

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2010

### Board of Directors Present:

Kathryn E. Gambatese, Chair

Luis Felipe Amunategui, Ph.D.

Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Janet C. Hnanicek

Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

**Chief Executive Officer** – William M. Denihan

**Absent:** Pastor Charles E. Brown, Eugenia Cash, Cynthia Miller, Anngela Williams

Rick A. Kemm, MNO

Amy S. Leopard, Esq.

Harvey A. Snider

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble

Lisa Thomas, Ph.D.

Ericka Thoms

Mary R. Warr

### ADAMHS Board Staff Present:

Victoria Baraz, Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Nick Papadorotheou, Christine Paternoster, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kathryn Gambatese called the General Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all to our new location/space. She reported on the wonderful soft opening ceremony and ribbon cutting held earlier in the afternoon. No input was received from audience members regarding agenda items.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the ADAMHS Board General Meeting held on January 27, 2010, were approved as mailed.

### 3. NEW OFFICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Denihan noted that the move to our new administrative offices completed the final administrative phase of the consolidation of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board. Not only are all of the ADAMHS Board staff under one roof; but also, by being in one building, the ADAMHS Board will save \$440,000 each year in rent for the next ten years that includes free parking. Mr. Denihan noted that this very significant annual cost-savings will be put into mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services. Special thanks were extended to the many people responsible for helping to coordinate the move to our new location; the following persons were recognized:

Board staff members:

- **Samica Summers-Bethune**, Administrative Assistant to Cassandra Richardson, CFO, for coordinating the move captains and keeping us up to date and on task with move efforts.
- **Yancey Quinn**, Director of Information Services, and his staff: **Nick Papadorotheou**, **Victoria Baraz**, and **Curtis Couch** for working virtually around the clock to ensure that our computer system was up and running on the first day of business, February 16, 2010.

Others in the community that worked along with us to make this move a reality were introduced and given a token of our appreciation:

- a. **Lisa Cole, Relocation Plus, Inc.**, our move coordinator who taught us how to pack and unpack, arrange for the movers and everything else related to the move of the two former locations to this one. Mr. Denihan noted that Ms. Cole's fee was covered by our new landlords.
- b. **Steve Zannoni & Eric Gonczy of PMC**, our owner's representatives, made sure that our interests were always looked after.

- c. **Paul Volpe & Benny Chew from City Architecture**, designed this fantastic space.
- d. **Clark Rose & William Smiley of S. Rose Furniture**, designed the work stations.
- e. **Rick and Ari Maron & Josh Herman from MRN Limited**, new landlords, not only built this space to our specs but also donated the flat screen monitors in the conference rooms.
- f. **Scott Pick & Brian Conroy of UGL Equis**, helped us shift through the office space proposals, find this space and negotiate the lease on this great location.
- g. **Ron Isroff & Ericka Schindler of Ulmer & Berne**, successfully handled the RFP litigation with victories at the Trial Court, the Appellate Court and the Ohio Supreme Court.

Mr. Denihan also thanked **each staff member** for their dedication in packing and unpacking while continuing to serve the community. CEO Denihan acknowledged and recognized **Cassandra Richardson**, Chief Financial Officer, who also served as Project Manager of the entire relocation effort, for her hard work and dedication and presented her with a flower bouquet in appreciation.

Mr. Denihan thanked all Board of Directors for their leadership, patience, and indulgence during the entire time of our administrative office move. All Board staff present were asked to stand and be recognized for continuing to do the job that they do every day. Chairperson Gambatese stated that in addition to the projected administrative office rental cost savings, since 7/1/09, the consolidation has saved \$2.4 million in administrative and personnel costs.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-01  
RECOGNITION OF ROKNEDIN SAFAVI, M.D., FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-02-01.** MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: B. Gohlstin  
AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, J. Robert Fowler, K. Gambatese, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

**5. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Warr, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, summarized issues discussed at the P&O Committee meeting held on 2/10/10. It was noted that presentations, from AOD and mental health agencies, are scheduled on a rotating basis by the P&O Committee. The February P&O Committee meeting focused on:

- Jewish Family Service Association Presentation
- Status Report on the Pilot Mental Health Service Benefit Package for Non-Medicaid Adults – this will be an on-going agenda item throughout the pilot period which is being extended to 6/30/10.

● **CONTINUED COMMITMENT AS OUTPATIENT POLICY** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Official Vote*)

**Purpose:** To use continued civil commitment on an outpatient basis is reserved for patients being discharged from the state hospital who require a probate court mandate for treatment in order to comply with that treatment necessary to allow them to live and function safely in a community setting.

**Motion to approve CONTINUED COMMITMENT AS OUTPATIENT POLICY.** MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: A. Leopard / AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, J. Robert Fowler, B. Gohlstin, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, A. Leopard, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None **Motion carried.**

Ms. Gambatese announced her appointment of Pythias D. Jones, M.D. as Vice Chair of the Planning and Oversight Committee.

Mr. Denihan asked permission from the Chair to recognize in the audience--Dr. Terrence M. Ryan, Ph.D., of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, David E. Biegel, Ph.D., Professor, and Lenore A. Kola, Ph.D., Associate Professor, of CWRU's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences who were accompanied by several fellows program students.

Additionally, Mr. Denihan introduced Mr. Warren Anderson, a local businessman in the area, who handed him a \$2,000 check addressed to the ADAMHS Board in support of our mission. Mr. Denihan noted that the check will be directed to support educational Brown Bag luncheon sessions for consumers of mental health and AOD services.

