

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Crystal L. Bryant, Esq, MS, LSW, Elsie Caraballo, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Curtis Couch, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Bill Hebble, Myra Henderson, Linda Lamp, Kelli Perk, Vicki Roemer, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Larry Smith, Jr., Michaele 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes from the July 22, 2020, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

[Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., and Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, entered the meeting.]

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., to be presiding Chair and left the meeting.]

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's report did not transpire.

[Mr. Harvey A Snider, Esq., left the meeting.]

5. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on September 9, 2020, via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following presentations and items of discussion:

- Community Support Network (CSN) Residential Services
Ms. Allison Schaefer, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist (Residential), introduced Ms. Sheila Johnson, Clinical Services Director, Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH), CSN. Ms. Johnson reported on NBH and discussed their residential homes in Cuyahoga and Lake Counties. She emphasized that their goal is to transition individuals from the hospital setting to the least restrictive environments for illness management and recovery. With 6 group homes in Cuyahoga County that follow a Boston University Model, NBH CSN provides 24/7 staff and crisis intervention, an array of hands-on support and teaching for daily living skills, and collaboration with case management agencies for smooth transitions back into the community. Ms. Johnson concluded her presentation with an explanation of NBH CSN's adaptation of Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals with specific consideration to COVID-19 precautions.

- Ms. Schaefer reported on the Residential Assistance Program (RAP) mini-grants for property updates and requested the Board to amend Resolution No. 19-11-08 to provide an additional \$200,000 to Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.)
- Mr. Larry Smith, Jr., Director of Programs, reported on a one-time appreciation/incentive disbursement of \$1,000 to the ADAMHS Board's 31 Adult Care Facilities totaling \$31,000. These appreciation/incentive funds are to recognize the outstanding dedication and perseverance of ensuring clients health and safety during COVID-19.
- Ms. Chardé Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, reported on Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) program funding through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). She indicated that OhioMHAS has awarded funding to the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$441,906 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and has approved \$7,780.33 in carryover funds from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020. Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau (JCB)/Applewood, OhioGuidestone and Positive Education Program will continue and expand their telehealth and in-person services.
- Mr. Smith, Jr., reported that the ADAMHS Board contracted with Thrive Behavioral Health in May, through the Cuyahoga County Opioid Crisis Mitigation Plan: Phase One, to provide enhanced 24-hour peer support service to individuals ages 18 and over who have been revived from an opioid overdose in the University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic Emergency Departments (ThriveED). Thrive Behavioral Health seeks to expand the scope of peer support service to individuals ages 18 and over with a history of Opioid Use Disorder, suspected Opioid Use Disorder, or an Opioid Use Disorder related incident who present in the University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic Emergency Departments.
- Ms. Kelli Perk, Director of Risk Management, reported that she was informed that Briermost Foundation and Sober Living Cleveland are merging into one entity, Briermost Foundation; and noted that the ADAMHS Board presently has two separate contacts, one with Briermost Foundation and one with Sober Living Cleveland. She requested the Board amend Resolution No. 19-11-08 to approve the merger of ADAMHS Board funded programs at Briermost Foundation and Sober Living Cleveland and to transfer the remaining CY20 funding allocation in the amount up to \$6,666.70.
- Mr. Joe Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), reported that the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) provides treatment and recovery support services to individuals who are eligible to participate in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Drug Court as a result of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both. He requested an amendment to Resolution No. 19-09-06 to extend the time period of the ATP through June 30, 2021 and utilize OhioMHAS approved carryover funding in the amount of \$805,012.35 for contracts with several provider agencies.
- Mr. Arnett reported on the OhioMHAS Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice (BH/CJ) Linkages Program. He stated that the Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) provides a sentencing option that diverts appropriate male felons from the state prison system. The program aims to aid offenders in making positive behavioral and lifestyle changes to decrease the likelihood of continued criminal behavior. He requested an amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03 to increase funding for the BH/CJ Linkages Program in the amount of the OhioMHAS approved carryover funding of \$88,719.53, bringing the project total to \$172,052.53.
- Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist, reported that the OhioMHAS Crisis Flex Funding: Children's Crisis and Residential Services is the provision of crisis stabilization residential treatment beds at OhioGuidestone. Additionally, these funds will be used for placements where the costs will be shared with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) across the following three providers: Bellefaire JCB, Applewood and OhioGuidestone. She requested the Board to approve the use of Crisis Flex Funding to contract with Children's Crisis Stabilization and Residential Bed programs with Bellefaire JCB, Applewood and OhioGuidestone in the amount of \$604,674.05 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion and requested the Board to approve the authorization of contracts and funding allocations for the providers listed in the Agenda Process Sheet for the amount of \$1,150,073 from OhioMHAS Grant funding for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, reported that the purpose of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Case Services Contract is to help adults and transitional youth ages 16-22 with mental illness and alcohol/drug dependence obtain and maintain competitive employment. The OOD contract will serve individuals in Cuyahoga County. Ms. Henderson recommended approval of the agreement with OOD for the OOD case services contract in the amount of \$2,385,964.53, which includes \$1,830,576.47 of federal funds plus the required ADAMHS Board match totaling \$555,388.06 and contract with Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) and Recovery Resources.
- Ms. Perk presented on the review of Policy State Renewals delineated as: Board Meeting Minutes, Processing Requests for Public Records, Public Comment, Recruitment of Board Members, and the Whistleblower Protection Policy.

- Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Mr. Jeff Johnson, ADAMHS Board Consultant for the development of a Workforce Development Strategic Plan for the Behavioral Health Workforce. Mr. Johnson provided a final report regarding developing a Strategic Plan for workforce development and implementation in the area of behavioral health, treatment and recovery for provider agencies. Mr. Johnson noted that the focus of the Strategic Plan project is defined as the capacity of the current and future behavioral health workforce; while the established goals are to assist provider agencies in strengthening their workforce and meeting the challenges of the changing behavioral health system by increasing retention of staff, reducing staff turnover and expanding available workforce.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-01 – APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – OPIOID CRISIS MITIGATION FUNDING**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-09-01. MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: G. Howard / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Mr. Harvey A Snider, Esq., returned to the meeting.]

POLICY STATEMENT RENEWALS:

Given no further discussion regarding the policy statement renewals proposed, a call for a motion was entertained.

- A. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- B. PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT
- D. RECRUITMENT OF ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- E. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY

Motion to approve the renewal of Policy Statements labeled A through E above. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair, Mr. Harvey Snider, reported on the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting, held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, via a Zoom meeting. He noted the following agenda items of discussion:

- Due to COVID-19, Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, reported that the Board's Annual Meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020, at the Cleveland Marriott East was canceled and rescheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021. The 2019 Annual Report will be presented at the October 2020 General Meeting for approval.
- MindWise Innovations (formerly Screening for Mental Health, Inc.) provides large-scale mental health screening for the public, innovative mental health and substance abuse resources, and links individuals in need with treatment options. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's programs, offered online and in-person, educate, raise awareness, and screen individuals for common mental and behavioral health disorders, and suicide. The screenings are offered in Spanish and English. A motion was passed to approve the cost of renewing the online mental health screening in the amount of \$1,200 to the Finance & Operations Committee.
- Mr. Snider reported that the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee encouraged staff to run the Fentanyl Awareness Campaign in direct relation to real-time overdose data and during periods of increased fatalities. With a high number of fentanyl fatalities occurring during the Memorial Day weekend; the Fentanyl Awareness Campaign ran during the July 4th and Labor Day holiday weekends.
- The Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition's (MHAC) 17th Annual Northeast Hub Public Officials Breakfast Reception will take place on Friday, October 9, 2020. Due to the current public health restrictions that prevent MHAC from holding an in-person gathering, they have decided to hold an experimental interactive virtual event via Zoom. Interested Board members should respond to Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus to identify their plans to attend this interactive virtual event.
- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that late last year the Board received the Overdose Prevention Network grant in the amount of \$6,000 to host two training sessions for judges, attorneys, and the Drug Court professionals to increase referrals to specialty dockets for minority populations. The trainings were held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and Tuesday, September 15, 2020, with a total of over 100 participants.

- Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, reported the ADAMHS Board received State Opioid Response (SOR) grant funding in the amount of \$15,290 to facilitate behavioral health training in sustainable best practices in prevention, treatment and recovery supports for persons at risk of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). Ten training sessions transpired, reaching 359 participants at the provider agency level.
- Ms. Ballard presented the Community Mental Health Support - Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) – Grief Recovery Paraprofessional Training, which was previously approved by the Board of Directors in the amount of \$20,000. This training was initially created as an in-person training that was scheduled to transpire during the summer but was rescheduled for late October 2020. It was suggested that a candidate from the Board's provider agency network be trained in the Grief Recovery Model.
- Ms. Ballard provided an update regarding the activities within the ADAMHS Board's Training Unit since May 2020. She reported that the Training Institute launched its all virtual May Series, which included May, June, July and August. Overall, 48 free webinar trainings transpired during this timeframe with 1,144 participants. The Board decided to offer these trainings for free as a service to the community during the current crisis; however, the committee suggested that it was time for the Board to charge participants a fee for future trainings.
- Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, reported that Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month (September) is more important than ever. The pandemic has created additional stressors and extra challenges for individuals living in recovery from substance use disorders and mental illness. A few weeks ago, staff met with state representatives to discuss what we are seeing locally related to suicide; and it was shared that the epicenter data they receive is sometimes delayed. As a result, state representatives requested Board staff to share data regularly, which is now being done on a weekly basis. Additionally, the Cuyahoga County Suicide Prevention Coalition will be updating the Board's annual Coping with the Holidays brochure to address stressors of the current pandemic.
- First Responder Appreciation week usually occurs during late April or early May; however, due to the pandemic, it is scheduled to transpire September 20 through September 26, 2020. Ms. Greenspan reported that the original plan was to create a First Responder Appreciation week calendar that would be forwarded to all the police departments and fire stations in Cuyahoga County. During this process, staff were able to collect photographs and quotes, as well as handwritten thank you cards from individuals in recovery, to use in the creation of this calendar. Additionally, on each of the calendar pages there will be a self-care tip specifically for first responders. These tips will be taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ms. Greenspan also reported that voice overs were added to these quotes to create a video to share on social media. The video was also shared with Committee members.
- Total impressions for the time period (5/06/20 through 9/01/20) were seen 513,000 times, there were 6,240 engagements and 822 individuals clicked on the Board's shared link. Since May 6, Board staff have posted 471 times and added 302 new followers.
- The Social Media/Press Clipping Report from 5/06/20 through 9/01/20 indicated that the ADAMHS Board had a total of 90 media mentions; 78 were positive, 12 neutral and 0 negative. The total media mentions for 2020 include 222 mentions; 195 were positive, 27 neutral and 0 negative.
- Due to the lack of movement of any bills related to mental health and/or addiction, a legislative update was not provided. This scenario is a direct result of Speaker Householder's removal and the investigation related to House Bill 6.

7. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on September 16, 2020, via a Zoom meeting and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 20-09-02 through 20-09-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-02 – ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2020 AND AUGUST 2020**

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that during July 2020 the Board spent \$410,757; and that for the first 7 months of 2020 the Board has spent a total of \$2,957,514 that is roughly 49.51% of the total Administrative budget.

In July 2020 the Board received revenues of \$639,671, bringing our total revenue to \$56,382,522 which is approximately 88.50% of our anticipated revenue for the year as a result of receiving our total County allocation in January 2020. Expenditures for July 2020

were \$5,393,677 bringing our total expenses for the first 7 months to \$33,831,048 that is 51.48% of our anticipated expenditures for the calendar year.

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that during August 2020 the Board spent \$302,212; and that for the for first 8 months of 2020 the Board has spent a total of \$3,259,726 that is roughly 54.57% of the total Administrative budget.

