

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 9, 2012

Committee Chair, Pythias Jones, M.D., called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Dr. David Biegel, Committee Vice Chair, 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: David E. Biegel, Ph.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Pythias Jones, M.D., Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Leslie Nye O'Donnell, Harvey Snider, Mary Step, Ph.D., Ericka Thoms, Mary R. Warr
Absent: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Anngela Williams

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Ada Cancel, Danei Chavez, John Coleman, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Michael Doud, Craig Fallon, John Garrity, Ph.D., Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Linda Lamp, Chris Morgan, Esmat Nasr, Cassandra Richardson, Laura Simmons, Leshia Yarbrough

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of April 11, 2012, were approved as submitted.

2. **ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL**

- **SCALE Update** (*Screening, Centralized Assessment, Levels of Care Assignment & Engagement*)

Dr. Delos Reyes, Chief Clinical Officer, highlighted SCALE data from the week of 4/23/12 to 4/27/12:

- Community SCALE since 2/1/12 - 122 assessments scheduled; 85 people assessed.
- Hospital SCALE since 2/1/12 – 32 referred and 31 people assessed.

Dr. Delos Reyes reported that the sole reason that Community SCALE services are open is due to the additional funds provided by County Council. Mr. Denihan noted that access to the SCALE program was previously closed from November 2011 through February 2012. Since the additional County allocation will soon run out, provider intakes may close by the end of this month or in June. Mr. Denihan noted that a rather large waiting list was recently eliminated due to the influx of funds coupled with the hard work of providers and Board staff. He added that County Council has requested that the ADAMHS Board return to Council to provide a status report on the use of the additional county allocation.

- **Rosary Hall**

The Rosary Hall Update provided by St. Vincent Medical Center identifies the use of its allocation in terms of Detoxification Services and Intensive Outpatient Services. In March, the Detox Waiting list was approximately six weeks long; as of 5/3/12, the Detox Waiting List has been reduced to 7-10 days as a direct result of the additional county dollars. Rosary Hall is in the process of adding 2-4 additional detox beds and is about two weeks from completion. (Summary report dated 5/3/12 is attached to the original minutes in the Executive Unit.)

- **Mental Health Services, Inc. (MHS)**

Mental Health Services received funds to hire additional social workers at the County's Homeless Shelters. MHS is in the process of hiring two full-time equivalents (FTE's) for this initiative which should be up and running within the next 30 days.

3. **BRIDGEWAY, INC. UPDATE**

Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, provided an update on the Bridgeway, Inc. Transition Plan. The ADAMHS Board assumed temporary control of Bridgeway programs and services per Resolution No. 12-04-01, at the Emergency Meeting held on April 2, 2012. The Board has been in contact with the Ohio Department of Mental Health's Legal Department and the Office of Licensure and Certification around the ADAMHS Board's authority to provide services temporarily.

BRIDGEWAY, INC. UPDATE *(Continued)*

On April 13, 2012, the ADAMHS Board requested letter of intent proposals from provider agencies interested in assuming the operational responsibilities for the Crisis Stabilization Unit and the residential care facilities named the Roberto Flores Standard Treatment Program, West 81st Street Treatment Program, and Bradley Manor Treatment Program. Board staff reviewed the proposals and identified selected providers to begin providing services as of 5/14/12. Board staff shall bring the information forward to the Finance & Operations Committee Meeting.

Currently, the Board's goal is to become the landlord for the four Bridgeway facilities. Discussions have been held with the County Prosecutor's Office and a meeting scheduled for 5/18/12 with representatives from CCN/Bridgeway, Key Bank and the County Prosecutor's Office about the operations of these four facilities and a plan to schedule discussions on the remaining 18 other properties which consist of single family homes and small apartment buildings. It was noted that these units are independent living units without staff on site.

In terms of transferring former Bridgeway clients, the number is down to 45 individuals who have not yet been located. Various outreach efforts have been tried, and the next step will be to send another letter identifying a dedicated phone line for services.

