

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 24, 2013**

**Board of Directors Present:**

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| Harvey A. Snider, Esq.  | Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. |
| David E. Biegel, Ph.D.  | Pythias D. Jones, M.D.         |
| Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D. | J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.     |
| Mary Boyle              | Ericka L. Thoms                |
| Elsie Caraballo         | William J. Tobin               |
| Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW | Anngela Williams               |
| J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D. |                                |

**Absent:** Richard A. Folbert, Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.

**ADAMHS Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Frank Brickner, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Tami Fischer, Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.; no audience input received.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The General Meeting minutes of June 26, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Mr. Snider was the guest speaker on 6/30/13 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Awareness Sunday service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Warrensville Hts. where the assembly gathered totaled approximately 250 people. Mr. Snider's message about the ADAMHS Board, the services provided through the behavioral health system along with spiritual Biblical references were well received. After the service, Mr. Snider was greeted by a man who hugged him, thanked him for his talk and that, as a result, had decided to contact an agency mentioned in order to seek help for his addiction. Rev. Howard Pippin, Jr. stated that he felt the people involved with the ADAMHS Board and provider agencies are performing God's work here on earth. Consequently, Mr. Snider thanked Board members for their volunteer service and contributions to our mission and valuable work.
  
- Mr. Snider and Mr. Denihan invited the individuals present who are currently working with the newly established Urban Goodness project--Mark C., Peer Support Specialist, (concept originator for urban garden project), Leeland, & Clarence—to provide a status report to Board members on the urban farming project. The men reported that crops are growing and beginning to be harvested. They are working hard, losing weight, gaining muscles and pride in their efforts. The first sale of produce is scheduled for Friday, 8/02/13, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at East 105<sup>th</sup> and Ashbury. A five gallon container of radishes grown at Urban Goodness was brought to the meeting to share with those in attendance.

**4. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., reported that meeting held on 7/3/13. Dr. Fowler reviewed and elaborated on:

- Legislative/Advocacy Report including:
  - SFY14-15 Budget, Medicaid Expansion Bills – HB 176, HB 208, SB 145
  - SB 43 Outpatient Civil Commitment
  - Legalization of Marijuana – House Joint Resolution #6 & Movement for a Constitutional Amendment
- Sponsorships and On-Line Screening Renewal (included in Consent Agenda Items)
- ADAMHS Board Mental Health & Addiction Services Levy
- 2013 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up
- Community Forum: Addressing the Role of Mental Health in the Community Wrap-Up and Next Steps
- Roads to Recovery Conference Update: Monday, September 16, 2013
- Advocacy/Social Marketing Strategic Plan Update
- Media Tracking Report
- Old/New Business – Gambling Rack Cards & Opiate/Heroin Prevention Campaign  
(Details regarding topics can be found in the CR&A minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

**Health & Human Service Levy Update**

Mr. Snider recognized the presence of Dan Brady, Vice President of the Council and Chair of Council's Health, Human Services & Aging Committee. Mr. Snider publicly expressed the Board's appreciation for Mr. Brady's advocacy on behalf of all county residents which also include people challenged by mental health and addiction issues and invited him to speak.

Mr. Brady recapped his efforts and those of the Health, Human Services and Aging Committee to address the needs of the community. Early this year, the committee began to tackle this issue and its concern about not having enough resources for mental health & addiction services in Cuyahoga County. Mr. Brady initially introduced a bill for a 3.0 mill Mental Health and Addiction Services levy. Given that he could secure only 7 votes while 8 votes were needed to recommend the bill to members of the full Council, Mr. Brady decided to change the approach and go for a 1.0 mill replacement levy. This 5-year levy will allow the County to collect \$27 million more dollars starting next year or \$54 million for the biennium budget.

Councilman Brady was pleased to report that at the 7/23/13 meeting, Cuyahoga County Council authorized submitting to voters at the November 5, 2013 election the question of a replacement of the existing 2.9 mill Health and Human Services (HHS) levy and an increase of 1.0 mills. This unanimous, bi-partisan vote means that Council recognizes that the HHS levy is critical to ensuring our community's safety net of services.

Regarding the campaign, this is an increase; however, the rotation process under the Secretary of State has determined that the HHS Levy will be placed at the top of the ballot right after the Mayor of Cleveland and City Council seats. This is a very favorable placement; however, it is important to run the best campaign as possible as it will be a potential increase for property owners.

When Council holds its budget hearings in the fall, only 6 votes are needed to appropriate funds; therefore, once it is time to appropriate funds from the HHS Levy, ADAMHS Board's advocacy efforts will be needed again to influence and reiterate the need for services to members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Brady pledged his support to the Board to help win the levy and to assure that both processes will prove successful. He thanked Board members and providers for their important work and noted that their full support would be needed for this effort. Mr. Brady will be the leader of the HHS levy campaign along with the support of Council. It was noted that Councilman Germana suggested adding a reference to mental health services in the levy language that was approved.

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

Acting Committee Chair, Harvey Snider, reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on 07/10/13 and highlighted items discussed.

