

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 8, 2015

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., called the P&O Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and read aloud the Committee Mission Statement: *"The Planning & Oversight Committee, in cooperation with all partners, advocates for and monitors programs, policies and practices which are continually improved to meet the needs of clients, their families and the community."*

Committee Members Present: Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Steve Killpack, MS, Mary M. Step, Ph.D., Mary Warr, M.Ed.

Absent: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Elsie Caraballo, Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Anngela Williams

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Katie Boland, Frank Brickner, Valeria A. Harper, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Dave Lambert, Scott Osiecki, Starlette Sizemore-Rice

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of June 10, 2015 were approved as submitted.

2. ART THERAPY PROGRAM UPDATE: COMPEER PROGRAM, FAR WEST CENTER

Myra Henderson, Recovery Employment Specialist, explained that one of her responsibilities is to monitor all Art Therapy Programs. She was pleased to introduce Kelly Dylag, CEO of Far West Center, and Denise Ayres, LSW, Compeer Program Coordinator, who provided an overview of the Art Helps and Heals! (AHH) Art Therapy Program.

AHH! Art Therapy is "an opportunity to express yourself without words, communicate your thoughts and feelings in fresh ways. Most of all, you'll experience the benefits of relaxation and recovery with creative ways to cope." Ms. Ayres noted that program staff were prepared with resources but were not prepared for the spark created by the clients, staff and family members as a result of this art therapy program. Outcomes indicated that 85-100% of participants reported increases in anxiety and stress management, expressing emotions more effectively, communication skills, self-awareness, self-esteem, managing negative emotions and thoughts, and social skills. Artwork pieces were on display and artists from the AHH! Art Therapy program spoke to the benefits realized through their creations. (Brochures/program overviews were distributed and are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

3. MARIJUANA UPDATE

Mr. Denihan noted that ResponsibleOhio has submitted over 700,000 petition signatures to legalize the use of marijuana in our state. Ohio's Secretary of State must assure that at least 305,591 are valid signatures. A proposed constitutional amendment drafted would forbid any addition to the state constitution creating a monopoly or a cartel especially the selling and distribution of federally-controlled substances; conservative legislators and marijuana activists have joined forces on the development of this amendment.

Mr. Osiecki noted that the *Fresh Start Act* pitched by ResponsibleOhio is a proposed law that would allow Ohioans to wipe some marijuana-related offenses from their records. Advocates say the convictions that turn up on background checks and in internet searches can prevent people from obtaining housing or jobs.

Mr. Denihan noted that both Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Harper plan to attend a Town Meeting scheduled to address this subject on August 11th in Bay Village. Mr. Osiecki will present the Board's position. Board Chair, Eugenia Cash, has agreed to chair Cuyahoga County's campaign/local initiative once it is confirmed that the enough petition signatures were secured to place the issue on the ballot.

Dr. Mary Step noted that she has been researching the evidence base for medical marijuana and building a small library of current research. To date, she found the efficacy of medical marijuana to be very thin. Dr. Step offered to share this information with the Board. Mr. Denihan was very receptive to this idea and asked Dr. Step if she would consider participating in the upcoming marijuana forums.

4. S.C.A.L.E. PROGRAM FINAL REPORT

Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, introduced Michele Javorek, Access Services Director at Connections: Health•Wellness•Advocacy, who served as the lead for the S.C.A.L.E. (Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care Assignment & Engagement) Program. Mr. Doud extended the Board's appreciation for the positive experience working with Connections staff over the years with the S.C.A.L.E. program.

Over a year ago, the S.C.A.L.E. Program began to experience a decrease in the number of clients utilizing the program/service. In January 2014, the S.C.A.L.E. program began to accept Level 2 clients and expanded eligible diagnoses to include any mental health diagnosis, but referrals continually decreased. In December of 2014, a decision was made to extend S.C.A.L.E. for a six-month period to further analyze its utilization; however, the number of eligible clients continued to decline as the year before. Reports indicated that the total number of slots at various provider agencies in CY2015 was 514 while the program was only able to fill 183.

Mr. Doud reported that effective 6/30/15, the S.C.A.L.E. Program ended. Moving forward, clients entering the system will self-select the provider of their choice. (The CY2015 SCALE Summary is attached to the original minutes in the Executive Unit.)

5. POLICY REVIEW

Dave Lambert, Director of Risk Management, summarized the Board staff's rationale for recommending the rescission of the ADAMHS Board's Medicaid Assurance Policy. The existing Medicaid Assurance Policy dates from the era when the Board processed Medicaid funded services and payments for such services. Given that in 2012 the payment of Medicaid match was elevated to the State, the ADAMHS Board no longer fulfills that function. Consequently, Mr. Lambert's recommendation is that the policy be rescinded.

Motion to recommend the rescission of the Medicaid Assurance Policy to the full Board. MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: E. Cash, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Step, M. Warr / NAYS: None
Motion passed.

6. SHARES UPATE

John Garrity, Ph.D., Director of QI/Evaluation & Research, reported that SHARES (Shared Healthcare and Recovery Enterprise System) is making progress; however, the vendor, InfoMC, has asked to push back the ready-date by several weeks to 9/03/15 to address some bugs that have been detected. Dr. Garrity noted that CEO's are still withholding payments until the product is completely functional. The ADAMHS Board has continued to train Board staff internally. InfoMC is scheduled to hold a train the trainer session. The goal is to begin training provider staff in September with agencies enrolling clients on 11/01/15 with the overall implementation date for all claims using the SHARES system on 01/01/16.

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Jeremy Koosed of Plant Kingdom Bakery & Snackery advocated for the benefits of Omega 3 fatty acids and shared information about important nutritional dietary guidelines. Ms. Harper noted that she spoke with Mr. Koosed in May and has approached Dr. Sabet, Chief Clinical Officer, for his interest and input.
- Ms. Warr stated how proud she was that Board Chair, Eugenia Cash, had been selected by the City of Cleveland and the U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as one of the panelists charged to choose the city's court-ordered Community Police Commission as an integral part of the Consent Decree.

8. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

On-going Reports: SHARES Update / Recovery Oriented System of Care Update

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- Clients Rights Annual Report
- Performance Improvement "Watch" Monitoring Plan Update

Dates yet to be determined:

- Integration of Physical Health and Behavioral Health
- County Council / County Executive 2015 Budget
- Gambling

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

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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