

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2015

Committee Vice Chair, Steve Killpack, MS, called the P&O Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Pythias Jones read aloud the Committee Mission Statement: ***“The Planning and Oversight Committee, in cooperation with all partners, advocates for and monitors programs, policies and practices which are continually improved to meet the needs of consumers, their families and the community.”***

**Committee Members Present:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Steve Killpack, MS, Mary M. Step, Ph.D., Mary Warr, M.Ed., Anngela Williams

**Others present:** Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. **Absent:** Elsie Caraballo

**Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Vivian Catchings-El, Danei, Chavez-Nowosadzki, Michael Doud, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Dave Lambert, Esmat Nasr, Scott Osiecki

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of April 8, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**2. DISCUSSION: DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD POSITION ON MARIJUANA AMENDMENT**

Mr. Denihan was approached by a number of community leaders requesting the ADAMHS Board to take a formal position on the anticipated Constitutional Amendment to legalize the use of marijuana in the state of Ohio. Consequently, the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee began a discussion in an effort to formulate a position on the amendment. Mr. Denihan highlighted several elements of the background information listed on the agenda process sheet:

- The effects of employers being able to hire candidates or retain employees that would not be able to pass a drug test because of the legal use of marijuana was discussed and considered in the recommendation to oppose the amendment.
- Chief Clinical Officer Consultant for the Board, Farid Sabet, MD, maintains his position against legalization of marijuana and endangering lives, which is the same as all the major medical organizations, as studies clearly point to the harm including increasing the risk of psychotic disease by five times.

Mr. Denihan read into the record OACBHA's position on the Legalization of Marijuana (printed below):

***OACBHA's (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities)  
Position on the Legalization of Marijuana***

*“The member Boards of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities oppose the legalization and commercialization of marijuana for recreational purposes. The Association also opposes the constitutional amendment process for the purpose of legalizing the personal use of marijuana, designation of growth sites, and designation of testing facilities.*

*Legalizing marijuana for medical use should not be decided by legislative or voter initiative. Marijuana should be subject to the same research, consideration, and study as any other potential medicine, under the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).”*

Mr. Osiecki reviewed the proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by “Responsible Ohio” earmarked for the 11/03/15 ballot to legalize medical and recreational marijuana. He explained what the amendment would allow as well as the researched reasons to oppose and/or support the marijuana amendment. Discussion followed.

**Motion to adopt a formal ADAMHS Board position opposing an upcoming Constitutional Amendment to legalize medical and recreational marijuana and to authorize the ADAMHS Board to take a leadership position on a campaign against passage of the amendment to the full Board.** MOTION: M. Step / SECOND: R Blue / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

### **3. AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR SOBER BEDS**

Mr. Denihan reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) Agency recommendations for Sober Housing Services will help to address the lack of bed days for AoD clients. Ms. Harper, Chief Operating Officer, stated that the process included a great deal of effort to obtain input from various community stakeholders, such as Northcoast Collaborative partners, shelters, treatment facilities, clients, state hospitals, and law enforcement.

Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, reported that 11 proposals were received in response to the RFP. Based upon the RFP Review Team's assessment, 4 providers have been selected to enter into a contract to help individuals recovering from drug addiction remain sober in a drug-free living environment. The number of persons to be served is projected to be 50-85. It was noted that the agenda process sheet should be corrected to reflect that the length of stay is "not to exceed 120 days." The recommended provider agencies for this new program are: Hitchcock Center for Women, I'm in Transition, ORCA House, and Scarborough House.

**Motion to recommend approval of contracting with the agencies listed above for Sober Housing Services to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: A. Williams / SECOND: M. Warr / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

### **4. VIVITROL MAT (MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT) PILOT**

Esmat Nasr, Adult Programs Specialist, introduced the Vivitrol MAT Pilot Program designed to provide access to medication assisted treatment in a residential setting for male individuals who have alcohol and/or drug addiction by the Community Action Against Addiction (CAAA) provider agency. One-time funding is available for the program to run from 7/1/15 to 12/31/15. CAAA has submitted plans to the Board for sustainability of the program after the initial time period.

