

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Committee Chair, Elsie Caraballo, Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, Steve Killpack, MS, Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Mary M. Step, Ph.D. / **Other Board Members Present:** Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA / **Absent:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Osiecki, Acting CEO/Chief of External Affairs, Tonya Birney, Holly Butterfield, Michael Doud, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Esther Hazlett, Myra Henderson, Derrick Kirklen, Carol Krajewski, Ralph Piatak, Cassandra Richardson, Maggie Spellman, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Robert Fowler, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in honor of our late Chief Executive Officer, Valeria Harper. Dr. Fowler welcomed Rev. Brenda Ware-Abrams as a new community representative/member of the Planning & Oversight Committee. Rev. Ware-Abrams noted her pleasure in being appointed to this committee. Given her former position as CEO of the Community Action Against Addiction, she looks forward to working on behalf of clients in a new and different role.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Committee of the Whole minutes of November 15, 2017 were approved as written.

3. TRANSITIONAL YOUTH HOUSING PROGRAM

Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, Maggie Spellman, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist, Donna Marie Randolph, Program Manager of the Transitional Youth Housing Program (TYHP), and Dr. Martha Potts, Executive Director of the Life Exchange Center, reported on the Transitional Youth Housing Program developed to support young adults, ages 18-25 years old, in gaining independent living skills and self-sufficiency through a non-clinical peer support model. The ultimate goal is permanent housing. The program site is located at 18464 S. Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid, OH.

For the past 2 years, the TYHP has worked with youth who have a behavioral health diagnosis (i.e. mental health and/or substance abuse disorder) and employs certified Peer Recovery Specialists, who have lived experience of mental illness or substance abuse disorders, to work with and support young adult residents to achieve their program goals. Dr. Potts credited the success of the program and its participants to the dedicated peer recovery staff working with the young clients. Participation in the housing program is up to 12 months and is not considered permanent housing.

The program has been in existence since March 2016, 11 young adults have been served in the program and 7 young adults have been discharged. Outcome statistics were shared and are reflected in the document attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit. Presenters addressed the questions from committee members. Dr. Step advocated for using social media as a resource to keep in contact with individuals graduating from the program.

4. EXPANSION OF EVIDENCE BASED PREVENTION SERVICES

Linda Torbert, Children's Projects Administrator, reported that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has allocated additional funding state-wide to Boards for the expansion of evidence based prevention services. The ADAMHS Board staff recommends using the additional funding amount of \$24,800.00 for prevention services to combat illicit drug use in addition to suicide and bullying. Two providers have been identified as reflected on the agenda process sheet. It was noted that this is one-time funding to support the expansion of evidence based prevention services.

Motion to recommend approval of accepting OhioMHAS funding for expansion of evidence based prevention services and the allocation of funds to the Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods (PRCHN)/CWRU and LifeAct to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: E. Caraballo / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: E. Caraballo, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, E. Kirkland, S. Killpack, B. Ware-Abrams / NAYS: None ABSTAIN: M. Step / **Motion passed.**

5. CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND GRANT FOR PREVENTION EDUCATION SERVICES

Scott Osiecki, Acting CEO/Chief of External Affairs, reported that the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office contacted him regarding an opportunity for the ADAMHS Board to receive \$184,727.35 in the form of a grant from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Grant. The grant would be contingent upon the understanding that funds would be used by the Board to expand community prevention education programs for children and adults around the dangers associated with drug abuse. If approval is granted by the Board to accept this funding, it was noted that Board staff will begin to work in partnership with the Prosecutor's Office around the allocation of funds.

Motion to approve the acceptance of grant funds of \$184,727.35 from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund Grant to be used to expand community prevention programs for children and adults on the dangers associated with drug abuse to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: S. Killpack
SECOND: M. Step / AYES: E. Caraballo, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Step, B. Ware-Abrams
NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

6. ADVOCACY ACTION AGENDA

Mr. Osiecki presented the discussion draft document illustrating the Advocacy Action Agenda goals prepared to guide the Board's advocacy for 2018. It was noted that the Board uses the Advocacy Action Agenda to develop messages to legislators, state agencies, policy makers, clients, families, providers and the general public to advance important behavioral health issues.

Ms. Kirkland referenced the third item on the Advocacy Action Agenda draft and asked if it relates to the conversation that the County held with faith-based leaders regarding the renovation to Quicken Loans Arena and their interest in supporting an Eastside and Westside Crisis Center. Mr. Osiecki provided an update and noted that a meeting is scheduled in the near future to work on details. Ms. Kirkland asked Mr. Osiecki to be very clear that the ADAMHS Board wishes to be at the table when decisions are made, and to relay the Board's stance that it is not fiscally able to fund the operational costs related to diversion/crisis centers; consequently, she asked the record to show that "at no time will the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County pay for the operational costs of this project."

Committee Member Input:

- First item – change the work "authority" to "leader" . . . on mental health, addiction, etc.
- Additional item proposed: *Prepare the groundwork for increased state funding to fully support a Recovery Oriented System of Care in the SFY20/21 Biennial Budget.*

Acting CEO, Scott Osiecki, noted that Board staff intends to begin work on recommending priorities for CY2019 to be brought through the Board's committee cycle.

Motion to approve the 2018 Action Advocacy Agenda with the suggested additional item to the full Board.

MOTION: E. Caraballo / SECOND: E. Kirkland / AYES: E. Caraballo, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, E. Kirkland, S. Killpack, M. Step, B. Ware-Abrams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. 2018 ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH & AWARDS

Mr. Osiecki proposed holding the 2018 Annual Meeting Brunch and Awards at the LaCentre Conference Facility in Westlake, OH, based on the large conference area and adequate free parking for guests.

Motion to recommend approval of holding the 2018 Annual Meeting Brunch and Award Ceremony on Monday, May 14, 2018 and enter into an Operational Contract with the LaCentre Conference Facility to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: E. Kirkland / SECOND: E. Caraballo / AYES: E. Caraballo, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, E. Kirkland, S. Killpack, M. Step, B. Ware-Abrams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. SHARES REPORT

John Garrity, Ph.D., Chief of Quality Services, shared a summary report on the use of SHARES (Shared Healthcare and Recovery Enterprise System) as of 1/24/18:

- As of 12/31/17, there have been 102,950 Cuyahoga processes running through the SHARES system, up from 86,032 in October, a 17% increase.
- The Board has been working with our SHARES software vendor, InfoMC, to replicate the Behavioral Health Re-Design codes and are waiting to hear back on the pricing and implementation timeline.
- All contract provider agencies have been trained on enrollment, outcomes, and service authorizations.
- In order to guarantee an uninterrupted cash flow during 2018, Board staff anticipates paying providers with a 1/12 grant system on a temporary basis until approximately 6/30/18. The table and charts distributed display the progress being made in terms of the number of records being processed in the new system.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Next P&O Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM

10. FUTURE P&O TOPICS / UPDATES:

- Heroin Crisis Partnership
- HIPAA Security Policies

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Chair