

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2020

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. | Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW |
| Ashwani Bhardwaj | Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S |
| Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D. | Steve Killpack, MS |
| Gregory X. Boehm, M.D. | Jena Olsen |
| Erskine Cade, MBA | Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA |
| Elsie Caraballo | Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA |
| J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D. | Harvey A. Snider, Esq. |
| Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA | ABSENT: Crystal L. Bryant, Esq, MS, LSW |

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Myra Henderson, Chardé Hollins, Linda Lamp, Kelli Perk, Vicki Roemer, Allison Schaefer, Michael Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. CALL TO ORDER / AUDIENCE INPUT

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No audience input regarding agenda items was received.

2. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Due to the current public health orders surrounding COVID-19, and the Board's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of our Board members, staff, partners, and stakeholders, the General Meeting was held via a Zoom meeting. To assure a quorum, Ms. Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant, completed the Board member attendance roll call.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division, from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Elsie Caraballo.

Ms. Caraballo indicated that she is honored to work with a wonderful group of individuals and has a great deal of respect for the community and providers. She stated that she looks forward to working alongside Board members and provider agency executive staff for many years; with admiration and respect for their continued efforts to fight for the community during the present circumstances.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes from the June 24, 2020, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin reported that Rev. Max Rodas, Ms. Elsie Caraballo, the Board's Executive Team and he met on Monday, July 13, 2020, via a Zoom meeting with three Board members and the Executive Team of Hispanic Urban Minority and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP). This meeting was held at the request of Hispanic UMADAOP to discuss complaints that the Board has been receiving from current and former employees, as well as some issues of the agency not being able to serve individuals who only speak Spanish. Representative from the agency staff and Board informed us of various measures that Hispanic UMADAOP is taking to attract staff and new Board members. Rev. Gohlstin stated that he suggested a few names as potential Board members; in addition to their request for Board staff to forward a notice to our distribution list announcing that they are looking for Board members, which was completed.

During this meeting it was proposed that three ADAMHS Board members meet with three Hispanic UMADAOP Board members to provide some suggestions to their agency. After careful consideration, Rev. Gohlstin decided not to pursue this meeting. Although the Board provides technical assistance, it is not the role of the Board to propose solutions on matters of staffing with any provider.

6. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on July 8, 2020, via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following presentations and items of discussion:

- Crisis Stabilization Beds/Bluestone Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist, introduced Mr. Jeff Lox, Executive Director, Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau (Bellefaire JCB). Mr. Lox shared that Bellefaire JCB is the largest of the child serving agencies in Cuyahoga County and serve approximately 30,000 children and families yearly across the entire continuum of behavioral health. On any given day, approximately 100 children reside on the Bellefaire JCB campus, in addition to thousands of youth that are served in the community. Mr. Lox reported that until eight or nine years ago, there were only 12 child and adolescent hospital beds available at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, in addition to 12 beds at Cleveland Clinic in Fairview, which amounts to 24 crisis stabilization beds for youth in Cuyahoga County. Therefore, to help with the need for access to child and adolescent crisis beds, Bellefaire JCB developed a four bed crisis stabilization unit. Mr. Lox reported that these beds will eliminate Emergency Room admissions while providing swift assessment for children with multiple diagnosis in a secure and supportive environment. The goal is for rapid intervention and return to the community with wrap-around services set up in the discharge plan.

Mr. Lox reported that the 4 coed crisis stabilization beds at Bellefaire JCB were one response to the shortage of hospital beds, however the two youth and adolescent psychiatric units exclude children with autism. As a result, given Bellefaire JCB's growing experience over the last two decades through their Monarch School and programs for youth with autism, they decided to assist the community by developing the Bluestone Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital on Bellefaire's campus. He stated that Bluestone will be a separate, sister organization under the Wingspan umbrella, that will be licensed as a twelve bed psychiatric hospital and include children with autism. Mr. Lox reported that due to COVID-19, the opening of this facility has been delayed, however, they anticipate opening soon.