In August 2020 the Board received revenues of \$2,768,890, bringing our total revenue to \$59,151,412 which is approximately 92.85% of our anticipated revenue for the year. Expenditures for August 2020 were \$1,874,902 bringing our total expenses for the first 8 months to \$35,705,950 that is 54.33% of our anticipated expenditures for the calendar year.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Adult Care Facility (ACF) COVID-19 Appreciation/Incentive - \$31,000

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the ACF COVID-19 Appreciation/Incentive is for the term of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$31,000, which is \$1,000 per contracted ACF operator.

2. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS): Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) – Pass Through Funds – \$449,686.33
 - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau (JCB)/Applewood (Wingspan) - \$160,762.11
 - OhioGuidestone - \$168,511
 - Positive Education Program (PEP) - \$120,413.22

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the WCM Early Childhood Mental Health is OhioMHAS pass through State Funding for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$449,686.33 (\$441,906 SFY2021 allocation, in addition to \$7,780.33 carryover funds). The ADAMHS Board will be contracting with 3 provider agencies: Bellefaire JCB/Applewood (Wingspan) in the amount of \$160,762.11, OhioGuidestone in the amount of \$168,511 and Positive Education Program in the amount of \$120,413.22.

3. Crisis Flex Funding: Children's Crisis and Residential Services – \$604,674.05
 - Bellefaire JCB/Applewood (Wingspan) - \$118,514.05 Pooled
 - OhioGuidestone - \$486,160

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Crisis Flex Funding: Children's Crisis and Residential Services is OhioMHAS Crisis Flex Funds for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$604,674.05 (\$473,149 SFY2021 allocation, in addition to \$131,525.05 SFY2020 carryover funds). The ADAMHS Board will be contracting with 3 provider agencies: Bellefaire JCB and Applewood in the amount of \$118,514.05 (pooled) and OhioGuidestone in the amount of \$486,160.

4. Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion – \$1,150,073
 - Windsor Laurelwood - \$62,573
 - Stella Maris - \$150,000
 - Lake County ADAMHS Board - \$130,000
 - Applewood (Cuyahoga County) - \$200,000
 - Applewood (Lorain County) - \$100,000
 - Ravenwood - \$237,500
 - Silver Maple Recovery Center - \$120,000
 - Each ADAMHS Board in NEO Collaborative - \$150,000 Total

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion is a continuation of OhioMHAS grant funding for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,150,073 (\$500,000 SFY2021 allocation, in addition to \$650,073 SFY2020 carryover funds). As part of the SFY2018/2019 State Budget, OhioMHAS allocated funding by region to expand the availability of Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis Stabilization services. The Northeast Ohio Regional Collaborative includes the Boards of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula and Summit Counties. The ADAMHS Board of

Cuyahoga County was selected to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis expansion for the Collaborative.

5. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Agency – FFY2021 Case Services Contract – \$2,385,964.53
 - Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) - \$338,096.70
 - Recovery Resources - \$432,867.83
 - Pooled Funds Managed by OOD - \$1,615,000

Ms. Rosenbaum stated that the OOD Agency - FFY2021 OOD Case Services Contract is OOD funding and ADAMHS Board match funding for the term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The purpose of the OOD contract is to help adults and transitional youth ages 16-22 with mental illness and alcohol/drug dependence obtain and maintain employment. The ADAMHS Board continues to contract with JFSA and Recovery Resources to provide case management activities to clients in need of vocational rehabilitation services. Both agencies have years of experience in providing vocational rehabilitation services to the target population.

