

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

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 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.	Ericka L. Thoms
Elsie Caraballo	William J. Tobin
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW	Anngela Williams
Richard A. Folbert	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	

**Absent:** Mary Boyle, J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.

**ADAMHS Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Frank Brickner, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Michael Doud, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Linda Torbert

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and thanked Board members for attending the Special General Meeting for the purpose of discussing an issue impacted by recent state legislation and recommended actions regarding Bridgeway properties. There was no audience input on agenda items.

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

As a point of interest, Mr. Snider noted that the Michigan State Senate recently voted to expand Medicaid. This vote effectively makes Michigan the 22<sup>nd</sup> state plus the District of Columbia to opt into Medicaid Expansion, a key provision of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Snider suggested that Mr. Denihan pass along this information to our state legislators.

Mr. Snider was pleased to announce several new Board member appointments. All three Board members will be sworn into office at the September General Meeting on 9/25/13.

OhioMHAS Director, Tracy Plouck, has appointed **CHARLOTTE MARIE RERKO, MSN, RN, BC**, as an ADAMHS Board member. Ms. Rerko is a professional in the alcohol and drug treatment field and is currently employed by the Cleveland Clinic at Fairview Hospital as the Director of Quality. Her prior work experience includes 17 years of service as the Chief Operating Officer at Recovery Resources.

Edward FitzGerald, County Executive, appointed & County Council confirmed 2 appointees to the ADAMHS Board:

- 1) **KILLPACK, MS**, is a career social worker with over 25 years of direct service working with adolescents and young adults with substance abuse and behavioral health issues. He has experience serving on several non-profit, public Boards.
- 2) **EILEEN SAFFRAN, LISW-S**, who served for 23 years as a clinical social worker, also founded and operates a cancer non-profit support center, called The Gathering Place. She also has held prior positions on other professional and community boards.

**DISCUSSION: BOARD MEMBERSHIP SIZE**

The Chair noted that the State of Ohio 2014-15 Biennial Budget Bill (HB 59) contains language that changes the Ohio Revised Code Sec. 340.02 and Section 340.021 and authorizes all Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service Boards to either remain at 18 members or reduce its size to 14.

Two resolutions were prepared to present the 2 options: Resolution No. 13-08-01A (to remain an 18 member board) and 13-08-01B (to reduce its Board Size to 14 members). Discussion followed; all input favored staying an 18-member Board and valued the ability to remain a diverse governing body with sufficient participation to address the significant number of issues that are committee-driven.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-01A: APPROVAL OF THE ADAMHS BOARD TO REMAIN AN 18 MEMBER BOARD**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-08-01A.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, B. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams  
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed unanimously.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-01B: APPROVAL OF THE ADAMHS BOARD TO REDUCE ITS BOARD SIZE TO 14 MEMBERS**

**Motion to vote on Resolution No. 13-08-01B.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: D. Biegel / AYES: None  
NAYS: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, B. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion failed.**

### 3. **RFI: SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR 2014 FUNDING**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-02  
AUTHORIZATION OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) PROCESS FOR CY2014 BUDGET**

Mr. Denihan explained that the Board is being asked to ratify the Request for Information that was sent out last week. The RFI process for calendar year 2014 will provide Board staff the opportunity to solicit information from behavioral health providers to serve as a valuable basis upon which to make funding recommendations. The timing of the release was related to the budget information needed for a presentation to the County Finance Department on 9/20/13. The CY2014 RFI Tentative Time Line is on page 2 of the agenda process sheet. Mr. Denihan noted that budget information is required from the County prior to the November election and vote on the Health & Human Service Levy. He noted that the length of the RFI response was significantly reduced.

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

### 4. **PRESENTATION OF BRIDGEWAY PROPERTIES**

Mr. Denihan noted that the Special Meeting was called primarily because of the actions needed on 2 specific former Bridgeway properties. Mr. Denihan introduced Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, who provided an overview about all of the former Bridgeway properties. (The handout distributed illustrated the various properties, addresses, with offers and values.) Mr. Doud utilized a power point presentation to show photographs of the various properties listed, to identify the number of units associated with the properties, and to address questions of Board members.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-03  
AUTHORIZATION TO EXPLORE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FORMERLY OWNED/OPERATED BY BRIDGEWAY, INC.**

Purpose: To authorize ADAMHS Board staff to sign the purchase agreement/s and other documents to successfully transfer the two properties listed on the agenda process sheet from Bridgeway to ADAMHS Board for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-08-03.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: B. Tobin  
ABSTAIN: E. Caraballo / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-04**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE ASSUMPTION, WAIVER, AND RELEASE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FORMERLY OWNED/OPERATED BY BRIDGEWAY, INC.**

Purpose: To authorize the C.E.O. and Board Chair to sign the assumption, waiver and release agreement documents required by OhioMHAS to successfully transfer said property MH-670 and MH-681 from Bridgeway to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-08-04.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: B. Tobin  
 ABSTAIN: E. Caraballo / **Motion passed.**

**5. LEVY UPDATE**

The Health & Human Service Levy campaign will be co-chaired by Edward FitzGerald and Councilman. A poll was taken and the results indicate that it is our election to win. Presently, there are no organized objections to the replacement levy effort. The Phone Bank will take place in our administrative offices; the headquarters for the campaign will be at The Centers for Families and Children. This month's activities will focus on analyzing the poll and determining our message.

The Board Chair announced that he has agreed to speak in support of the levy before the Solon City Council. He encouraged all Board members to think how they can influence voters by speaking to and with people in their particular communities and associations. Mr. Denihan noted that levy fact sheets will be shared with Board members when available.

**6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Thoms announced that a special airing of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s original "I Have a Dream" speech, in its entirety, shall be aired later in the day at 8:00 p.m. on MSNBC.

**7. AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Greg Uhland, Executive Director of ORCA House, noted that ORCA House's Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10/3/13, at Karamu House and will feature the play, Rags to Riches. Board members were invited to attend.
- Reminder: The NAMI Walk is scheduled for Saturday, 9/7/13.
- A 5K Recovery Walk is being sponsored by the City of Cleveland's Department of Health, Cleveland Municipal Drug Court, NEON, etc. on Saturday, 9/14/13.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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