

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Committee Chair, Pythias D. Jones, M.D., called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Dr. Reginald C. Blue 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., Pythias Jones, M.D., Harvey Snider, Mary Step, Ph.D., Ericka Thoms, Mary R. Warr, M.Ed.

Absent: Leslie Nye O'Donnell, Anngela Williams

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Dr. Christina Delos Reyes, Chief Clinical Officer, distributed a handout that describes the continued care criteria for levels of care in answer to the committee's request last month. (A copy of the handout is attached to the original minutes in the Executive Unit.) The weekly SCALE report for 8/27/12-8/31/12 was reviewed. Since 2/12/12, there have been 414 total assessments/people taken care of through the SCALE program due to the extra County Council funds received as a result of advocacy efforts for additional funding.

With regard to the matrix identifying agency participation, Mr. Denihan explained that some agencies had the capacity to treat individuals; however, due to client choice and oftentimes the geographical location of agencies, such as the Far West Center, consumers elect to choose an agency that is closer to their residence.

3. BRIDGEWAY, INC. UPDATE

Mr. Denihan addressed the reimbursement issue for expenses incurred by the ADAMHS Board as a result of the transition of Bridgeway clients and properties with the Ohio Director of Mental Health, Tracy Plouck. She stated that ODMH does not intend to reimburse the Board in this circumstance and that it is a policy decision that had not occurred previously with any other Board. Mr. Denihan will continue to advocate for additional funds since the expenses are running between a range of \$400,000--\$500,000.

Mr. Denihan asked Michael Doud, Adult Behavioral Health Services Administrator, to give an update on progress made to purchase of several Bridgeway properties. Mr. Doud reported that the Board is wrapping up negotiations for the Roberto Flores property and hopes to have the purchase agreement ready by the end of this month. He explained that the negotiation process was possible with this particular property as it was the only one which had Key Bank in the first position and ODMH in the second position. The negotiated price is \$150,000; the fair market value was listed at \$200,000. Currently, the eight clients residing in this facility will remain in place; Mental Health Services, Inc. is the service provider.

Mr. Denihan has asked in writing for consideration to purchase the forensic residential care facility, the Bridgeway Headquarters building and the Crisis Stabilization Unit; however, Bridgeway representatives have not yet responded. Lastly, there are 50 families who reside in individual living sites formerly operated by Bridgeway. The ADAMHS Board continues to provide maintenance for these properties and contracts with a property manager to handle issues that occur on evenings or weekends.

4. COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST ADDICTION (CAAA) REPORT

Mr. Denihan introduced Ms. Gladys Hall, Acting Chief Executive Officer of CAAA and expressed his delight in her appointment as Interim CEO. For the record, Mr. Denihan hopes that she considers taking the job on permanently. Ms. Hall noted that her experience with CAAA, since April 2012, has been both interesting and challenging. She noted that the services provided by the agency are important as there is a significant heroin problem in our community.

Review of statistics revealed:

- In 2011, CAAA served 550 individuals who are addicted to heroin and are now receiving methadone.
- As of 9/11/12, CAAA has served 559 individuals; the agency is on a track to serve more people this year.
- The demographic make-up was found to be surprising - 60% of the heroin addicts are Caucasian, 29% are African American, and the remaining 11% are Latino.
- Of African Americans served, the majority were 50-55 years old or older.
- Of Caucasians served, the majority were between the ages of 25-34 years.
- No particular pattern was observed regarding Latinos served
- Eight pregnant women were served in 2011; so far in 2012, the number is up to 16 pregnant women served.

Ms. Hall explained the process for methadone distribution and noted that more and more individuals are employed. The agency has tried to accommodate clients and are specifically focusing on two target groups—pregnant women and employed clients. To improve the organization, the agency has put in place more individual and group counseling sessions and increased the number of self-help groups.

Last year's annual report identified the agency as a methadone maintenance facility. Ms. Hall feels that the goal should be to get people off of methadone and return them to normal life. Other changes include increasing the number of dosing windows in order to improve methadone distribution so that individuals employed are able to retain their jobs. The location of CAAA is 5209 Euclid Avenue, next door to Salvation Army. Ms. Hall addressed the questions and comments made by committee members.

Mr. Denihan echoed Ms. Hall's comments and goal to move clients from treatment to recovery. Mr. Doud reported that a final report on CAAA will be complete next month and will be shared with Board members at that time.

5. SEASONS OF HOPE UPDATE

Ms. Valeria Harper, Chief Operating Officer, took a moment to thank Michael Doud for covering her responsibilities during her medical leave absence.

Ms. Harper reported that due to the generosity of Third Federal Savings and Loan and Marc Stefanski, C.E.O., the Seasons of Hope Safe House ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on 8/9/12 with approximately 30 people in attendance. The event was successful, and the home itself is beautiful. To date, two women have been served at the new facility. She noted that new street cards will soon be printed to include the new telephone number to access the Safe House.

The Seasons of Hope Advisory Board remains very active. The Advisory Board along with the Hitchcock Center for Women (HCFW) are planning a "Housewarming Shower" on Sunday, 11/12/12, from 2:00-5:00 PM at HCFW. Items needed for the Safe House are listed at Wal-Mart and Target registries. Since the opening of the Safe House on 8/20/12, measures have been taken to install an attractive rod iron security front door and to assure that the garage door was functional.

6. CONTINUITY OF CARE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHCOAST BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Dr. Delos Reyes reported that the Continuity of Care Agreement is an agreement with the state psychiatric hospital that has been a requirement as long as its existence. The overall document is 100 pages in length. Those portions needing updates had to do with changing language from two hospitals to one hospital and additional appendices to address the specific forensic rooms for forensic patients. Most of the agreement remains the same as in past years. Dr. Delos Reyes noted that the ADAMHS Board has a great relationship with the hospital that is reflected in the agreement that is also shared with the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

7. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEEOctober 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)

Future months – yet to be determined

- Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice
- Department of Children & Family Services/ADAMHS Board collaboration
- AOD Peer Review
- Veterans Administration Update

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

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