

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2010

Board of Directors Present:

Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair	Rick A. Kemm, MNO
David E. Biegel, Ph.D.	J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D.
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider
Eugenia Cash	Ericka Thoms
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Mary Warr
Pythias D. Jones, M.D.	Anngela Williams
William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer	

Absent: Pastor Charles E. Brown; Marc G. Crosby; Tatiana Falcone, M.D.; Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

ADAMHS Board Staff Present:

Christina Delos Reyes, M.D., Cindy Chaytor, Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, Dr. John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rev. Noble called the General Meeting of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. No input on agenda items from audience members was received.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Rev. Noble thanked Barbara R. Marburger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, from the Office of William D. Mason, for returning to the ADAMHS Board to administer the Oath of Office to county appointment: J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D. Dr. Romaniuk was sworn in as an ADAMHS Board of Director and asked by Ms. Marburger to sign the Oath of Office document as well as the Conflict of Interest statement. The Chair welcomed him aboard.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the ADAMHS Board General Meeting minutes of July 28, 2010 were approved as distributed.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Noble announced an addition to the agenda--a report from the Nominating Committee. Rick Kemm, Nominating Committee Chair reported that he along with committee members met together twice to interview a total of five prospective candidates for the two Board appointment vacancies. There were several very good candidates. A Nominating Committee meeting was held on 9/27/10 to consider interview ratings. As a result of the deliberations, the candidates recommended to the full Board for approval and submission to the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Board of County Commissioners respectively are:

- Recommendation for ODMH Appointment Vacancy:
Richard Alan Folbert - (for the unexpired appointment term of Janet C. Hnanicek, 7/1/09 to 6/30/12)
- Recommendation for BOCC Appointment Vacancy – AOD Interest
Rev. Iris Lynn Bailey, M. Div, MA, LPC-CR - (for the unexpired term of Amy S. Leopard, Esq., 7/1/09 – 6/30/12)

The Nominating Committee intends to draft letters to those candidates not selected during this round of interviews and for those conducted earlier this calendar year.

Motion to approve Board appointment recommendations to the respective Appointing Authorities.

MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Thoms / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

5. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY (CR&A) REPORT

Eugenia Cash, Committee Vice Chair, reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on 9/1/10. The committee discussed a variety of issues. Two resolutions were generated from the CR&A committee for consideration by the full Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-01

CALL FOR THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADEQUATELY FUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ENSURE ACCESS FOR ALL OHIOANS IN NEED OF ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Rev. Noble noted that an important component of this resolution is the recommendation that Community Behavioral Health Medicaid Match be funded out of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) 525 line. Currently, county ADAMHS Boards are responsible for paying for Medicaid match while other health related areas have their Medicaid match paid for by ODJFS. Ms. Richardson added that the resolution further recommends that Boards should not be required to utilize local levy funds to match Medicaid, and that ODMH line items #408 and #505 as well as ODADS line item #401 remain fully funded with dollars being allocated to the Boards for services in the community.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-09-01. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: R. Kemm / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, C. Noble, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-02

CALL FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO HOLD THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY HARMLESS IN THE 408 FUNDING FORMULA REVISION

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-09-02. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, C. Noble, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams
NAYS: None / Motion passed unanimously.

Additional topics addressed at CR&A Committee Meeting:

- Of-1-Mind Update – Behavioral Healthcare IS Healthcare Campaign
- Sponsorship of Cleveland Playhouse's "The Kite Runner" – recommended to the full Board.
- Clergy Video/Village TV – ADAMHS Board to partner with Village TV to produce a 60-minute video/four 15-min. segments to provide educational support to clergy in our community – recommended to the full Board.
- Roads to Recovery Conference – Date: 9/12/11 at a new location, Marriott Cleveland Airport, which has been newly renovated and is accessible by I-71 and located near the 150th Red Line Rapid Station. This decision is also being recommended to the full Board.

6. PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT (P&O) COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, Dr. Pythias Jones, reported that the P&O Committee met on 9/15/10. After the Committee Mission Statement was read by Rev. Noble, the committee minutes of 7/14/10 were approved. The following topics were presented:

- INTEGRATION OF PHYSICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mr. Jonas Thom of the Coordinating Center for Integrating Care in Cincinnati, Ohio, was invited by Dr. Delos Reyes. He works with the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, funded by ODMH to create the Ohio Coordinating Center for Integrating Care (OCCIC). Its mission is to share information and resources about integrating and coordinating physical and mental health care in Ohio.

- INTEGRATION OF PHYSICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - (Continued)

The OCCIC has developed a number of tools, resources and fact sheets to assist behavioral health providers, most of which are available on the Web site, www.occic.org. A DVD, recently produced by the OCCIC, was distributed to committee members and other interested individuals; the title is "Implementing Guide for Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care in Ohio." Mr. Thom addressed questions of committee members and emphasized the importance of inclusion with respect to including behavioral healthcare as a critical component of integrated care.

- INPATIENT ADMISSIONS FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

Valeria Harper and Richard Oliver, Director of Crisis Services of Mental Health Services, introduced a proposed agreement developed through a partnership between Mr. Oliver & Mr. Denihan. Ms. Harper noted that for over a decade Cuyahoga County has not had a state psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents; consequently, it has been a challenge to find available psychiatric beds in emergency situations. The purpose of the agreement is to provide inpatient psychiatric services for medically indigent clients under the age of 18 who have been assessed by the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) for whom no less restrictive alternative is possible. The Mobile Crisis Team will function as the gatekeeper for the use of ADAMHS Board's inpatient funds. The ADAMHS Board will agree to pay various hospitals that can provide acute psychiatric care for medically indigent clients under the age of 18 at an agreed upon rate. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of this agreement to the Finance & Operations Committee.

- STATUS OF MENTAL HEALTH NON-MEDICAID INITIATIVE FOR ADULTS

Dr. Christina Delos Reyes presented project outcomes for the Central Intake Project (CIP) and noted that (a) a total of 143 clients have been referred since 7/1/10, (b) the name CIP has been changed to SCALE which stands for: Screening, Centralized, Assessment, Level of Care & Engagement with Treatment.

- POLICY REVIEW

Notification and Review of Reportable Incidents & MUIs (Major Unusual Incidents) – Board staff, Rose Fini and Dr. John Garrity led the discussion about this policy which addresses reporting requirements for contract service providers including AOD providers of residential services.

Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Services - Board staff, Ms. Fini & Dr. Delos Reyes provided an update on efforts to solicit feedback on this policy through a public forum held on 8/19/10. As a result of the forum input, the original policy was not significantly changed; however, some language was revised. Dr. Jones noted that both policies are being forwarded on to the full Board for their "first reading".

POLICY REVIEW - Rev. Noble presented the following two policies for their first reading on 9/29/10:

- **NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS & MUIs**

Purpose: To assist contract service providers, Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) licensed residential care facilities (RCFs) and licensed adult care facilities (ACFs) in recognizing and reporting incidents and events that they are required to report to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County Community (ADAMHS BOARD) and other entities. To define the ADAMHS BOARD activities of reviewing such reports as within the scope of the ADAMHS BOARD's performance improvement process and to define the ADAMHS BOARD's responsibilities to report and investigate incidents.

- **GUIDELINES FOR DETOXIFICATION SERVICES FUNDED WITH NON-MEDICAID SERVICES**

Purpose: To establish guidelines for the use of non-Medicaid funds for clients in need of detoxification services.

Questions regarding the guidelines for detoxification services and the process were addressed; discussion followed.

7. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Warr, Interim Committee Chair, reported that the Finance & Operations Committee met on 9/22/10 and worked diligently to review the number of issues/agenda process sheets. Ms. Warr noted that there are two stand-alone resolutions--#10-09-03 and #10-09-04.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-03**
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 10-06-06 (1c) FY2011 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDICAID EXPENDITURES

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-09-03. MOTION: D. Biegel / SECOND: E. Cash

AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-04**
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) PHASE 2: DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR FY2011
 - Beech Brook
 - Far West Center
 - New Directions
 - The Covenant, Inc.

