

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 9, 2014**

Acting Chair, Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Anngela Williams 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: Elsie Caraballo, Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Richard Folbert, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.; Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Steve Killpack, MS, Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Mary Step, Ph.D., Mary Warr, M.Ed., Anngela Williams / **Absent:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Carole Ballard, Frank Brickner, Ada Cancel, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Ph.D., Valeria A. Harper, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Linda Lamp, Scott Osiecki, Farid Sabet, M.D., Tom Williams

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of June 11, 2014, were approved as submitted.

2. SCALE QUARTERLY REPORT: *Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care Assignment & Engagement* Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, referenced the six-month report on clients assessed and referred through the SCALE Program and a brief narrative.

- The total number of individuals utilizing SCALE due to Medicaid expansion.
- May Dugan was recently added as a SCALE agency.
- Several agencies have experienced a problem with accessing information uploaded to the site; in the interim, efforts were made to fax the information to each point person.
- The closing the loop form continues to be utilized.
- Dr. Sabet stated the intent is to develop a cost structure for each level of care.

3. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: CONTINUITY OF CARE

Mr. Doud reported that the purpose of this initiative is to provide support and resources to adults who are frequently served in psychiatric emergency rooms and state psychiatric hospitals due to their major mental illness and/or substance abuse use and who are receiving Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) from a contract service provider. The intent is to enable agencies to propose creative ways to increase access to quality care (two potential examples were given: to eliminate the barrier of transportation and to improve the percentage of adult CPST services delivered in the community).

Motion to recommend authorization to issue a Request for Proposal: Continuity of Care and to allocate \$200,000.00 in funding to enhance the availability of CPST services delivered in the community to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: E. Caraballo / SECOND: R. Folbert / AYES: E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
Motion passed.

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: SOBER BEDS

Mr. Denihan noted that individuals who struggle with opiate addictions need longer residential treatment in a sober living environment in order to achieve successful results. While many sober housing programs have proven to be effective, they struggle financially. The intent is to help decrease the number of heroin related deaths. As there are many sober houses that vary widely regarding structure, Dr. Step asked if there would be a minimal set of criteria that would need to be met. Mr. Denihan answered affirmatively and noted that the agency selected as fiscal agent would be required to monitor the required criteria.

Motion to recommend authorization to issue a Request for Proposal: Sober Housing Initiative and to allocate \$200,000.00 in funding to provide access to Sober Housing to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: B. Fowler / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

Mr. Denihan announced that Congresswoman Marcia Fudge is scheduled to hold a press conference at the ADAMHS Board on Friday, July 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. to announce the introduction of legislation in Congress to remove the IMD waiver restriction for alcohol and drug facilities and the lack of sober beds. This will allow facilities to provide more than 16 beds at any one facility for AOD treatment for a 5-year pilot period of time.

5. REVISED DETOXIFICATION POLICY

Mr. Doud noted that revisions are being proposed for the existing detoxification policy statement, "Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Dollars". He thanked Board staff for their assistance with the draft revisions—Ms. Esmat Nasr, Dr. Farid Sabet and three detox providers.

The three major changes include:

- After the assessment process, the client must sign an aftercare plan agreement.
- The detox period has been limited to 5 days for opiates.
- Preauthorization by clinical Board staff, with documentation on a PRN basis, whenever the detox stay would extend over the 5-day period.

Dr. Sabet explained that detox is really the first phase of treatment; aftercare services treat the addiction as the chronic illness that it is. To promote clarity for the full Board, Ms. Warr suggested providing Board members with the former policy statement showing strikeouts and changes highlighted. Committee members concurred.

Motion to recommend approval of the policy statement: Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Dollars, as revised, to the full Board. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: M. Step
AYES: E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider, M. Step, M. Warr,
A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

6. INNOVATED MINI GRANT - "2000 DAYS"

Linda Torbert, Children's Projects Administrator, introduced Alexa New, Vice President of Advancement/The Centers for Families and Children (The Centers). She highlighted the Mini Grant award funded through OhioMHAS- Early Learning Challenge grant relative to their "*2,000 Days Movement*", representing the number of days from birth to kindergarten that are critical for social, emotional development and academic success. The goal is to raise awareness within the community relative to the importance of social and emotional development, as it is crucial to the success of a child for years to come.

Motion to recommend allocation of \$20,000.00 to The Centers for Families and Children to develop a digital media production for the "2,000 Days Movement" to the Finance & Operations Committee.
MOTION: B. Fowler / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, K. Kern-Pilch,
S. Killpack, H. Snider, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

7. THE CUYAHOGA EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP

Ms. Harper introduced C.E.O. Charles Ardnt, of the Public Policy Impacts for People with Disabilities, who noted that the purpose of the Cuyahoga Employment Partnership (CEP) is to facilitate the implementation of a partnership with the business community to develop employment opportunities on behalf of graduating youth and adults who are receiving services and supports from an Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board contract agency and who are seeking gainful and sustainable employment. The mission is to assist 300 youth with disabilities who might otherwise fall through the cracks. Ms. Warr advocated for working with employers to impact their thinking around the value of young adults with disabilities.

Motion to recommend approval of payment to Cuyahoga Employment Partnership in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Public Policy Impacts for People with Disabilities, to assist graduating youth with obtaining and sustaining gainful employment. to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: E. Caraballo / AYES: E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, B. Fowler, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

8. SHARES UPDATE (*Shared Health & Recovery Enterprise System*)

John Garrity, Ph.D., Director of QI/Evaluation and Research, reported that Board staff have been working diligently on the design and to complete the benefits package. The outcomes piece has been completed and work is now being done on designing the forms to be used. The Council of Governments (COG) has met a critical juncture with the vendor, InfoMC, around the implementation date. InfoMC has admitted that this project is more than they anticipated in detail and customization and have asked for two things:

- 1) Additional Time needed - They would like a longer schedule for getting everything up and running by incorporating a Phase 1 and Phase 2. During Phase 1 (January 1, 2015) they would have ready – enrollment, claims and outcomes. During Phase 2 (six months later on July 1, 2015) they propose having ready – prevention data, clients rights & grievances, reportable incidents, etc.
- 2) Additional Funds needed - The vendor states that extra enhancements have been added to the original RFP request which will impact the cost of the project by an increase of \$385,000.

COG participants (Franklin, Hamilton and Cuyahoga Boards) maintain that all items requested in the SHARES proposal were included in the original RFP. All three C.E.O.'s are not pleased with this situation and wish to hold their ground. Dr. Garrity noted that the COG does have its own legal counsel.

9. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Dr. Jones read the list of potential future topics for the P&O Committee.

September 2014

On-Going Updates: SHARES

Sober Beds

Collaboration with the Division of Children & Family Services, CMHA, CCBDD

Dates - To Be Determined:

- Gambling
- SCALE Quarterly Reports – October
- Integration of Physical Health and Behavioral Health
- Gate Keeper Function for Admissions into Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare
- Child/Adolescent Crisis Team
- Transitional Young Adult Programs
- Urban Gardens
- Advancement of Art Therapy
- Temporary Help Agency
- Westside Clubhouse

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., Acting Chair, Planning & Oversight Committee