## **6. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., noted that the Finance & Operations Committee met earlier in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m. The committee reviewed reports regarding the utilization of Central Pharmacy allocations and state hospital bed days. Operating expenditures were reviewed as well as Board vouchers. Consequently, all items reviewed by the committee were recommended for approval in the Consent Agenda Format.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Nos. 10-02-02, 10-02-03, and 10-02-04)**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-02  
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JANUARY 2010**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-03, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◇ Board of County Commission (BOCC): Funding for St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's Psychiatric ER
  - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 09-11-05, BOCC: Ryan White
- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-01-04, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS:**
  - ◇ Board of County Commission (BOCC): Funding for St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's Psychiatric ER
  - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 09-11-05, BOCC: Ryan White
  - ◇ Suburban Muni Jail Liaison
  - ◇ Amendment to Resolution No. 09-10-07

### **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 10-02-02, 10-02-03, and 10-02-04).**

MOTION: B. Fowler / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: F. Amunategui, R. Blue, E. Cash, J. Robert Fowler, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

## **7. FY2011 NON-MEDICAID BUDGET STRATEGY**

Mr. Denihan referenced the disturbing financial scenario reported to the Finance & Operations Committee with regard to possible state funding reductions facing the ADAMHS Board in FY2011. Consequently, letters will be sent out to providers on March 1, 2010 to serve a 120-day notice that Non-Medicaid contract(s) may not be renewed or may be substantially changed. All providers will be offered an opportunity to present a proposal with stated program outcomes and utilization. ADAMHS Board staff will then evaluate which services will be purchased and at what level. Further information will be shared at an All Provider Meeting to be scheduled in the near future.

Since the Non-Medicaid Adult Central Intake Pilot Project has been extended until 6/30/10, Mr. Denihan noted that participating providers in this pilot program will be made whole through 12/31/10. The caveat in this letter will note that there may be an adjustment to their contract by the end of the year that is relative to the statistics and data received through the pilot program.

## **8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Gambatese reported that the Executive Committee met on 2/10/10 and approved the Standing Rules that were introduced at the ADAMHS Board Retreat several months ago. The committee received an update on activities around the Health & Human Service Levy and had a presentation by Dr. Garrity and Robert Rink, J.D., on Appreciative Inquiry which is one of the significant elements in our Board's strategic planning process.

**8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** *(Continued)*

Ms. Gambatese thanked the **Nominating Committee--Co-Chairs, Amy Leopard & Eugenia Cash, Rick Kemm, Harvey Snider, and Rev. Charlotte Still Noble** for their efforts to recruit, interview and recommend candidates to serve as Non-Board member representatives to serve on the P&O Committee. The ADAMHS Board Bylaws stipulate that the Planning & Oversight Committee shall also constitute the standing committee on alcohol and other drug services as required by ORC §340.022. In order to meet this requirement, two (2) residents of the service district who are not members of the Board but, are qualified, pursuant to ORC §340.022 are to serve on the committee for a four-year term. The appointees may vote at the committee level only.

Based upon the Executive Committee's affirmative vote to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Gambatese appointed and introduced *Earl G. Lawrence* and *Mary M. Step, Ph.D.* as non-Board members of the Planning & Oversight Committee; terms to begin March 2010 through February 2014. Mr. Lawrence currently is a Research Assistant at the Dept. of Medicine, Hematology-Oncology at CWRU. Dr. Step is an instructor in the Department of Family Medicine at Case/University Hospitals.

**9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Denihan highlighted items from the February 24, 2010, **CEO Headliners**; see issue attached to minutes.

- A Health & Human Services issue will appear on the May 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. The \$2.9 million renewal campaign kicked off on February 12, 2010. What is at stake is \$36.5 million for mental health and AOD services. The ADAMHS Board will play an integral role in support of the Health & Human Services levy as the Ohio Revised Code legally permits Board staff to use work time to advocate and lobby for funding through this levy. Julie Fogel is in charge of the Levy Speakers Bureau and Scott Osiecki is in charge of the Phone Bank that will take place in our new building.
- A class action lawsuit was filed against the Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Ohio Department of Mental Health alleging that prisoners with serious mental illness are being released from prison without links to necessary follow-up care once back into society. Mr. Denihan stated that it is our hope that these departments will recognize the importance of allocating necessary funds into re-entry to provide needed services.
- The new State Hospital is becoming a reality. ODMH Director, Sandra Stephenson, met with Mr. Denihan and walked him through a life-sized model of a patient room that was constructed in the ODMH offices. The location of the new state hospital in Cleveland on Euclid Avenue between E. 57 and E. 59<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Board member, Jan Hnanicek, shared that she recently attended a Training Institute class entitled, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy: Promoting Recovery from Schizophrenia and Related Illnesses." She stated that it was a fantastic experience and that the session taught people with schizophrenia how to advance in memory speed, in thinking, solving problems, etc. Ms. Hnanicek encouraged all to consider taking such courses and thanked the ADAMHS Board for the wonderful opportunity.
- Rev. Gohlstin wished to make everyone aware of the importance of the upcoming census. Census numbers not only affect our congressional seats but also impact the amounts of money coming to Ohio. Mr. Denihan agreed and noted that efforts will be made to assure that all consumers of behavioral services are counted.

**11. AUDIENCE INPUT** - None

*There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

*Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn E. Gambatese, Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*