- East Cleveland Prevention Program

Ms. Chardé Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, introduced Mr. Jerome West, Executive Director of East Cleveland Neighborhood Center (ECNC). Mr. West reported that ECNC prevention and education enrichment programs are designed to impact attitudes about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs through the use of evidence-based curriculum and enrichment activities. Mr. West stated that ECNC has a new location on Shaw Campus at 1843 Standwood Road, East Cleveland, Ohio 44112. He reported that they transitioned out of the East Cleveland Public Library to Shaw Campus in 2020 to serve the youth; and during his brief yearlong tenure as Executive Director, they have strengthened their relationship with East Cleveland City Schools.

Mr. West reported on three community outreach efforts: 1) The Pass Program, 2) The Parent Café, and 3) The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools. He stated that the Pass Program addresses out-of-school suspension with alternative engagement and support, which gives students structure and involvement during this timeframe of their academics. The Virtual Parent Café allows sharing and learning among parents at a place that appreciates all they have to offer and need. Guided by a fellow parent who is trained as a Parent Host, small groups meet online and explore questions that really matter to them. The CDF Freedom Schools program has been serving scholars and families for six consecutive years and seeks to build strong, literate, and empowered children.

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, inquired with Mr. West regarding challenges in the "digital desert", and impact of COVID-19 with their programming as they have moved their services online. Mr. West responded that due to COVID-19, ECNC has had to become creative and innovative to move forward with serving their clients. He noted that they were also able to secure a grant that provided 35 students with tablets and through collaborative efforts with the East Cleveland School District they have been able to provide internet service to those in need.

- Mr. Osiecki explained that the ADAMHS Board is required by Ohio law to prepare and submit to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) a Community Plan that describes the current conditions and issues in our region in addition to identified priorities for treatment and recovery support services and prevention services. He walked committee members through the Board's Community Plan draft and highlighted various areas addressed in the 41-page report along with the comprehensive charts identifying Board Local System Priorities, Priorities for ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, Additional Priorities Consistent with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMHSA) Strategic Plan and Reported in Block Grant, and OhioMHAS Prevention Priorities. Mr. Osiecki highlighted collaborative efforts with various public and private partners.

