional attention and clarity be given to this information in the future.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-04-01.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: R. Blue, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-04-02**  
**APPROVAL AND/OR RATIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:**

- ◇ Rental Subsidy for Consumers
  - Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc.
- ◇ School Based Mental Health Services for Suburban Communities
  - Applewood Centers
  - Beech Brook
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
  - Catholic Charities
  - Cleveland Christian Home
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
- ◇ Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Consultation Services
  - Positive Education Program
- ◇ Forensic Peer Support Specialists
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
- ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 12-11-04 Vocational Rehabilitation, Public & Private Partnerships 3 (VRP3) Project: Recovery to Work – Increase to ORSC Match Requirement

Ms. Warr addressed a concern with the wording of the Agenda Process Sheet for Forensic Peer Support Specialists in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; it was her interest not to erode the specialty of vocational rehabilitation. Based upon the discussion, the full Board agreed that the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence could be re-written to remove the word, consultation. The sentence will now read, "*Peer Support Specialists will also meet in small groups with consumers to facilitate support groups.*"

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-04-02.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: A. Williams / AYES: R. Blue, D. Biegel, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

• **RESOLUTION NO. 13-04-03**

**APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**

- ◊ Miracles Spiritual Retreats: Sponsorship of *The Gift*, a play at the Ohio Theatre
- ◊ Recovery Resources: Mental Health First Aid Training for ADAMHS Board Staff & Directors
- ◊ Urban Goodness Therapeutic Farm Project: Connections: Health • Wellness • Advocacy
- ◊ Amendment of Resolution No. 12-11-05 - OfficeMax Workspace: Purchase of Conference Room Chairs

Mr. Denihan noted that an opportunity to develop an urban gardening project was an idea brought forward by a young man named Mark who receives services from Connections and wishes to provide an opportunity for consumers to learn job skills as well as provide a valuable resource of nutritious food for the community. The project is a collaborative effort among various stakeholders and four agency partners (listed in the CEO Headliners). Mr. Mark Johnston, Chief Operating Officer of Connections, and Mary Baize, Executive Director of Hitchcock Center for Women, provided details regarding implementation of the therapeutic model which also uses peer support.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-04-03.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, S. FallCreek, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: W. Tobin / **Motion passed.**

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Snider regretfully announced the resignation of Board member, Pastor Charles E. Brown. The Chair acknowledged Pastor Brown's valuable contributions to the Board and noted that he will be sincerely missed.

With regard to this county appointment vacancy, Mr. Snider addressed audience members and asked them for their help in identifying friends or acquaintances who have leadership potential and who are interested in the Board's mission. They were encouraged to direct interested individuals to apply for Board membership through the County's on-line application process.

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Denihan highlighted items featured in the CEO Headliners dated April 24, 2013 (attached to minutes).

- Although Medicaid expansion was not included in the state budget bill, an amendment was included that will allow for the reform of Medicaid and Ohio's health care delivery system. Mr. Denihan stated that advocacy for Medicaid Expansion has been led by the behavioral health system.
- Next week, on May 8<sup>th</sup>, another bus will be traveling to Columbus with more advocates for the NAMI Ohio and Federation for Children's Health Anti-Stigma Campaign/Statehouse Rally. If you are interested in filling the bus, please contact Board staff; it will leave the ADAMHS Board at 8:00 a.m.
- The date of the ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting is fast approaching. It is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 .m. at the Marriott Cleveland Airport.
- Mr. Denihan, along with Valeria Harper and John Garrity, made a CountyStat Presentation to the County Executive and his staff on April 2, 2013; major points and graphs appear on page 2 of the CEO Headliners.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT** *(Continued)*

- A Hoarding Conference, sponsored by the ADAMHS Board and the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, is scheduled for May 23, 2013, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 PM at the Embassy Suites in Independence.
- County Levy Update – The County has asked for more information on the needs of the system. The date of the meeting has not yet been determined.

**8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- On behalf of the Faith-based Outreach Committee, Rev. Gohlstin reported that a training session on Suicide Prevention (especially for members of the Faith-based Community) is scheduled for Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Cleveland.

**9. AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Maureen Dee, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, noted that Catholic Charities is participating in the 19th Annual National TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities) Conference on Drugs, Crime, and Reentry to be held May 8-10, 2013 in Columbus Ohio. She noted that ODADAS and Catholic Charities are part of the network that follows the TASC Model; she invited those coming down on the bus on May 8<sup>th</sup> to stop by the conference if time permits.

*There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

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