

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

FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Committee Members Present: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Committee Chair, Bishara Addison, Ashwani Bhardwaj, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Steve Killpack, MS, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Absent: None

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Danielle Clark, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Cheryl Fratalone, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Myra Henderson, June Hudson, Linda Lamp, Beth Pfohl, Vicki Roemer, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Larry Smith, Jr., Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. Call to Order

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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 Finance & Operations Committee 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 Finance & Operations Committee minutes from January 20, 2021 were approved as submitted.

4. Finance Report Summary – December 2020

Ms. Harrison reported that Cuyahoga County has not finalized December's financials, thus the ADAMHS Board's December reports have not been completed and remain in a preliminary draft form. She stated that staff have inquired with the county as to an anticipated goal for closure, however no definitive date has been identified.

Ms. Harrison highlighted that \$16 is reflective of the Hospitalization line item due to the county's premium holiday. Cuyahoga County has had favorable claims experience in the past few years and their projections for the coming year show that the County's health care fund is in a healthy state. It was determined that a premium holiday could be offered in November/December 2020 for four pay periods and January/February 2021 for four pay periods, while still maintaining sufficient funds to pay all health care related invoices and claims.

Ms. Harrison reported that preliminary financials reflect that during December 2020 the Board spent \$371,818; and that during Calendar Year 2020 the Board has spent a total of \$4,958,494 that is roughly 83.01% of the total Administrative budget.

In December 2020, the Board received revenues of \$1,219,930, bringing our total revenue to \$67,948,488. Expenditures for December 2020 were \$8,124,492 bringing our total expenses for Calendar Year 2020 to \$61,699,170 that is 93.88% of our anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. (The Financial Reports are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Ms. Harrison noted that the format has changed on a few financial documents to ensure reader ease with comparable data from previous quarters and present quarter (monthly timeframe). Dr. Fowler indicated that the revenue noted on the preliminary financials appears relatively higher than in previous calendar years. Ms. Harrison reported that revenue received is higher than in previous years due to larger and/or new Federal grants received; in addition to the levy increase of \$1 million.

5. Contracts

Ms. Harrison highlighted agenda process sheets for agreements listed below, answered questions, and provided clarification for committee members.

- a) State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 Grant – \$2,709,527.95

- 12 Step Life/Ethel Hardy House - \$157,087
- Ascent - \$118,461.42
- B. Riley Homes - \$159,892.80
- Briermost Foundation - \$148,614.67
- Griffin Family Homes - \$166,421.45
- I'm In Transition - \$155,552
- Mommy and Me, Too! - \$299,949.91
- NORA (Peer Support) - \$118,000
- NORA (Housing) - \$127,010.88
- NORA Women's Housing - \$166,424.90
- Point of Freedom Peer Support - \$327,310
- Recovery First Housing - \$165,665.50
- Thrive - \$170,488
- White Butterfly Peer Support (Woodrow) - \$65,986
- Women of Hope - \$166,402.82
- Woodrow Project (Peer Support) - \$58,813
- Woodrow Project (Housing) - \$137,447.60

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has received a second, biannual SOR award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This is being referred to as SOR 2.0. The Ohio SOR 2.0 Project focuses on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare for persons with OUD and stimulant use disorders. OhioMHAS is partnering with local ADAMHS boards to implement treatment and recovery programs that expand access to MAT, as well as access to housing and peer support for those with OUD, or a history of opioid overdose or stimulant use disorders.

The Board has partnered with the providers listed above to expand access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and recovery support services to persons in Cuyahoga County with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorders. The SOR programs provide direct access to MAT, housing (including housing for women with minor children, people of color and the LGBTQ community) and outreach and peer support for persons struggling with OUD or stimulant disorders. All providers may serve clients using MAT. Providers are required to report client-level data using the SAMHSA Government Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) Tool; and data collection is monitored by the OhioMHAS SOR evaluation contractor. Clients are interviewed at intake, and six months post intake.