- Mr. Larry Smith, Jr., Director of Programs, reported that Crawford House is a 7 bed Recovery Housing facility for men located on the east side of Cleveland, Ohio and has been under the auspice of Signature Health, Inc. Presently, Signature Health, Inc. decided to donate Crawford House to I'm In Transition to add to their network of Recovery Homes. I'm In Transition welcomed Signature Health, Inc.'s offer and agreed to take over Crawford House July 1, 2020.
 - Mr. Smith, Jr., reported that Community Action Against Addiction (CAAA) informed the ADAMHS Board that it is not financially feasible for them to continue operating the Recovery Housing for Men program and indicated that they were discontinuing this program. As a result of CAAA's decision to close the Recovery Housing for Men program, the ADAMHS Board is amending their contract to reflect this change.
 - Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, reported that Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers lack a consistent diversion point for a warm handoff to behavioral health providers who can provide a secure environment that is less restrictive than a hospital and/or jail. Service gaps include a need for immediate stabilization/pharmacological management, a comprehensive behavioral health assessment, and linkage to treatment within 48 hours of admission. The CIT P.L.U.S. Jail Diversion Pilot Project provides referral/linkage and support services to persons in crisis who are diverted from jail by utilizing alternative resources such as the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Mental health staff as well as Peer Support staff from FrontLine Service work collaboratively with CIT Officers. This award represents the second year of a five-year project totaling nearly \$1 million. The Board of Directors was requested to accept funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and to contract with FrontLine Service in the amount of \$260,340 and Case Western Reserve University's Begun Center in the amount of \$66,000 for the second year of a five year project totaling nearly \$1 million.
 - Ms. Ballard reported that the ADAMHS Board sought funding to facilitate behavioral health training in sustainable best practices in prevention, treatment and recovery supports for persons at risk of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). The series of online trainings will be offered to providers currently contracted by the ADAMHS Board to deliver services funded by SOR dollars. Topics include Cultural Competency; Compassion; Fatigue; Social Modeling of Recovery Housing with MAT; Opioid Treatment in the COVID-19 Era; Suicide Prevention Among OUD Clients; Minority Community Addiction: Tomorrow, Today and Yesterday (4 part series); Integrated Treatment; and Motivational Interviewing to Engage the Reluctant Client. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered.
 - Mr. Osiecki reported that OhioMHAS received a \$2 million SAMHSA grant for Emergency COVID-19 funding to address mental health and substance use disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each collaborative will receive \$309,383 of this award from OhioMHAS. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's share of these funds is \$51,563.83. OhioMHAS will distribute the SAMHSA COVID-19 funding on a quarterly basis. As a result of these funds, FrontLine Service will expand Cuyahoga County's 24-Hour Suicide Prevention, Mental Health and Addiction Crisis/Information/Referral Hotline: 216-623-6888, by hiring a new staff member to assist in answering calls and screening individuals utilizing the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Tool to identify and direct individuals impacted by COVID-19 to the appropriate levels of care.
 - Ms. Allison Schaefer, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Residential), reported that during February 2020, the Board approved funding in the amount of \$200,000 to provide mini-grants for property improvements, for contracting Class 2 Residential Facilities providing living arrangements for Residential Assistance Program (RAP) individuals. She referenced the application criteria and indicated that as of the June 5, 2020 deadline for submission, she had received 48 applications and visited 46 sites. She is also monitoring COVID-19 testing by MetroHealth in these group homes.
 - Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, reported that the Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program (SURWSP) is a pilot program providing funding to local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) boards. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) will provide funding to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to assist local employers hire workers that are in recovery. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County will receive funds from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Safety and Hygiene Fund to administer the program.
 - Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update regarding the Board's strategic planning process. She reported that a two day Strategic Planning Summit will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 24 & 25, 2020, via a Zoom meeting for all Board members and community partners who wish to participate. She reported that Board leadership will also be requested to participate with the ADAMHS Board's Executive Team on Monday, September 21, 2020, via a Zoom meeting to work through some additional processes as a result of the two day Strategic Planning Summit.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-01 – APPROVAL OF SFY 2021 AND 2022 COMMUNITY PLAN**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-07-01 Approval of SFY 2021 and 2022 Community Plan. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: E. Caraballo / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj entered the meeting.]

7. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Steve Killpack, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on July 15, 2020, via a Zoom meeting and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 20-07-02 through 20-07-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-02 – ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JUNE 2020**

Mr. Killpack reported on the Voucher and Expenditure Report for June 2020. He indicated that relative to the Administrative Budget for the month of June, expenses were \$492,331. The Board's total administrative expenses through the end of June was \$2,546,757, which is roughly 42.63% of the total Administrative budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2020. He reported that six months of the year would be approximately 50%, which indicates the Administrative Budget is underbudget.

In June, the Board received revenues of \$1,701,308. The Board's total revenue received through the end of June was \$55,742,850, which is 87.5% of the Board's budgeted revenue. The Board's expenditures for the month of June was \$7,805,508. The Board's total expenditures through the end of June was \$28,437,371, which is 43.3% of the Board's overall budgeted expenses.

Mr. Killpack noted that the County's new fiscal system is starting to catch up with processing the Boards expenses.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-03 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS:**
 1. United States Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Jail Diversion Grant – \$330,000
 - FrontLine Service - \$260,340
 - Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) Begun Center - \$66,000

Mr. Killpack reported that this award represents the third year of a five year project totaling nearly \$1 million. The term of the contract is September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021. The ADAMHS Board will retain \$3,660 in year three to cover mandatory national travel expense.