6. Renewal of Online Mental Health Screening
 - MindWise Innovations (formerly Screening for Mental Health, Inc.) - \$1,200

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the renewal of Online Mental Health Screening with MindWise Innovations is for the term of September 15, 2020 to September 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,200. MindWise Innovations (formerly Screening for Mental Health, Inc.) provides large-scale mental health screening for the public, innovative mental health and substance abuse resources, and links individuals in need with quality treatment options.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) – \$200,000 Increase

The Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, EDEN, Inc. is for the Residential Assistance Program (RAP) Mini-Grants for Property Updates for the term of July 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$200,000. The ADAMHS Board will contract with EDEN, Inc. to provide project management services for the mini-grants to provide quality and cost-efficient utilization of the \$200,000 in mini-grant funds previously approved by the ADAMHS Board on February 26, 2020, Resolution No. 20-02-05. EDEN, Inc. will charge a flat 8% fee for its project management services.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Briermost Foundation and Sober Living Cleveland Governing Board Merger – Up to \$6,666.70

The Briermost Foundation and Sober Living Cleveland Governing Board Merger is for the term of September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount up to \$6,666.70, which is the balance of the Sober Living Cleveland contract.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-09-06, OhioMHAS: Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) – Pass Through Funds – \$805,012.35 Pooled
 - Catholic Charities-Matt Talbot for Men and Women
 - Cleveland Treatment Center
 - Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
 - Hitchcock Center for Women
 - MetroHealth System
 - Moore Counseling
 - Recovery Resources
 - The Salvation Army
 - Stella Maris
 - Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC)

The Amendment to Resolution No. 19-09-06, OhioMHAS ATP Pass Through Funds is for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$805,012.35 carryover funds with the contractual parties listed above. The ATP provides treatment and recovery support services to individuals who are eligible to participate in MAT Drug Court as a result of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both. Clients will receive Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services as necessary.

4. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, OhioMHAS: Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice (BH/CJ) Linkages Program - Recovery Resources - \$88,719.53 Increase

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, OhioMHAS: BH/CJ Linkages Program is for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Recovery Resources received BH/CJ funding for SFY20 to provide services to inmates in the Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) SUD, or co-occurring disorders. This program and funding will continue in SFY2021. In addition to the SFY21 allocation of \$83,333, OhioMHAS approved carryover funds in the amount of \$88,719.53 for the BH/CJ Linkages Program.

5. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court – \$15,000 Increase

The Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court is for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of a \$15,000 increase. The Families First Program combines judicial supervision with identification and treatment of parents involved in contested divorce proceedings and experiencing substance use and mental health issues. The Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court requested an additional \$15,000 for the Families First Program for 2020 to fully cover program expenses. A portion of the 2020 allocation covered 2019 expenses due to the payment processing cut-offs at the end of 2019.

6. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, OhioMHAS: K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives – Reallocation of \$10,000

The K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives is for the term of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with the contractual parties of Beech Brook and Cleveland Rape Crisis Center for a reallocation of \$10,000. Resolution No. 20-07-03 for K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives reported Cleveland Rape Crisis Center as the only grant partner for the Bedford City School District (BCSD) in the amount of \$36,591.80. It was discovered that Beech Brook is also one of the providers in BCSD with an award amount of \$10,000. As a result, an amendment is needed to add Beech Brook as a BCSD partner through this grant in the amount of \$10,000.

7. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Recovery Resources Employment Services – \$197,933 Increase

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Recovery Resources Employment Services is for the term of August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$197,933. Recovery Resources is seeking an increase in funding for their CY2020 employment services contract, which would restore their CY2020 funding allocation to \$897,933. In CY2019 Recovery Resources Employment Services contract was \$897,933. In CY2020 Recovery Resources Employment Services contract was reduced to \$700,000 due to discrepancies in Great Office Solution Helper (GOSH) billings although employment services were provided. ADAMHS Board met with Recovery Resources about restoring the funding if the agency billed at the expected level for the first 6 months of the year and could demonstrate that services were provided at that level.

8. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-04-06, Consulting Contract for Financial System Transition – \$5,000 Increase

The Consulting Contract for Financial System Transition is with the contractual party of Mr. Mark C. Sullivan for the term of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of a \$5,000 increase. This consulting contract is to transition the ADAMHS Board financial data from the obsolete financial system (FundWare) into Quickbooks. During the process of reconfiguring financial information to coincide with the County's new system, the County's Fiscal Office contacted the ADAMHS Board to change the way information is transmitted to the new system. This change affected the transition project and it was determined that it is necessary to extend the time period of the project and to amend processes.

9. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Bellefaire JCB Crisis Beds – \$156,584 Increase

Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, Bellefaire JCB Crisis Beds is for the term of September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the increased amount of \$156,584. This increased funding will ensure adequate access for families in Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board currently funds 3 crisis beds and is adding 3 children's crisis beds through Bellefaire JCB. This will increase the capacity by 3 more beds. The children's crisis beds are alternatives to hospitalization and out of home placement in the event of an immediate crisis. Such short-term services allow the youth to return to the community, thereby remaining engaged in the activities critical to recovery.

[Mr. Erskine Cade, MBA, entered the meeting.]

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 20-09-02 through 20-09-04). MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

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

Mr. Osiecki shared information regarding the following items of discussion:

- **CY2021 Budget Update**

ADAMHS Board staff have been diligent in gathering reports, data and outcomes that were provided by provider agencies during the course of CY2020. As a result, staff have begun the process of reviewing and updating material to ensure accuracy regarding outcomes and recommendations for the CY2021 Budget Book that will be brought to the Board during the October 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Mr. Osiecki reported that during this timeframe staff have also met with several provider agencies to clarify program funding during the CY2020 and CY2021 budget cycles. During this process, staff have been finalizing details to ensure the best possible means to present this material, whether it be via hard copy or electronic copy. Ms. Lamp polled Board members regarding this matter and the tally results indicated that four Board members would like to receive a hard copy, five would like to receive an electronic copy and three indicated no preference.

- **Diversion Center Update**

Mr. Osiecki reported that a response was submitted to Cuyahoga County regarding their reissued Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a Diversion Center. This scaled down response was submitted by the ADAMHS Board; who partnered with FrontLine Service to fulfill the law enforcement hotline requirement of the reissued RFP; and Oriana House, an experienced statewide provider of mental health and substance abuse treatment services, that operate out of a facility on East 55th Street in Cleveland and is easily accessible from surrounding areas. Rev. Gohlstin and identified Executive staff have toured the facility and are confident that this location is a good fit with this endeavor. Mr. Osiecki reported that they have also proposed transportation services through Life Long Transportation for individuals in need of the Diversion Center on an as needed basis once they are discharged; and National Alliance for the Mental Illness (NAMI) will provide group sessions on dealing with mental health and/or SUD services for individuals in the Diversion Center.

Mr. Osiecki indicated that the Diversion Center RFP Selection Committee requested representatives from the ADAMHS Board and Oriana House to participate in a Zoom meeting to provide an overview of the proposal; as well as answer any questions they may have had. He reported that questions arose relative to the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and the law enforcement hotline portions of the submitted proposal. Additionally, Ms. Anne Connell-Freund, Chief Operating Officer of Oriana House, responded to questions regarding specific services in the Diversion Center; as well as Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, provided information relative to serving as the Diversion Center Project Manager along with a few Board staff.

Mr. Osiecki reported that during this session they were informed that, if selected, an additional Zoom meeting would be scheduled to discuss specifics around funding; and that overall, the Diversion Center would be a compliment to the present crisis system that Board staff oversee.

Mr. Osiecki reported that two additional bidders submitted responses to Cuyahoga County, The MetroHealth System; as well as Charles M. Wrigley and Associates.

- **Strategic Planning Process**

Mr. Osiecki provided an update regarding the Board's strategic planning process. He reported that RAMA Consulting, Inc. hosted an additional Strategic Planning session on Monday, September 21, 2020, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM via a Zoom meeting for all Board members and the ADAMHS Board's Executive Team to work through some additional processes as a result of the Strategic Planning Summit that was held on Monday, August 31, 2020; as well as to review the initial surveys that were completed by the Board's stakeholders and community at large. Once this information is compiled, an additional session will be held with the Board's Executive staff on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Presently RAMA Consulting, Inc. is on track to complete the strategic planning process within the scheduled timeframe provided.

