

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

**Board of Directors Present:**

David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Steve Killpack, MS
Mary Boyle	Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC
Elsie Caraballo	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW	Eileen Saffran, LISW-S
Richard A. Folbert	Ericka L. Thoms
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Anngela Williams

**Absent:** Harvey A. Snider, Esq., William J. Tobin

**ADAMHS Board Staff Present:** Valeria A. Harper, Chief Operating Officer, Frank Brickner, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair, Eugenia Cash, called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.; no audience input received.

**2. OATH OF OFFICE – BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Barbara R. Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, from the Office of Timothy G. McGinty, administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals: **Steve Killpack, MS, Charlotte Rerko, MSN, RN, BC** and **Eileen Saffran, LISW-S**. New Board members signed Oath of Office documents for their individual files and were also asked to sign conflict of interest statements. Ms. Cash invited each new Board member to briefly introduce themselves.

- **STEVE KILLPACK, MS** is a life-long social worker who grew up in Cleveland. He spent about 20 years providing direct social services in the Pacific Northwest. Since returning to Cleveland in 2001, he has been working as the Executive Director of the Community Endeavors Foundation; its mission is to develop and promote social and health services over the lifespan of fatherhood.
- **EILEEN SAFFRAN, LISW-S** is a social worker by profession. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Gathering Place, a non-profit community center for those touched by cancer in the Greater Cleveland area for the past 16 years. She looks forward to serve in a different capacity to make our community that much stronger.
- **CHARLOTTE RERKO, MSN, RN, BC** has been involved in community behavioral health for at least for 20 years and is excited to become part of and work with the ADAMHS Board.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes from the General Meeting of July 24, 2013 and the Special General Meeting of August 28, 2013 were approved as submitted.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT** – deferred until Mr. Snider's arrival.

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

P&O Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones reported on the meeting held on 09/11/13 and elaborated on items discussed.

- **Public Academic Liaison (P.A.L.) Program** – Robert J. Ronis, MD, MPH, Chairman of the Dept. of Psychiatry at University Hospitals Case Medical Center presented the program's history, core residency rotation, current community placements, etc.
- **Reportable Incidents Summary** - John Garrity, Ph.D. & Dr. Christina Delos Reyes presented the Annual Reportable Incident Summary.
- **Heroin Task Force** – Update provided by William M. Denihan, Dr. Christina Delos Reyes and Scott Osiecki.
- **County Levy** – Update provided by C.E.O., William M. Denihan
- **SCALE Update** (*Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care Assignment & Engagement*) Janet Matz, RN, and Angela Ivancic, LISW-S of Connections & Dr. Christina Delos Reyes – introduced the new SCALE report format and identified pros and cons of the program.

- **SHARES UPATE** - Contract with Vendor scheduled for signing on 9/23/13.
- **FUNDING REQUESTS/SPONSORSHIPS** - were reviewed/recommended to the Finance & Operations Committee:
  - Collaborative Agencies 2013 Celebrating Recovery Walk: September 14, 2013
  - Scholarships to the Ohio Association of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors Annual Conference: October 17-18, 2013
  - Suicide Prevention Education Alliance Request for School Program Materials
- **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
  - An incident at the Parmadale Residential Treatment Center has resulted in a state mandated suspension of admissions to the facility. Ms. Maureen Dee, Executive Director of Catholic Charities notified CEO Denihan a week prior to the P&O Com. meeting and addressed the committee about the situation.
- **FUTURE TOPICS & TENTATIVE DATES:**

<u>October / November 2013:</u>	<u>On-Going Updates</u>
- Clients Rights Annual Report	- County Levy
- ACAC (Action Committee Advocating Change) Update	- S.C.A.L.E.
- CMHA Collaboration	- S.H.A.R.E.S.
- Defending Childhood	
- Capital Community Plan	
- Gambling Plan (Recovery Resources)	

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

**6. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Chair, David Biegel, Ph.D., reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on 9/18/13 and highlighted the actions recommended for approval. Mr. Frank Brickner, Chief Financial Officer, answered specific questions of Board members.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-01**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2013**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-09-01.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-02**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE C.E.O. ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING AUGUST 2013**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-09-02.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 13-09-03 through 13-09-05:**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-03**  
**APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:** *(Reviewed & recommended for approval by the Finance & Operations Committee)*
  - Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency – VRP3 funding for employment services (Contractors: Jewish Family Services Agency and Recovery Resources)
  - Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) – Problem Gambling and Addiction Allocation (Contractor: Recovery Resources)
  - Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services – Comprehensive Evaluation of Early Childhood Mental Health (Contractor: Ohio Guidestone)

- Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services – Central Pharmacy Line of Credit
  - Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services & Ohio Department of Youth Services – Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice Project (Contractors: Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau and Positive Education Program)
  - Cuyahoga County Office of Health and Human Services , Family and Children First Council– Family Centered Services and Support (Contractor: Positive Education Program)
- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-04**  
**APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS** *(Reviewed & recommended for approval by the Finance & Operations Committee)*
    - Notice of Funding Award (NOFA): Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency – VRP3 funding for employment services
      - Jewish Family Services Association
      - Recovery Resources
    - Notice of Funding Award: OhioMHAS – Problem Gambling and Addiction Allocation
      - Recovery Resources
    - Notice of Sub-Award: OhioMHAS – Comprehensive Evaluation of Early Childhood Mental Health
      - Ohio Guidestone
    - Notice of Line of Credit: OhioMHAS – Central Pharmacy Line of Credit
      - The Centers for Families and Children
      - Connections: Health.Wellness.Advocacy
      - Far West Center
      - Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board (Halfway House)
      - Jewish Family Services Association
      - FrontLine Services
      - Murtis H. Taylor Human Services Center
      - Recovery Resources, Inc.
      - Community Action Against Addiction
    - Notice of Funding Award: OhioMHAS & Ohio Department of Youth Services – Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice Project
      - Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court
      - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
      - Positive Education Program
    - NOFA: Cuyahoga County Office of Human Services - Family Centered Services & Support
      - Positive Education Program
    - Amendment to Resolution 12-11-07 – Additional Funds Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (Adult Guardianship Program)
    - Amendment to Res. 12-11-07 –Additional Funds Future Directions (Consumer Operated Service)
    - Amendment to Resolution 12-11-07 – Additional Funds Epilepsy Association
    - Amendment to Resolution 12-11-07 – Additional Funds ORCA House, Inc.
    - Employment Services – Catholic Charities Services Corporation & Jewish Family Services Assn.
  - **RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-05, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS**  
*(Reviewed & recommended for approval by the Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committees)*
    - Consumer Brown Bag Lunches:
      - Hitchcock Center for Women
      - Recovery Resources, Inc.
    - Ratification of Collaborative Agencies 2013 Celebrating Recovery Walk: September 14, 2013
    - Ratification of Scholarships to the Ohio Association of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Counselors Annual Conference: October 17-18, 2013
    - Approval of Suicide Prevention Education Alliance Funding for School Program Materials

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolutions 13-09-03 through 13-09-05).**

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

- **RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-06  
 ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ISSUE 1**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-09-06.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: E. Caraballo / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Warr broached the subject of doing more in the area of employment with potential levy dollars. Ms. Boyle noted that during her tenure on the Board there has not been much of an opportunity to talk about the larger policy issues around funding priorities. She felt that the outcome of the levy vote, one way or the other, will necessitate the need for making decisions and setting priorities for available funds. Ms. Cash agreed that such future discussions are needed either through a Board committee or by the full Board.

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

On behalf of Mr. Denihan, Ms. Harper referred Board members to the items featured in the CEO Headliners dated September 25, 2013 (attached to minutes).

- **Bed Day Report** – On behalf of Dr. Garrity who is in Columbus, Ms. Harper noted that the Bed Day Report distributed serves as a follow-up to a request around the reasons for the decrease in Cuyahoga State Hospital Civil Bed Days.

A discussion followed whether the length of stays are now too short for the needs of some consumers. Dr. Delos Reyes believes the philosophy that consumers should receive treatment in the least restrictive setting and that effort to stabilize and link consumers with community treatment is the best option for most individuals. For acute care needs, she felt that a longer stay is not necessarily the best option. Dr. Delos Reyes noted further that a potential reduction of state hospital bed days might occur if a long-term civil client is discharged to a residential facility, for instance.

Dr. Biegel noted that his original concern was not with the gradual decrease over the years but with the drastic decrease from SFY2012 to SFY2013. He would expect that this reduction would show an increase in the amount of community-based services delivered or people falling through the cracks. Ms. Boyle noted that the report would be more helpful if it included the actual numbers that could be used for advocating for additional levy dollars.

Ms. Harper noted that additional staffs were placed in residential treatment facilities that serve as step-down alternatives for people discharged from the hospital. Ms. Harper also recognized the efforts of provider agencies and ADAMHS Board staff for their work to link consumers of mental health services to community treatment prior to their discharge. Board staff will attempt to paint a clearer picture of the impact of such initiatives on state hospital bed day utilization. Ms. Saffran asked whether recidivism rates were impacted as well. Board staff will follow-up by adding numbers to the report. Ms. Thoms felt that this type of data can help in a variety of ways – promoting levies, showing how efficiencies were improved and how better care was provided with less money.

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

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Biegel noted that soon the insurance exchanges under the Affordable Care Act will be implemented on 10/1/13. As we begin to receive data, over the next few months, about those who have signed up in Ohio along with their characteristics, he advocated for sharing this information with Board members as it will have potential implications for the mental health system in our state and county.

10. **AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Greg Uhland, Executive Director of ORCA House, shared that in the area of discharge planning, addiction service agencies are also very involved with discharge planning and linking clients needing residential treatment.
- Jennifer Kruse, Executive Director of the Living Miracles Peer Empowerment Center, extended her gratitude to the ADAMHS Board for their support of peer support program. When the Living Miracles broke away from Bridgeway in 2009, it had 160 consumers enrolled; the program has grown to 326 people enrolled. One impressive outcome is that 96% of the group has not returned to the hospital for treatment since becoming active members. Three individuals from the Living Miracles—Brian, LeeAnn, and Don—provided very moving testimonies about their participation with the group, what they contribute, what benefits they have realized in their recovery and thanked the ADAMHS Board for their life-changing outcome.
- After listening to the previous testimonies, Board member, Richard Romaniuk, was reminded of an independent movie he recently viewed about similar stories in the 1980's in Europe, entitled "We Can Do It".

*There being no further business, Ms. Cash, Acting Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

*Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Vice Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*