- **Forensic/Civil Beds** - Presenters were Valeria Harper, Carole Ballard and Maggie Tolbert. It was noted that Bed days are expensive; we have managed well our civil commitment beds. As of 7/1/12, our Board became responsible for forensic bed days which are court-imposed decisions. Presenters provided details regarding parameters, requirements and the collaborative efforts for discharge planning for civil beds.
  - **Division of Children & Family Services (DCFS) /Team Decision Making (TDM) Meetings** - Presenters were Valeria Harper & Lara Parks, DCFS. TDM meetings play an integral part in determining the safety of a child relative to removal, replacement and permanent replacement of children. Clinical input is considered critical to decision making. A large percentage of children in care are challenged with parents who have mental health or addiction issues. Therefore, input from clinicians from adult providers is vital. A memorandum of understanding will be developed to identify the collaboration between all stakeholders.
  - **Program Review Prototype** – Ms. Harper summarized the program review process that is near completion. The final report to be shared tentatively in October.
  - **SCALE Report** – A preliminary summary of program review and reconciliation meetings was made by Valeria Harper, Dr. Christina Delos Reyes & Frank Brickner
  - **SHARES Update** – John Garrity, Ph.D., summarized progress made.
  - **Strategic Plan Update** - An update was received for Programming. Once all areas are received, they will be combined into one document and shared with all Board members.
- (Details regarding topics listed can be found in the P&O minutes on the ADAMHS Board's Web site.)

**P&O Agenda Topics for Future Committee Meetings:**

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

- Defending Childhood
- Major Unusual Incident Report
- ACAC (Action Committee Advocating Change) Update
- Program Review
- Heroin Task Force
- Strategic Plan Updates - Clinical & QI/Evaluation

**On-Going Updates**

- ▶ County Levy
- ▶ S.C.A.L.E.
- ▶ S.H.A.R.E.S.

**OCTOBER 2013**

- Clients Rights Annual Report
- CMHA Collaboration
- Fiscal Reconciliation of all Non-Medicaid Contracts

**6. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Chair, David Biegel, Ph.D., reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 7/17/13, explained minor corrections made to the revised documents distributed and highlighted the actions recommended for approval.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-07-01**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JUNE 2013**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-07-01.** MOTION: M. Boyle / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, A. Williams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: D. Biegel / **Motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 13-07-02 through 13-07-04:**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-07-02**  
**APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ Amendment to Resolution 13-05-04, Cuyahoga County Board of Health: Ryan White Title I Funds – Additional Funding - Contractor: Catholic Charities Services Corporation
  - ◊ Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (ODMHAS) Pass-Thru Contracts
    - Catholic Charities
    - Cleveland UMADAOP
    - Community Assessment & Treatment
    - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas
    - Hispanic UMADAOP
    - Hitchcock Center for Women
    - New Directions
    - ORCA House
    - Recovery Resources
    - Women’s Alliance for Recovery Services
    - Women’s Recovery Center
- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-07-03**  
**APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◊ Amendment to Resolution No.13-05-05 Cuyahoga County Board of Health: Ryan White Title I - Additional Funds
    - Catholic Charities Services Corporation
  - ◊ ODMHAS Pass-Thru Contracts – *(to providers under Interagency Agreements listed above)*
  - ◊ Amendment to Res. No. 12-11-07 – Merger Agreement: Catholic Charities Service Corporation & The Covenant
  - ◊ Inpatient Hospital Admissions for Minors’ Agreement
  - ◊ Summit County Community Based Correction Facility (CBCF) Women’s Re-Entry Pilot Project for Cuyahoga County Residents
    - FrontLine Service

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-07-04**  
**APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◇ Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association DSM-5 Training
  - ◇ Women's Center of Greater Cleveland's *run, jane, run*: August 11, 2013
  - ◇ Hispanic UMADAOP Substance Abuse Prevention Trolley Tour, Prevention & Wellness Fair, and Luncheon
  - ◇ The Screening for Mental Health Organization: Renewal of Online Behavioral Health Screenings

*[Elsie Caraballo left the meeting.]*

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolutions 13-07-02 through 13-07-04).**

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / Discussion followed.

- 1) Mr. Denihan referenced the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association DSM-5 Training agreement that proposes ratifying one full-day training session for 175 slots. On the first day of registration the 175 slots were filled and a waiting list of 160 was received and people are still calling in. The response for this training has been extraordinary. Since the changes in the DSM-5 are substantial in the AoD and mental health areas, Board staff recommends offering another training date to be responsive to the perceived demand. This would require an increase of \$5,000 to provide an additional training session in the future.

Rev. Gohlstin moved to amend the previous motion for approval of the Consent Agenda to increase the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Assoc. DSM-5 Training by \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000; the motion was seconded by Ms. Boyle.