- **Racism is a Public Health Crisis**

As a result of the Board passing Resolution No. 20-06-01 Declaration: Racism is a Public Health Crisis, Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, and Ms. Ballard will be facilitating the Workgroup to Eliminate Structural Racism in Behavioral Healthcare. Mr. Osiecki highlighted that several responses have been received from individuals wanting to assist with this endeavor.

Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Fischer and he met with Mr. Jeff Johnson, Consultant, to discuss serving as a Diversity Officer/Coordinator to assist Board staff with the Workgroup to Eliminate Structural Racism in Behavioral Healthcare; in addition to gauging a starting point or baseline regarding the Board's status relative to this matter for monitoring change.

Several staff attended a virtual training that was sponsored by MHAC titled "Racism 101" by Deborah L. Plummer, Ph.D., a psychologist, university professor, author, and speaker on topics central to racial equality, inclusion, and mutual respect. She is most passionate about creating inclusive organizations and building peaceful communities.

- **Councilwoman Conwell**

Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Tolbert and he met with Councilwoman Conwell, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, via a Zoom meeting to discuss a variety of issues with her, including but not limited to, the behavioral health services being provided during the pandemic, the successes of the Board's Adult Care Facility providers, the Diversion Center RFP, in addition to gaining her support regarding the Board's additional funding from the passage of the Health and Human Services levy.

- **2019 Annual Report**

Mr. Osiecki indicated that the ADAMHS Board's Bylaws stipulate that the Board may hold an Annual Meeting with the community each year at the time, date and place to be established by the Board of Directors and does not need to be a large event. Therefore, the Board's Annual Meeting will be held during the October General Meeting and will not include the recognition of individuals/entities for their service in the alcohol, drug addiction and mental health community.

- **COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Osiecki provided accolades to provider agencies for the services provided during COVID-19; and reported on an extensive list of services, which included the following:

- **Housing**

- Class 1 Residential Facilities (RCF's) have all adopted and continue to utilize detailed COVID-19 protocols. CSN and Flores are accepting clients and have each had multiple admissions this month. Buckeye continues to be on hold for new admissions as part of their COVID-19 protocol.
- Class 2 Residential Facilities (ACF's) overall are doing well. All continue to be open for new admissions (if beds are available). All have reported increased cleaning/sanitizing, as well as continued client monitoring and education around COVID-19 and minimizing risk.

- **SUD**

- SUD outpatient treatment providers are continuing with the utilization telehealth services.
- Outpatient treatment providers have recently begun to offer some face to face services.

- MAT is continuing to be offered face to face.
- Detox and residential treatment providers have reduced capacity to accommodate for social distancing. They are in the planning process of increasing bed days.
- Several recovery housing providers have an empty bedroom available if someone tests positive or need to be in quarantine.
- They continue to clean and sanitize routinely per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.
- Several residential and recovery housing clients and staff received COVID-19 testing via the MetroHealth Mobile unit through the coordination of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.
- **Children & Adolescent Programs**
 - Programs are continuing via telehealth to provide both in office and community-based services based on the client/family's needs and preferences.
 - Providers report difficulty maintaining engagement of youth through telehealth, especially for youth with complex needs.
 - Some programs have purchased items to assist in safety precautions as they return to making home visits for clients without access to telehealth to allow in-person sessions outside and looking into alternative settings or locations for sessions in the fall and winter when it will be too cold for outside sessions if safety concerns persist.
 - Residential services are following congregate care guidelines and limiting nonessential visitors to the facilities. Family therapy and visits are held via telehealth.
- **Peer Support Services**
 - Peer support programs continue to be available via telehealth (individually and groups) to provide daily and weekly contact with clients to monitor and address their needs. Some clients have shared positive feedback about accessing services virtually.
 - Programs that provide transitional youth housing along with peer support are provided both virtually and face-to-face utilizing COVID-19 safety precautions. New housing admissions have occurred in August and September and will continue when vacancies occur.
 - Peer run organizations remain closed because they serve many older adults and individuals with health challenges that put them at higher risk for COVID-19. The organizations have engaged clients via telephone and via Zoom meetings to provide support and guidance.
 - Peer Support Training continues to be available virtually via Zoom for individuals interested in becoming certified peer supporters.
- **Prevention-SUD & School-Based**
 - These services are being provided virtually. Programs include peer led groups, parenting groups and hosting various informational webinars.
 - Providers are working with schools to offer services either in-person or virtually.
 - Some providers are hosting learning pods at their facilities.
 - Care calls and in-person check-ins are transpiring.
 - Information dissemination is being done via social media, newsletters, mail and/or handouts.
 - Implementing Prevention K-12 grant initiative with partnering districts.
 - In-person services for crisis transpire when staff and client are comfortable or deem appropriate to do so.
- **Prevention-Early Childhood Mental Health**
 - These services are being provided via telehealth.
 - Providers are partnering with open childcare facilities to support virtually.
 - Some are meeting in-person based on individual workers comfort level.
 - Increased attendance for ECMH state trainings.
 - Linking families to resources for basic needs.
- **Criminal Justice**
 - Jury trials at the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court are set to resume on Monday, September 21, 2020.
 - Civil and criminal proceedings may be conducted via telephone or video conferencing at the discretion of each individual Judge.
 - The Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court has reopened the West Side Office. All probation reporting continues to be done by telephone unless otherwise instructed by the Probation Officer.