Ms. Gladys Hall, C.E.O. of CAAA, explained that Vivitrol is an injectable drug administered 1x per month by a doctor to a person not using alcohol or drugs. It was approved in 2010 by the Federal Drug Administration for the prevention of relapse to opioid receptor antagonist. Mr. Denihan added that Vivitrol is not a controlled substance which means that individuals cannot become addicted to it. Ms. Hall distributed a fact sheet about the Proposed Vivitrol Project to committee members. (Handout is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

**Motion to recommend approval of a Vivitrol Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot to be administered by Community Action Against Addiction to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: P. Jones / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

### **5. LUTHERAN METROPOLITAN MINISTRY'S (LMM) WOMEN'S RE-ENTRY PROGRAM**

Danie Chavez-Nowosadzki, Prevention Planning Specialist, introduced Charles See, Executive Director of LMM's Community Re-Entry Program, and Lisa Smith, Community Re-Entry's Associate Director. To provide background information, she reported that the Women's Reentry Program (WREN) has provided trauma informed services for women with criminal justice involvement within a community based setting since 1995. It has been known for many years that women who have experienced trauma are overrepresented in the criminal justice system and are more likely to have co-occurring substance related and /or mental health issues.

Funds for this program will provide trauma specific services to 40-48 women incarcerated at the Northeast Reintegration Center (NERC) during the 6-month contract period along the wellness continuum of care, to include promotion, prevention education, problem identification and early intervention and returning to Cuyahoga County.

Questions from committee members were addressed by Ms. Smith and Mr. See. The program has received accreditation; therefore, the agency is now able to seek assistance with funding from OhioMHAS and the ADAMHS Board and will be able to sustain the program. Mr. See was asked to come back to the P&O Committee to report on new program and its outcomes.

Board member, Anngela Williams, shared that twelve years ago she received services through the re-entry program, that she is so grateful for the experience and highly supportive of this project.

**Motion to recommend approval of the Women's Re-Entry Program (WREN) with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry to provide prevention and early intervention services for women incarcerated at the Northeast Reintegration Center and re-entry into our County to the Finance & Operations Committee.**

MOTION: P. Jones / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**6. REVIEW OF POLICY STATEMENTS**

Dave Lambert, Director of Risk Management, reported that 2 policies are up for renewal. He highlighted the minor revisions made. Given that no additional input was received from committee members, a motion was entertained to refer them to the full Board for their 1<sup>st</sup> reading and vote.

- **EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR A PROPER PUBLIC PURPOSE**

Purpose: To establish guidelines for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's purchases that advances a proper public purpose.

- **OPEN MEETING ACT POLICY**

Purpose: To notify the public of all public meetings of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County in compliance with Ohio Revised Code § 121.11.

**Motion to refer the policies listed above for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and approval by the full Board.**

MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: M. Step / AYES: R. Blue, R. Fowler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**7. SHARES UPATE**

Mr. Denihan reported the good news that the SHARES go-live date is still August 11, 2015. Testing has begun with Board staff and providers; a two-day training for staff is scheduled for May 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Garrity added that an all-provider meeting was held on 4/19/15 to share information, status report and minimal I.T. upgrades needed. InfoMC has hired 2 additional staff; one will be based in Cuyahoga County and the other in Hamilton County. Mr. Killpack asked if the minimal upgrade requirements will pose a burden for providers. Dr. Garrity noted that these updates would be needed eventually; this may mean providers may schedule the upgrades a bit sooner.

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

**9. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** – Mr. Killpack reviewed the list of future topics.

- SHARES Update – Ongoing

June 2015

- Evaluation of Employment Programs
- Refugees Needs Assessment

Dates yet to be determined:

- Recovery Oriented System of Care
- Integration of Physical Health and Behavioral Health
- Clients Rights Annual Report
- County Council / County Executive 2015 Budget
- Independent Evaluation Reports
- Gambling

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.***

***Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist***

***Approved by: Steve Killpack, MS, Planning & Oversight Committee Vice Chair***