

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

## PLANNING & OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 13, 2011

Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D. 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., Rick Kemm, Earl Lawrence, Harvey Snider, Mary Step, Ph.D., Ericka Thoms / Absent: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Rev. Charlotte Noble, Anngela Williams

**Board Staff Present:** William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Carole Ballard, Kevin Berg, Ada Cancel, Vivian Catchings-El, Danei Chavez, Cindy Chaytor, John Coleman, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Cheryl Fratalone, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Myra Henderson, Carol Krajewski, Linda Lamp, Chris Morgan, Michelle Myers, Esmat Nasr, Scott Osiecki, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

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

The Planning and Oversight Committee minutes of March 9, 2011, were approved as submitted.

### 2. **DEFENDING CHILDHOOD: CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE INITIATIVE**

The "Defending Children" initiative of Attorney General, Eric Holder, aims to:

- Reduce childhood exposure to violence.
- Increase knowledge & awareness of childhood violence & its effects.
- Reduce the negative impact of childhood exposure to violence.

ADAMHS Board staff, Scott Osiecki and Linda Torbert, reported that Cuyahoga County has been selected as 1 of 8 sites to receive a \$157,000 grant to prepare and submit a comprehensive strategic plan that uses evidence-based strategies and includes services, training, evaluation policies & public awareness.

A power point presentation laid out Cuyahoga County's Planning Structure and goals. Our county's Strategic Plan will be presented in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 2, 2011. Cuyahoga County will receive either \$500,000 or a total of \$2 million in funding for three years.

### 3. **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PUBLIC & PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (VRP-3)**

Board staff, Cassandra Richardson and Myra Henderson, provided an overview of the VRP-3 Project that will help to take advantage of approximately \$33 million of unmatched funds. In order for Ohio to draw down these federal funds, RSC needed boards to provide a local match. The project is a collaboration of: RSC (Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission); ODADAS (Ohio Dept. of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services); ODMH (Ohio Dept. of Mental Health); and OACBHA (Ohio Assoc. of County Behavioral Health Authorities).

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Board of Cuyahoga County will provide a local match of **\$984,745**, which will result in a net award of \$3.9 million for this project. The program will begin in April 2011 and funding must be used by September 30, 2012.

Target populations will include:

- Individuals addicted to opiates
- Individuals with an addiction or mental illness diverted or reentering from a local or state correctional facility
- Youth or young adults in transition with an addiction or mental illness
- Veterans with a mental illness or addiction
- Individuals with severe and persistent mental illness

ADAMHS Board will contract with the following 6 provider agencies to provide the vocational rehabilitation services: Catholic Charities; Cuyahoga County TASC Program; Jewish Family Service Association; Spectrum/Recovery Resources; Magnolia Clubhouse; and Mental Health Services, Inc.

Representatives from 4 agencies spoke to the P&O Committee to identify their plans for providing vocational rehabilitation services (to individuals listed in the target populations):

- Steve Morse - Spectrum/Recovery Resources
- Sarah McQuire - Cuyahoga County TASC Program
- Christine Rawlings - Mental Health Services
- David DiTullio - Magnolia Clubhouse

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

A SCALE Update for 1/3/11 through 4/4/11 was provided by Dr. Delos Reyes, Chief Clinical Officer:

- Weekly phone meetings and monthly Oversight meetings with Connections continue.
- Monthly Point Person meetings continue.
- Approval obtained for second phone screener
- A Quarterly stakeholder meeting was held on 3/15/11.

Year to date through April 4, 2011, Connections conducted 394 phone screens and found 267 people to be SCALE eligible. Connections referred 127 individuals, completed 150 assessments with 37 pending.

Based upon the high volume of telephone calls received from individuals seeking mental health services through the SCALE program, Dr. Delos Reyes noted that consideration of hiring an additional telephone screener will be brought before the Finance & Operations Committee.

#### **5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

- Art / music therapy, physical fitness & nutrition as part of the recovery process - *(July)*
- Domestic violence issues - *(July)*
- Opiate Epidemic in Ohio
- Integrated Care

The rationale for scheduling several topics in July is due to the intent of scheduling RFI discussions with the P&O Committee during its meeting cycle in May and June.

#### **6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Denihan reported on disturbing trends learned at the Opiate Epidemic Conference held in Columbus.
- Ms. Thoms recommended 2 excellent television programs regarding addictions that focused on issues in Ohio; they were featured on the OWN Network by Lisa Ling and on the Intervention program on A&E.
- Mr. Snider addressed the recent Plain Dealer Truth Meter article regarding Governor Kasich's remarks about the state mental health hospital which sparked further discussion regarding the utilization of private beds at four Cleveland hospitals. Mr. Denihan noted that he is carefully considering bed day funding implications for the future before continuing talks with interested hospitals.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

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