2. State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants Additional Board Training Opportunities
 - Various Trainers/Presenters - \$15,290

Mr. Killpack stated that this funding will be used to reimburse trainers for their preparation and presentation time for these online events. The term of this contract is June 15, 2020 through September 28, 2020.

3. Enhancement of Crisis/Information/Referral/Support Hotline with SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 Funds
 - FrontLine Service - \$51,563.83

Mr. Killpack stated that the ADAMHS Board's share of these funds from the Northeast Ohio Collaborative is 451,563.83. OhioMHAS will distribute the SAMHSA COVID-19 funding on a quarterly basis. The ADAMHS Board will be contracting with FrontLine Service to expand Cuyahoga County's 24-Hour Suicide Prevention, Mental Health & Addiction Crisis/Information/Referral Hotline: 216.623.6888, by hiring a new staff member to assist in answering calls and screening individuals utilizing the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool to identify and direct individuals impacted by COVID-19 to the appropriate levels of care. The term of this contract is August 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

4. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS): K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives – \$1,572,359

Mr. Killpack reported that OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Education are providing these funds to support Prevention Education for K-12 students. This state partnership will empower local communities in their efforts to help children build resiliency and reduce risk factors that contribute to the development of behavioral health conditions. All 31 Public School Districts within Cuyahoga County have agreed to participate in this initiative. Each district has been successfully partnered with one of eighteen agencies to provide prevention services to their students and staff members based on need. The term of this contract is from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

5. OhioMHAS: System of Care Treatment & Recovery Services for Youth (System of Care) – \$215,796
 - Catholic Charities - \$88,296
 - OhioGuidestone - \$127,500

Mr. Killpack stated that funding for the System of Care Treatment & Recovery Services for Youth (System of Care) is pass through funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$215,796. The System of Care Program is a collaborative effort between OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) to provide continuity of care coordination and linkage for youth and young-adults ages 14-25 re-entering the community from juvenile correctional institutions or other out-of-home placements. The term of this contract is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

6. OhioMHAS: Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice (BH/CJ) Linkages Program
 - Recovery Resources - \$83,333

Recovery Resources received BH/CJ funding for SFY2020 to provide services to inmates diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorders, or co-occurring disorders. This program and funding will continue in SFY2021. The term of this contract is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

7. OhioMHAS: Forensic Services - Pass Through Funds – \$194,406
 - Recovery Resources - \$72,406
 - Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$122,000

Recovery Resources serves as the Forensic Monitor in Cuyahoga County for the purpose of providing intensive community support services for persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity and granted Conditional Release. Facilitation of Second Opinion Evaluations by the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic for persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity who are hospitalized at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare and determined discharge ready. The Board will accept the amount of \$194,406 from OhioMHAS for Forensic Monitoring for the time period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and contract with Recovery Resources in the amount of \$72,406 and the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic in the amount of \$122,000.

8. OhioMHAS: Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention - Casino Grant - Pass Through Funds
 - Recovery Resources - \$207,608

Mr. Killpack reported that funding is provided by OhioMHAS to support the continued growth and expansion of prevention and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers in Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board will accept funds in the amount of \$207,608 from OhioMHAS and contract with Recovery Resources for the Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention program for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

9. OhioMHAS: Specialized Docket Support – Payroll Subsidy – \$380,000
 - Cleveland Municipal Court - \$180,000
 - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - \$120,000
 - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court-Juvenile Division - \$40,000
 - South Euclid Municipal Court - \$40,000

The primary legislative intent of these funds is to assist courts with their payroll costs for specialized docket staff. For expenditures other than payroll costs, these funds may only be used for individuals who are under the jurisdiction of the Court, and who have been admitted to the specialized docket. The only exception to this is diagnostic assessments to determine program eligibility. The ADAMHS Board will accept funds in the amount of \$38,000 from OhioMHAS and approve agreements with the four courts listed above for Specialized Docket support in the amounts designated for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