- Specialty dockets continue to accept new admits into programs. Referrals have been down due to a backlog of Court activity but additional outreach efforts for identification of individuals appropriate for such services continues.
- Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) Court staffing continues to take place via Zoom. Additionally, Mental Health Clinical Staffings have resumed and are scheduled via the Zoom format through the end of 2020.
- **Adult Behavioral Health Services**
 - Linkages to services for individuals released from incarceration continue via the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC's) collaboration with FrontLine Service.
 - Most behavioral health programming is utilizing a combination of in-person and telehealth services. In-person services are commonly done only when deemed necessary as per the program function and/or client need. When done so, social distancing and other safety protocols are utilized.
 - Several Behavioral Health providers have noted the need to make adjustments with group programming to require more active participation from group members, not mere presence, at such sessions.
 - Criminal Justice-related Behavioral Health agencies are commonly reporting that referral numbers, while still below pre-pandemic numbers, are starting to rise. In many instances, new strategies used to promote referrals are paying dividends.
- **Clients Rights Department**
 - Spoke to 6 of our clients about participating in a study being conducted by Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) through OhioMHAS. The study is looking into whether clients with a Serious Mental Illness are receiving appropriate/enough services. Two clients participated in their study and both of them are now through the written survey phase and are awaiting their phone interviews.
 - The Board's Clients Rights Officers have been conducting virtual investigations to address formally filed grievances. They have conducted these virtual investigations with group home operators, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), and EDEN, Inc. Upon conclusion of virtual investigations, they write up their findings and recommendations in a report just as they normally would, and then mail that report to both the grievant and the agency.
 - The Board's monthly Clients Rights Officers meetings continue via Zoom and have also been conducting the monthly Client Lunch and Learn Meetings via Zoom.
 - The Board's Clients Rights Officers have become resourceful and efficient in addressing concerns and complaints of clients when they call. Staff work even more collaboratively now than in the past with agency staff at the local level, and counterparts at the state level in expeditiously resolving client complaints before they even become formal grievances.

Committee Member Input:

- Dr. Fowler commended RAMA Consulting, Inc. and Board staff regarding their efforts with the strategic planning process.
- Mr. Snider requested a hard copy of Mr. Osiecki's report prior to the next scheduled General Meeting. Mr. Osiecki reported that he will forward his report to the full Board via email.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Tolbert reported on an unfortunate incident that transpired at a provider agency whereby the Adult Mobile Crisis Team assisted with offering counseling for staff and individuals present.

10. AUDIENCE INPUT

Loh stated that she is glad that she is able to attend the Board meetings again; and referenced the quality of training for the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) police.

11. UPCOMING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:

- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: October 7, 2020
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: October 21, 2020
- General Meeting: October 28, 2020
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: November 4, 2020

- General Meeting: November 18, 2020

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

*Approved by: _____
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*