The ADAMHS Board now has possession of all the keys from the numerous Bridgeway properties. Mr. Doud and Ms. Richardson have met with the insurance carriers to alert them to recent events. EDEN, Inc. has offered to assist the Board in the interim process by setting up accounts and the Board appreciates this support.

Mr. Snider noted his concern that we have been advised of Bridgeway's intent to file bankruptcy approximately 90 days from 4/1/12 and that any and all agreements regarding the legal transfer of ownership will be subject to review and approval of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Denihan noted that the County Prosecutor is working closely with both Mr. Doud and Ms. Richardson on these very issues. Additionally, EDEN, INC. has stepped up to work with the Department of Housing and Urban Development with the transfer of the HUD properties.

Mr. Denihan commended Michael Doud for his leadership during the absence of Ms. Harper as well as the rest of the Executive Team and other Board staff to ensure the continuity of care for former Bridgeway clients. Mr. Denihan also noted that a conference call was recently held with representatives from the Ohio Department of Mental Health regarding its intent to provide written authorization for the ADAMHS Board to provide the Bridgeway transition services.

4. OVERVIEW OF RE-ENTRY SERVICES

Dr. Garrity, Director of Research & Evaluation, introduced Recovery Resources staff: Maggie Hyland, Forensic Coordinator, and Lindsey McMillion, Clinical Care Coordinator, Parole (ACT) and STOP GAO Programs, who utilized a power point presentation about the various re-entry programs provided by Recovery Resources.

Re-Entry Statistics – In Ohio, Cuyahoga County has the highest number of ex-offenders (6,000 annually) released into the community. Of this number, 9% suffer from a severe mental illness which equates to 540 people released to Cuyahoga County. The national average rate of recidivism is 40%.

The Forensic Programs offered at Recovery Resources are: Parole (ACT) / Forensic Liaison / Stop Gap / Empower- (NEPRC for Women) / Community Based Correctional Facility (Oriana House) / Conditional Release Unit / Project RESTORE / Mentally Disordered Offenders / Municipal Court Liaison Program / Adult Treatment Court Collaborative / Bedford Heights Jail Liaison. Ms. Warr expressed an interest in learning demographics of the individuals served through the various programs from Recovery Resources. (A hard copy of Recovery Resources' Forensic Program Overview is attached to the original minutes in the Executive Unit.)

5. CULTURE OF QUALITY UPDATE *(For Information Only)*

Dr. Garrity explained that the Culture of Quality program was developed by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and its member Boards to improve the quality of the statutorily mandated functions for county ADAMHS Boards. This program intends to bring consistency to the local Board system through self-regulation while preserving flexibility for Boards to be responsive to the needs of their unique constituencies.

The program objectives: 1) establish statewide Board standards; 2) implement a Peer Certification Process; 3) identify and create resources. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's two-day survey is scheduled for June 12 and 13, and will be conducted by OACBHA staff and several Executive Directors from other ADAMHS Boards. The survey team will tour our facility, look at various standards and offer any quality improvement suggestions. Certification is for a three-year period; a progress report will be provided to the ADAMHS Board of Directors.

6. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Dr. Biegel introduced the proposed list of future topics. Mr. Doud suggested adding the Housing First Initiative; the tentative review schedule is shown below:

- Community Plan *(June)*
- Early Childhood Mental Health Update - *(June)*
- Housing First Initiative *(June)*
- Spend Down Project *(September)*
- Health Homes

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Snider referenced the two positive articles (dated 5/9/12) in the Cleveland Plain Dealer regarding the ADAMHS Board's stance on ODADAS reductions and the outpouring of responses as a result of the Seasons of Hope article written by Margaret Bernstein.
- Donation Update – Mr. Denihan was happy to report that a donation of a permanent home for the Seasons of Hope Safe House in the Glenville neighborhood was made by Third Federal Savings and Loan. Efforts are underway to meet with neighbors about this opportunity. Additionally, other generous offers were received as a result of the Plain Dealer article.
- Merger of ODMH & ODADAS – An announcement was recently released about the goal to consolidate the functions of ODMH and ODADAS to create a new combined agency for mental health and addiction services in July 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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