

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 11, 2012

Committee Vice Chair, David E. Biegel, Ph.D., called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Mary Warr 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., Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Harvey Snider, Mary Step, Ph.D., Mary R. Warr, M.Ed., Anngela Williams

Absent: Pythias Jones, M.D., Leslie Nye O'Donnell, Ericka Thoms

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Carole Ballard, Ada Cancel, Vivian Catchings-El, Danei Chavez, John Coleman, Michael Doud, Craig Fallon, Tami Fischer, John Garrity, Ph.D., Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Linda Lamp, Chris Morgan, Michelle Myers, Esmat Nasr, Scott Osiecki, Cassandra Richardson, Laura Simmons, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Maggie Tolbert, Linda Torbert, Leshia Yarbrough

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of June 13, 2012, were approved as submitted. Dr. Biegel distributed to committee members copies of an interesting 2-page article by Richard A. Friedman, M.D. in The New York Times entitled, "Good News for Mental Illness in Health Law". (The handout is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

2. EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Ms. Linda Torbert, Children's Project Administrator, introduced Rebekah L. Dorman, Ph.D., Director of Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children. Both she and Dr. Dorman utilized a power point presentation to provide an overview of Invest in Children's mission/vision as well as the Early Childhood Mental Health/Child Welfare Demonstration Project. Outcomes for families completing the program indicated a 32% decline in behavior problems and a 28% improvement in parent-child relationships. For all families 65% of treatment goals were met by families at program exit. Dr. Dorman answered questions of committee members. (Additional details are provided in the power point slides attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Mr. Denihan noted that Invest in Children has made a significant impact for the residents of our county and is valued by County government as being an important player in this result. Dr. Dorman was also recognized for her excellent leadership and the program's effective public-private partnership.

3. TRANSITIONAL YOUTH CONSORTIUM

Ms. Torbert noted that the transitional youth population, ages 16 to 25, remains a challenge within our community. Due to the uniqueness of this population, the adult system is not equipped, as the system is devised to assist adults with severe and persistent mental health disorders as opposed to behavioral disorders. Youth aging out of the child welfare system and transitioning from institutions do not meet the requirements for Beech Brook's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team due to strict admission criteria for community based support.

Youth in need of alternative planning are known to Juvenile Court, re-entering into the community from ODYS institutions, or on the cusp of requiring court involvement due to high risk behaviors. Partnering systems such as Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services and Ohio Department of Youth Services have interfaced with Board staff to collaboratively address the needs of these youth for housing and behavioral health services. The proposed service model is a "modified" version of the current ACT team, to be referred to as the Transitional Age Community Treatment (TACT) team. The overarching goal is to further reduce the recidivism rate for youth returning to ODYS institutions as well as reduce the number of youth entering into the juvenile justice and adult systems.

Dr. Biegel entertained a motion to recommend approval to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Transitional Age Community Treatment (T.A.C.T.) Team. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: H. Snider

Ms. Warr advocated for including a vocational training component into the Request for Proposal; Mr. Denihan and Ms. Torbert concurred with the suggestion.

Motion to Request for Proposal for Transitional Age Community Treatment (TACT) Team to the full Board.

AYES: R. Blue, B. Fowler, H. Snider, M. Step, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None

Motion passed.

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

Dr. Christina Delos Reyes, Chief Clinical Officer, reported that the SCALE wait list remains at zero. Since 2/12/12, there have been 177 total assessments conducted from the community and 62 referrals from the state hospital with 61 assessments completed. She noted that the system is serving very ill clients; 130 people were level 3, while 106 people were level 4. Dr. Delos Reyes briefly explained the definitions for the level of care designations that have to do with diagnosis, severity of symptoms and level of functioning. Basically, the scale is from 1-5 with 1 being the least severe with no psychotic diagnosis to level 5 which has a psychotic diagnosis with multiple hospitalizations and difficulty functioning in the community.

Based upon the discussion, Dr. Biegel asked if a brief description of the levels of care be added to the next SCALE report or provided as an additional handout. No other questions were generated.

5. BRIDGEWAY, INC. UPDATE

Since receiving official approval from the Board of Directors last month to enter into negotiations with Key Bank, Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, reported that Board staff participated in a conference call with ODMH and the County Prosecutor's Office about the prospective negotiation with Key Bank about the properties that the Board is interested.

Meanwhile, the ADAMHS Board is continuing to provide property management for the 15 former Bridgeway residential properties that house approximately 50 individuals and 2 families. Board staff has reached out to those residents to inform them that their specific property may soon be placed on the market for sale. Next steps include working with individuals to help them move/transfer to other properties in the system.

Mr. Denihan informed Mr. Doud that Key Bank recently communicated to him that they are waiting on their appraisals and would like to also obtain copies of county appraisals from the ADAMHS Board; consequently, once Mr. Doud receives them he was asked to forward them on to Ms. Barton at Key Bank.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Copies of the Quality Improvement section of the 2011-2013 Strategic Plan Update were distributed to member of the committee and those in the audience. Dr. Garrity elaborated on accomplishments made to address the various objectives under the overall goal to "adopt a state-wide model of performance improvement that supports an organizational management philosophy that employs data-informed decision making." Dr. Garrity addressed questions from P&O Committee members regarding the updates. (The Q.I. Update as of 7/11/12 is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

7. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Ms. Warr suggested hearing a report from the Veterans Administration. Mr. Denihan suggested reporting on SCALE & Bridgeway Updates as on-going agenda items & suggested the following additional topics and tentative dates:

October 2012

- Gambling & Treatment
- Health Homes
- Role of Medicaid Grievances
- Consolidation/Merger of State Departments (ODMH & ODADAS) and policies to be reviewed

November 2012

- Forensic & Civil Bed Day Contract
- Impact of Federal Healthcare Plan
- Return to Work (Employment & Treatment contracts to end this fall)
- Spend-Down Project – (November or January)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Denihan participated in his last meeting as OACBHA's Chairperson. The meeting was lengthy due to the effort needed to pass a resolution supporting the notion that the state of Ohio should answer the question why there is such a disparity in mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services across the state of Ohio. The proposed resolution will go before the full OACBHA Board in the next several weeks. Mr. Denihan noted that he advocated strongly for acting as one voice on this important issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

Approved by: David E. Biegel, Ph.D., Planning & Oversight Committee Vice Chair