10. OhioMHAS: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Services - Pass Through Funds – \$2,529,838

Mr. Killpack reported that the SAPT Services funding consists of pass through funds from OhioMHAS to the ADAMHS Board for various programs each fiscal year. There are 12 contracts for a total of \$2,529,838 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Community Action Against Addiction (CAAA) Recovery Housing for Men – Reduction of \$155,105

CAAA decided to close the Recovery Housing for Men program, and the ADAMHS Board is amending their contract to reflect this change. The Recovery Housing program was set up to be billed through the Great Office Solution Helper (GOSH) system. To date, no funds have been billed through GOSH for this program for the contracted CY2020.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Crawford Recovery House Transfer – \$25,000

Signature Health Inc. has decided to donate Crawford House to I'm in Transition to add to their network of recovery homes. The transfer of Crawford House will allow for this important recovery resource to continue to provide men in early recovery a safe and supportive place to maintain recovery before transitioning back into the community. The term of this contract is July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$25,000.

Ms. Harrison reported a correction on Resolution No. 20-07-03 Approval of Contracts, specifically item number 4. OhioMHAS K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives for Golden Ciphers. The supporting material for the K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives identified a six dollar difference and should be reflected as \$75,843.60.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 20-07-02 through 20-07-04). MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., entered the meeting.]

Rev. Gohlstin indicated that, due to extenuating circumstances, two Board members have asked to step down from their positions as committee Chairs; but remain on their respective committees as committee members. As a result, Rev. Gohlstin requested the following Board members to be committee Chairs and Vice Chairs:

- Ms. Howard, Faith-based Committee Chair
- Ms. James-Stewart, Faith-based Committee Vice Chair
- Ms. Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair
- Dr. Fowler, Finance & Operations Committee Vice Chair

All parties involved accepted their positions. Rev. Gohlstin thanked all involved and provided accolades to Rev. Rodas and Mr. Killpack for their past service as committee Chairs for several years.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- **State Budget Update**

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, shared information about the approved State Budget and its impact on behavioral health. He reported that the ADAMHS Board received budget allocations for most of our state allocations, including pass-throughs. He indicated that the state did a great job on maintaining community services and made cuts in other areas of the budget. Last year the Board received around \$15 million including pass throughs and the Northeast Ohio (NEO) collaborative funding, which we only received a portion as shared with the other Boards. Presently, our allocations total \$12,347,271, which is a reduction of \$2.6 million. However, OhioMHAS has not made any decisions regarding more than \$1.6 million in several allocations including:

- \$128,000 in Community investments which is discretionary funding
- \$1,250,000 for the NEO collaborative for withdrawal and crisis management beds
- \$300,000 for the Community Transition Program (CTP) – program for individuals returning from prison
- \$400,000 for Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH)

Mr. Osiecki stated that depending on the final decision, the reduction may amount to less than \$600,000. Part of the reduction includes \$325,000 in the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) for specialized courts, but this decision was based on the fact that the Board has \$805,000 in carryover funding from CY2019 and CY2020 and has made a formal request to utilize that carryover. Mr. Osiecki also noted that some of the providers who receive direct grants saw a reduction; and emphasized that the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) reported that although the budget looks pretty good for SFY2021, if things get worse with COVID-19, the state may need to adjust the budget.

- **CY2021 Budget Update**

Mr. Osiecki reported that due to a number of variables, staff is recommending provider agency contract extensions for CY2021 based upon availability of funds; in addition to this being the last year of a two-year budget with Cuyahoga County. Rather than asking providers to provide an update on programs, staff will utilize the reports that are already turned in to determine if a funding adjustment is needed. If there would be a funding adjustment or need for more information, staff will reach out to the provider.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted that some provider agencies have expressed interest with having a two-year budget for planning purposes. He said that when the County budget allocations for CY2022 and CY2023 are set, the Board would consider a two-year contract with provider agencies. Provider agencies would still need to submit program reports and budgetary information on a regular basis for Board staff review.