- 2) In response to Ms. Williams' inquiry regarding the Summit County Community Based Correction Facility (CBCF) Women's ReEntry Pilot Project, Mr. Denihan noted that routinely the ADAMHS Board does not place people out of county; however, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas has asked that the women with AoD or mental health issues be included in an enhanced reentry services in the Summit County CBCF as our county does not presently offer this service for women.
- 3) Regarding Resolution No. 13-07-03, Mr. Tobin pointed out a problem with the initial itemized list. Board staff confirmed that a correction would be made to the final version. Rev. Gohlstin moved to amend the previous motion regarding the Consent Agenda to correct Resolution 13-07-03; seconded by Ms. Boyle.
- 4) Mr. Snider at the Finance & Operations Committee meeting requested a letter from Catholic Charities Executive Director documenting the fact that Catholic Charities intends to accept the responsibilities for programs and services of The Covenant upon reassignment of the remaining contract balance. Executive Director, Maureen Dee, provided an update and noted that she is currently working with attorneys to provide the appropriate language needed. The letter should be in Chief Denihan's possession by 7/25/13.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolutions 13-07-02 through 13-07-04) as amended.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin  
 SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms,  
 W. Tobin, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Dr. Biegel reported that the Finance and Operations Committee regularly reviews State Hospital Bed Day Utilization Reports received from OhioMHAS. As there seemed to be a significant drop in our county's bed days for the last fiscal year, Mr. Denihan has offered to revisit the data and to report back to the committee with a better understanding around the significant reduction in bed days from FY2012 to FY2013 and anticipates providing the report at the September Finance & Operations Committee meeting.

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

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

- The Governor signed the Budget Bill, effective calendar year 2014, which will allocate \$50 million state-wide each year for the 2-year budget--\$20 million dedicated to alcohol and other addictions; \$30 million dedicated to mental health. Of the \$30 million, \$5 million will be dedicated for special projects. Efforts are underway to obtain retribution for disadvantaged counties. The Board anticipates receiving about \$7.5 million; however, we will probably lose about \$1 million due to Federal Sequester cuts.
- The Board and other stakeholders continue to work diligently to advocate for Medicaid Expansion with Ohio legislators. Mr. Denihan acknowledged the tireless support of the Greater Cleveland Congregations toward this effort.
- Lutheran Hospital recently announced expansion of its Emergency Room that includes 21 extra rooms; 6 of those rooms are dedicated for mental health and AoD. It was noted that Dr. Don Malone served on the team that designed the expansion. Lutheran Hospital also announced that Don Malone, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Psychology for the Cleveland Clinic Health System, will become President of Lutheran Hospital effective 9/1/13. Mr. Denihan pointed out how exceptional it is that a psychiatrist has been chosen to be President of a hospital.
- Former Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board member and colleague, Carl Rak, Ph.D., was recently elected President of the Psychoanalytic Center.
- The Consumer Protection Association is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A proclamation has been prepared for CPA Solomon Harge, Executive Director, and its Board on behalf of the ADAMHS Board of Directors. As a family member, Mr. Snider acknowledged the important service provided by this agency and asked Mr. Denihan to convey his appreciation when making his remarks.
- Regarding the levy campaign, Mr. Denihan explained, for the benefit of new Board members and the audience, that the Ohio Revised Code permits staff of ADAMHS Boards to work on levy business during working hours. In the past, our Board coordinated and participated in the Phone Bank and Speaker's Bureau. The expectation is that Mr. Brady will count on us to do so for this campaign as well. The unique nature of this campaign will be to reach early voters who vote by absentee mail ballots. Phone calls and literature need to be ready in September. August will be a critical month in the preparation phase.

## **8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

## **9. AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Maureen Dee, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, reported that she is also involved with the Hispanic Alliance that will hold a huge Hispanic Convention at St. Ignatius High School on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The convention is an all-day event and Mayor Julián Castro of San Antonio will be in attendance. This may be an excellent opportunity to showcase information about the HHS levy which supports many services offered to the Hispanic community through Catholic Charities. Mr. Snider thanked Ms. Dee for sharing this information.
- Steve Morse of Recovery Resources & CAD (Council of Agency Directors) President, wished to recognize that the CAD now includes all providers from both AoD and mental health systems. Mr. Morse acknowledged the effective advocacy efforts of collaborative organizations such as OACBHA, CAD, and NAMI to increase awareness of mental health and AoD needs to our state legislators that have resulted in increased funding.

**AUDIENCE INPUT** *(Continued)*

The CAD at its monthly meeting on 7/22/13 authorized Mr. Morse to say to the ADAMHS Board of Directors that the CAD appreciates the priorities that Mr. Denihan has expressed in his opinion about restoring cuts to agencies that were made over the past 5 years as the highest priority in using the new funds. The CAD hopes that cuts will be restored to 100% with remaining funds going for expansion and new programs; however, it understands that no one expects to advocate for programs that were not effective. The CAD hopes that its voice will have some effect and desires to work with the Board cooperatively.

Mr. Morse stated that it “warmed his heart” to hear a bi-partisan, unanimous vote in favor of the levy at the County Council Meeting and to hear all of the speakers mention mental health and addiction services at the forefront of their thinking. This is something that the Board should be proud of.

- Mary Baize, Executive Director of Hitchcock Center for Women, thanked the Board for their support of Seasons of Hope which is an effort to protect the safety of women in Cleveland and our county. With the current issue of violence against women, I hope the Board will stand up and stress the importance of the protection of women.

*There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

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