Rev. Noble explained that the Request for Information/Phase 2 process was conducted to ensure that service gaps, resulting from the late submission of four proposals, were met. During the RFY second round, twenty RFI's were received. An Executive Review team deliberated and submitted the following program recommendations and funding levels.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-09-04. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: R. Kemm / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / ABSTAIN: E. Cash
NAYS: None / Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA - (Resolution Nos. 10-09-05 through 10-09-09)

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-05, ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2010 AND AUGUST 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-06, APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS:

- ◇ Notice of Awards for SFY2011 from the ODADAS: Medicaid Adolescent Rehabilitation Project
- ◇ Notice of Grant Award from the Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission (ORSC) –Pass-Thru Funds for Cleveland Sight Center - Call Center Program
- ◇ Notice of Grant Award from the ORSC – Pass-Thru Funds for Cleveland Sight Center - Business Enterprise Program
- ◇ Notice of Grant Award from ORSC – Pass-Thru Funds for Cleveland Sight Center - Supportive Employment Program
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from BOCC: Suburban Municipal Liaison Program
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from ODMH: Forensic Services 401C Allocation
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award - Cuyahoga County Corrections Board: Mentally Disordered Offender Contract
- ◇ Ohio Dept. of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services and Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Pass-Thru Funds: Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from ODMH – Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program:
 - Positive Education Program
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Residential Treatment
 - Bellefaire JCB
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Residential Treatment
 - Catholic Charities Services/Parmadale
- ◇ McLean Hospital, Klarman Eating Disorder Center: Out-of-State Residential Treatment

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-07, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS:

- ◇ Notice of Awards (NOA) for SFY2011 from the ODADAS: Medicaid Adolescent Rehabilitation Project – Catholic Charities Services Corp.
- ◇ Notice of Grant from ORSC –Pass-Thru Funds for Cleveland Sight Center -Call Center Program
- ◇ Notice of Grant Award from the ORSC – Pass-Thru Funds for Cleveland Sight Center – Business Enterprise Program
- ◇ Notice of Grant Award from the ORSC – Pass-Thru Funds for Cleveland Sight Center – Supportive Employment Program
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from BOCC for Suburban Municipal Liaison Program: Recovery Resources, Inc. and Murtis H. Taylor Human Services Center
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from ODMH Forensic Services 401C Allocation: Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic & Recovery Resources, Inc.
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from Cuyahoga County Corrections Board for the Mentally Disordered Offender Contract - Recovery Resources, Inc.
- ◇ Ohio Dept. of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services and Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Pass-Thru Funds: Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
- ◇ Notice of Funding Award from ODMH – Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program
 - Positive Education Program
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Residential Treatment
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Residential Treatment
 - Catholic Charities Services/Parmadale
- ◇ McLean Hospital, Klarman Eating Disorder Center: Out-of-State Residential Treatment
- ◇ BOCC: Family and Children First Council – Family and Schools Together: Parma City Schools District
- ◇ BOCC: Ryan White Title I Funds - (22 agencies; see list on agenda process sheet)
- ◇ Invest in Children Funding for Early Childhood Mental Health Program:
 - Achievement Centers for Children
 - Applewood Centers
 - Beech Brook
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
 - Berea Children's Home and Family Services
 - Positive Education Program

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-07, APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS - (Continued)

- ◇ St. Vincent Charity Hospital/Rosary Hall: Suboxone/Detoxification Residential Program
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Hospitals with Licensed Psychiatric Units for Children & Adolescents
- ◇ Adjustment of Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Project Funds: Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau and Cuyahoga County Division of Juvenile Court

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-08, APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS:

- ◇ Cleveland Playhouse Sponsorship: The Kite Runner
- ◇ Village TV: Outreach to Clergy
- ◇ Marriott Cleveland Airport: Roads to Recovery Conference
- ◇ Hitchcock Center for Women & Spectrum for Supportive Services: Brown Bag Lunches
- ◇ Amendments: CTR Systems Agreements

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-09, APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS:

- ◇ Brown Consulting
- ◇ Your Bean Counter
- ◇ Michael Stringer, Consultant: County Reentry Planning

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Res. Nos. 10-09-05 through 10-09-09).

MOTION: B. Fowler / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

Rev. Noble revised the agenda order in order to allow Mr. Denihan time to arrive from Columbus before considering Resolution No. 10-09-10, Ratification of Labor Agreement with OAPSE, AFL-CIO, Local 328.