Mr. Osiecki also indicated that staff will be reviewing the Board's Needs Assessment to determine whether there are any areas of need that should be funded and will keep Board members abreast of this process.

Board staff are hoping to start the CY2021 provider agency budget process this August and September for Board review in October and final funding decisions during the November Board meeting cycle.

- **All Provider Meeting**

Mr. Osiecki reported that an All Provider Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 2:30 P.M. Agenda items include:

- OhioMHAS SFY2021 Budget Update
- ADAMHS Board CY2021 Budget Process
- ADAMHS Board Strategic Planning Process
- Reinstatement of the 90-day Billing Requirement
- Individual Provider Agency Outcomes

- **Diversion Center Update**

Mr. Osiecki reported that a response was submitted to Cuyahoga County regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a Diversion Center. This response was submitted by the ADAMHS Board on behalf of the convening group, which included, but was not limited to, MetroHealth, Recovery Resources, Stella Maris, FrontLine Service, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, and the ADAMHS Board. This collaboration effort resulted in the ADAMHS Board serving as the lead agency to carry out the programmatic contracting and fiscal management of the Diversion Center.

Upon submission of the RFP response, Mr. Osiecki indicated that the Diversion Center RFP Selection Committee requested representatives to provide a presentation on Thursday, July 16, 2020. This presentation was via a Zoom meeting. He reported

that the Selection Committee included several Judges and numerous Cuyahoga County Directors; as well as the consultants for the Justice Center. Upon completion of the presentation, a question and answer session transpired.

The Diversion Center RFP Selection Committee forwarded additional questions regarding the budget, specifically reimbursement through Medicaid. Mr. Osiecki highlighted that when the Diversion Center's budget was created, the Board referenced the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) as a model for the number of individuals to be covered by Medicaid; however, the Board pays for capacity. Next steps include a request for an additional meeting to include a smaller number of individuals to discuss the Diversion Center, as well as answer any additional questions they may have.

Mr. Osiecki reported that two additional bidders submitted responses to Cuyahoga County and were interviewed on the same day as the convening group.

- **Staff Update:**

- On Monday, July 20, 2020, Board staff officially welcomed Ms. Ericka Losse to the ADAMHS Board as the new Vista worker. Ms. Losse reported that she is excited to learn and strengthen her relationship with the community.
- On Monday, August 3, 2020, Board staff will officially welcome Ms. Heather Hall to the ADAMHS Board as the new Administrative Assistant II in the Clinical Department.

- **Strategic Planning Process**

Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update regarding the Board's strategic planning process. She reported that RAMA Consulting, Inc., the consultant for the development of the Board's Strategic Plan for CY 2021-2025, has scheduled a Strategic Planning Stakeholders Summit for Monday, August 31, 2020, via a Zoom meeting for all Board members and community partners who wish to participate. Also, a planning session has been scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020, via a Zoom meeting to include Board's leadership staff as well as any Board members who wish to participate. Ms. Fischer indicated that appointments for these dates will be forthcoming.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Snider requested an update regarding the status of the ADAMHS Board's provider agencies during the COVID-19 crisis. Ms. Maggie Tolbert reported that the provider agencies have seen a slight reduction in intake. She stated that the Board's provider agencies have been facilitating some client services via Telehealth, while other provider agencies have continued face-to-face visits. She also noted that when clients choose not to utilize Telehealth, provider agencies will arrange face-to-face visits; however, the majority of the agencies will not provide transport services and will assist with looking into alternative arrangements for this service.

Ms. Tolbert reported that the ADAMHS Board's contract Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) have been consistent with accepting new admissions and have been ensuring the safety of their residents. She noted that a few residential staff have tested positive for COVID-19, therefore stopping admissions and quarantining and Peer Support services are still being maintained via Telehealth.

Mr. Snider commended staff for their efforts with ensuring services are being provided to individuals during this pandemic.

10. AUDIENCE INPUT - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by: *Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant*

Approved by:

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County