

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

## PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 14, 2012

Committee Chair, Pythias Jones, M.D., called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Ericka Thoms 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:** J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Pythias Jones, M.D., Leslie Nye O'Donnell, Mary Step, Ph.D., Harvey Snider, Ericka Thoms, Mary R. Warr, Angela Williams

**Absent:** David E. Biegel, Ph.D., Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Rev. Charlotte Still Noble

**Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Ada Cancel, Vivian Catchings-EI, Danei Chavez, John Coleman, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Michael Doud, Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Linda Lamp, Chris Morgan, Michelle Myers, Esmat Nasr, Cassandra Richardson, Laura Simmons, Star Sizemore-Rice, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin

### 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of February 8, 2012, were approved as submitted.

### 2. **UPDATE ON S.C.A.L.E. PROGRAM** (*Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care & Engagement*)

Dr. Delos Reyes presented the SCALE Summary Report from the time period of January 30, 2012 to March 2, 2012.

- SCALE was closed to community intakes between 11.9.11 and 1.31.12 due to lack of capacity
- SCALE re-opened to community intakes as of 2.1.12
- SCALE never closed to State Hospital (NBH) intakes.
- Thanks to Dorothea Galloway, who has a different position at Connections and welcome to Janet Matz, the new SCALE Manager.
- Current Dashboard (as of 3.2.12):
  - 62 individuals on the waiting list to get an assessment from Connections.
  - Assuming 15 assessments/week, and 8 assessments/week from hospital, it will take about 8 more weeks to totally clear the waiting list.
  - 0 individuals on the waiting list to get a treatment slot at an agency.

#### **Committee member feedback:**

- Suggest providing Key for agency acronyms on chart.
- Consider usefulness of assessing the impact of no longer needing interim services in order to determine if outcomes have been economical over time as well.

Dr. Delos Reyes reported that the data process is currently looking at the first nine months of SCALE program. (The summary report referenced is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

### 3. **ST. VINCENT CHARITY MEDICAL CENTER – ROSARY HALL**

Mr. Orlando S. Howard, Clinical Manager/Quality Improvement Specialist, at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, Rosary Hall, distributed a 1-page chart to committee members that illustrated how Rosary Hall is using the additional county funds received. Mr. Howard thanked committee members for their support of an extension for spending the allocation. (The document referenced is attached to the original minutes in the Executive Unit.)

He reported that Sharon Thomas, St. Vincent's Chief Nursing Officer, is in the process of hiring an additional nurse on the Detox Unit. As of 3/14/12, the estimated time on the waiting list is 6 weeks. As a result of the additional funds received, the anticipated time on the waiting list should be reduced down to a week or less.

#### **4. SEASONS OF HOPE UPDATE**

Ms. Leisha Yarbrough Franklin, Adult Programs Specialist, provided a brief overview of the Seasons of Hope Program that was created by the ADAMHS Board in the aftermath of the Imperial Avenue tragedy. This non-traditional program was initially headed by Cynthia Chaytor and Valeria Harper. This was a collaborative effort with community leaders and executives from other agency providers. The Seasons of Hope Safe House aims to provide a safe place for women to go who are addicted to alcohol and drug use with nowhere else to go; no pressure is applied for individuals to seek treatment until they are ready.

The Hitchcock Center for Women, Inc. (HCFW) was selected to implement the program; HCFW representatives were introduced: Cynthia Chaytor, Director of Clinical Services, Kim Fowler, Project Manager, Seasons of Hope, and Mary Bazie, Executive Director, and presented the following update and discussion; see summary points below:

- On February 6, 2012, the Seasons of Hope program opened a temporary site at the Hitchcock Center for Women. To date, three women have been served with one resulting in a request for treatment.
- Seasons of Hope Program has a peer Advisory Group and six volunteers to assist with the distribution of flyers and information throughout the community.
- The Program Manager attends NEOCHS' monthly Outreach Leader mtgs. & bi-monthly outreach meetings.
- The Program Manager has met with the following organizations: Care Alliance, Mental Health Services, Inc., Department of Children and Family Services, and the Rape Crisis Center.
- The Seasons of Hope staff has frequently visited the following shelters, drop-in centers and hunger centers.
- Staff conducts outreach to Tower City, the bus station, the rapid station, detox centers, hospital emergency rooms, libraries, grocery stores, beauty shops, under bridges and known homeless camps.
- Outreach efforts are coordinated with other outreach programs such as Care Alliance and MHS.
- The Program Manager has contacted each City of Cleveland Councilperson to coordinate community meetings in their wards, the Third District police departments and the University Circle police department. Efforts have been made to visit the Second District.
- The Program Manager has presented the "Seasons of Hope" to the ADAMHS Board "Crisis Intervention Training" for police officers.
- The Peer Advisory Board with the Seasons of Hope staff has designed a new outreach strategy to be conducted from 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM with three cars traveling together for safety.
- One of the major barriers is not having an established permanent location for the program. The perception of having the "safe house" at HCFW is that women will be asked to go to treatment.
- Lack of media attention has also impacted the Season of Hope's outreach efforts to family and friends that may send their loved one to the site.

Discussion followed on steps taken to spread the word about the program. Ms. Harper distributed laminated information cards and noted that smaller versions will be produced for police officers to carry. Efforts continue to identify a permanent Seasons of Hope House location. Questions of committee members were addressed. Committee member, Dr. Step encouraged Seasons of Hope staff to give it time to get the word out to the grapevine and to stay strong toward the mission.

#### **5. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES**

**Planning** - Ms. Harper distributed a revised Strategic Plan Update for the Planning component and highlighted the three minor revisions. She noted that two areas within the goals that have been completed and are reflected in the revised document.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES** (Continued)

**Clinical** - Dr. Chris highlighted several updates in the Clinical report. At the Methadone clinic at CAAA (Community Action Against Addiction) is under new leadership including a new Medical Director and the possible expansion of suboxone at the methadone clinic. (Both Strategic Plan Updates are attached to the original minutes filed in the Executive Unit.)

Discussion followed on the reporting preference for Strategic Plan Updates. Committee members agreed that adding a sentence to updates explaining the reporting method would be helpful.

**6. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Dr. Jones introduced the proposed list of future topics. Ms. Thoms noted her interest in the topic of Early Childhood Mental Health.

The tentative review schedule is shown below:

- AoD Prevention Needs Assessment Report *(April)*
- Lapsed Medicaid Report *(April)*
- Health Homes
- Early Childhood Mental Health Update *(May or June)*

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

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

*Approved by: Pythias D. Jones, M.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Chair*