8. ADAMHSCC BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Although the ADAMHS Board did not hold meetings in August, the Chair noted that Board members were very busy.

- New Board members participated in an Orientation Session on 8/18/10.
- Several Board members met with Chief Denihan and several state legislators to address ongoing funding issues and advocated for behavioral healthcare funding needs.
- An Annual Training Session/Retreat was held on Saturday, 8/28/10, at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The Chair thanked Rick Kemm and Nominating Committee members—Bob Fowler, Ericka Thoms, and Anngela Williams—for their hard work in recruiting and interviewing prospective Board member candidates. Eugenia Cash and Mary Warr were thanked for stepping in to chair committee meetings when committee chairs were not available, and Ericka Thoms was thanked for attending the latest Community Relations & Advocacy Committee to allow for continuity of work although she has a new committee assignment.

The C.E.O. Performance Evaluation Review Team (Rev. Noble, Bob Fowler and Eugenia Cash) met several times with Mr. Denihan. By October, Board members should receive a final copy of the C.E.O.'s Goals for FY11. The review team has begun to work with Ed Towns, a retired Human Resources Specialist from Eaton Corporation, to streamline the C.E.O. evaluation process. Rev. Noble noted that the C.E.O. does not want a compensation increase. However, she noted her concern that the Board needs to structure a package that is truly comparable to other settings in the open market to serve the ADAMHS Board in the future. Additionally, the Review Team also intends to look at formulating a Board evaluation tool to assess the work of the Board of Directors.

Rev. Noble spoke with Dr. Tatiana Falcone, Child Psychiatrist at the Cleveland Clinic and one of our newly appointed Board members, and learned that Dr. Falcone and her colleagues at the Cleveland Clinic were excited to have received a large grant to work on anti-bullying strategies in the public schools.

Ms. Harper was asked to provide a brief update on the Safe Surrender event held on September 21-25th at Mt. Zion Church. Ms. Harper thanked agencies for providing free mental health and AoD assessments on site. Over 7,400 people with outstanding non-violent or misdemeanor warrants turned themselves in during this event. Ms. Harper learned that Cleveland takes the lead in the nation for the number of participants coming forward for the Safe Surrender. She learned that there were less than 1% actual arrests. Judges participating in the Safe Surrender stopped by our area to thank us for the valuable assistance provided through assessments and capability to make referral appointments on site. Ms. Harper and Rev. Noble also acknowledged the efforts of Board staff at this successful event.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-10
RATIFICATION OF LABOR AGREEMENT WITH OAPSE, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 328**

Ms. Warr noted that the Labor Agreement for the time period of 7/1/10 through 6/30/13 was agreed to by the ADAMHS Board Contract Negotiating Team and ratified by the Union membership. The agreement does not include a wage increase. If a wage reopener is requested in FY12 or FY13, it is contingent upon a required Article 15 discussion concerning Drug and Alcohol Procedures.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-09-10. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, B. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams / NAYS: None
Motion passed.

[Mr. Denihan arrived.]

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Snider asked if there is progress in the area of looking for grants to cover the areas of music therapy, art therapy, and physical therapy as family members consider these activities to be a major component of a person's recovery. Mr. Denihan noted that Board staff concur with family members' sentiments and recognize that some agencies are providing these services using their own funding. Ms. Harper added that some funds are available for children and adolescents if referred through the Positive Education Program.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Denihan reported that he spent the day in Columbus working with the Executive Committee of OACBHA (Ohio Association of Behavioral Healthcare Authorities). Items featured in the CEO Headliners dated September 29, 2010 were highlighted (see issue attached to minutes).

- The recommendation that community behavioral health Medicaid match should be funded out of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) #525 line item, addressed in Resolution No. #01-09-01, is beginning to "have legs" in the state legislature in terms of bipartisan support.
- On 9/24/10, a letter was written by the ADAMH Board of Franklin County to Governor Ted Strickland and the Columbus Dispatch opposing the per capita distribution of funds and cites Cuyahoga County as an entity that is sifting dollars away from Franklin County. Mr. Denihan's concern is that the state of Ohio has woefully underfunded behavioral health for 15-20 years. Mr. Denihan noted that he is in the midst of drafting a letter to the Governor which states that Franklin County has a right to ask for funding; however, counties should not be pitted against each other to negotiate for dollars. Additionally, if the ODJFS #525 issue is resolved, these funding issues should be relieved.
- Mr. Denihan elaborated on the process undertaken to review the RFI-Phase II proposals and those measures taken to assure that service gaps were addressed. Although Board staff ended up recommending contracts to those four providers whose proposals originally arrived late, Mr. Denihan assured Directors that Board staff looked at the quality of the 20 proposals that were submitted and stated for the record:
 - Beech Brook – has an excellent record of providing certified ACT services and the only provider certified to provide ACT services that responded to the RFI. Additionally, it was noted that start-up costs would be needed if another provider was selected.
 - Covenant, Inc. – A misunderstanding about mental health certification was resolved. Mr. Denihan noted that the agency does not need it since the agency serves dually-diagnosed children with AOD as the primary diagnosis. The state stipulates that the agency can do this under MH or AOD. The agency chooses to do this under AOD as it saves them money.
 - Far West Center – has an excellent record of providing recovery services based on consumer feedback (43 consumer responses). Additionally, Board staff analyzed the zip codes of potential adult consumers that would receive mental health clinical and recovery services and it was determined that the potential consumers lived close and would be better served by Far West.
 - New Directions – has a long history and excellent record of providing quality residential services. It has an outstanding gender specific co-occurring treatment. It was noted that other providers' proposed budgets were higher.

Mr. Denihan wished to state on record that these decisions were not made frivolously and that the process was worthwhile as it answered a lot of questions and puts provider agencies on note that service provision is to be provided as specified in the RFI. Because of this process, the Board now has additional information about other potential proposals for services.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

- Mr. Denihan and Ms. Richardson met on 9/28/10 with the County Administrators on the County budget and learned that the earlier 5.5% cuts may be increased to 9.8%. County officials were surprised at the depth of the deficit that we face. Mr. Denihan continues to emphasize that when we supported the Health & Human Service Levy five years ago, other County departments were increased by 32% while behavioral health received a 5% reduction.
- With respect to the labor contract, Mr. Denihan noted that he is appreciative all of the work that the Board staff are doing as this is the second consecutive year that staff have not received an increase in pay. Mr. Denihan recognized that work has almost doubled since approximately 63 people are doing the work of 100 people from a year ago. This outcome speaks to the quality of public service provided by the ADAMHS Board staff.
- Mr. Denihan noted that OACBHA was successful along with ADAMHS Boards to influence the Governor to shelve the administrative report study produced by the Public Consulting Group out of Boston, MA.
- Other successful efforts "to be heard" included the per capita distribution of the \$30 million. Mr. Denihan is hopeful that we will be heard also on the resolutions approved today (#10-09-01 and #10-09-02).

12. AUDIENCE INPUT

- David DiTullio, of Magnolia Clubhouse, noted that he was formerly employed by Beech Brook and was the founder of the ACT Team. He thanked Mr. Denihan for the kind words and the Board of Directors for their decision to continue a contract with Beech Brook for this service; he assured the Board of Directors that there were many lessons learned by Beech Brook during the RFI-Phase II process.
- John Nosek, President of the Council of Mental Health Agency Directors, who has worked in the public mental health system for many years, acknowledged that Mr. Denihan is the best Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director that the Board has ever had.
- Esther Pla, Executive Director/Connections and CAD Vice President, echoed Mr. Nosek's comments. She added that Mr. Denihan recently attended a Connections Board meeting to educate Board members on the issues raised in both resolutions regarding state funding matters. His personal presence contributed greatly to their understanding of current funding issues.
- Mr. Snider reminded everyone that the NAMI Walk is on Saturday, 11/2/10, at Voinovich Park at 9:00 a.m. and encouraged everyone to come out to support the effort.
- On behalf of Magnolia Clubhouse, Mr. DiTullio noted the agency's appreciation for being mentioned as a leader in mental health recovery.

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

Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist

*Approved by: _____
Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*