- b) U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) *Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program* (COSSAP), Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Diversion Center – \$1,196,326
- Oriana House - \$1,078,389

The DOJ's purpose in this 3-year COSSAP program is to reduce crime and increase public safety by reducing drug abuse. The program supports first responder diversion programs, to direct persons away from justice system involvement and into treatment. The project will serve persons in Cuyahoga County Ohio who have presented at a pre-booking Diversion Center after an encounter with law enforcement, due to their Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), stimulant use, or other substance use. The purpose of this project is to provide access to rapid assessment, MAT induction, and peer recovery supports to survivors of overdose of opioid, stimulants or other substances, to divert them from future involvement in the criminal justice system. The creation of MAT services on site, and Peer Support recovery services within a countywide Diversion Center would reduce the impact of opioids, stimulants, and other substances, including a reduction in overdose fatalities, and mitigating the impacts on crime victims.

- c) Mental Health Court Program (MHCP) – \$10,345
- Cleveland Municipal Court - \$5,172.50

- South Euclid Municipal Court - \$5,172.50

In June of 2020, OhioMHAS announced a Request For Information (RFI) for \$150,000 in Mental Health Court Program funds, available to a total of 31 eligible Certified Mental Health dockets throughout the state. The award for each docket was to be \$5,000 to \$10,000, based on the number of awardees. Both eligible Mental Health Courts in Cuyahoga County were awarded funds of \$5,172.50. The Cleveland Municipal Mental Health Court has been Ohio Supreme Court certified since 2007. The South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court has been Ohio Supreme Court certified since 2019.

The MHCP funds behavioral health treatment and recovery support services to clients that are involved with selected Mental Health dockets. Awarded funds will be allocated to the ADAMHS Boards and passed through to the Mental Health Court to finance treatment and recovery support services for eligible clients. Treatment for MHCP clients is provided by a community behavioral health services provider certified by OhioMHAS.

- d) Galilean Theological Center (GTC) Substance Use Disorders Educational & Training Program for Latinx Clergy & Church Leaders – \$60,000

The Galilean Theological Center (GTC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission statement is to provide introductory theological education, training, and job-readiness skills for ministry, leadership, and employment in the Hispanic-Latino churches throughout Northeast Ohio. GTC's goal is to provide ministerial training and sound theological education to Hispanic/Latino Church Leaders who generally do not have access to traditional theological institutions due to language barriers, socio-economic status and/or formal education. GTC has a partnership with Ashland Theological Seminary with the purpose to train men and women for bachelor exempt status for application to the Master's program.

GTC has been training students who hold a High School diploma or equivalent GED in classical and discipline specific theological education capable of matriculating in graduate study at Ashland Theological Seminary. GTC ministerial training program has been offering (8) courses of 21 contact hours per course - (4) courses in classical disciplines of Hermeneutics, Bible, Theology and Church History and (4) courses in Hispanic Church Studies. Three (3) seminars in preparation for the call to ministry and research & writing for theological study are also offered.

Upon successful completion of 8 courses and 3 seminars, students receive a Diploma of Theology in Hispanic Religious Church Studies from Ashland Theological Seminary and are eligible to continue graduate studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. Since the inception of the program in 2007, GTC has reached over 90 Pastors and over 600 Church Leaders and students in Northeast Ohio. Over a dozen students have continued their graduate work at Ashland Theological Seminary. In addition to this curriculum, GTC is in the process of adding a component on Pastoral Counseling that deals with Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Disorders. For this reason, the GTC Substance Use Disorders Educational Training Program for Latinx Clergy and Church Leaders would be a good fit.

Motion to recommend approval of Contracts (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

6. **Contract Amendment**

- a) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-09-04, Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) – Term Extension

The Amendment to Resolution No. 20-09-04, EDEN, Inc. is for the term extension of July 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The Board utilizes its Residential Assistance Program (RAP) funds to provide up to \$1,100 per month per client to the operators of Class 2 Residential Facilities. The Board also provides \$200 per RAP client for personal living expenses. The Board has awarded "mini-grants" for upgrades to eligible Class 2 Residential

Facilities (Adult Care Facilities/Group Homes) that have received "Peer Seal of Quality" to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for individuals living with mental illness and are eligible for RAP funds.

The ADAMHS Board has contracted 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. EDEN, Inc. will charge a flat 8% fee for its project management services. However, due to the length of the Pandemic and inability to obtain materials and/or appliances, there is a need to extend the term of the original contract.

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj left the Zoom meeting.]

Motion to recommend approval of Contract Amendment (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: R Fowler / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: B. Addison, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

7. Identify Consent Agenda

Ms. Rosenbaum recommended including the Contracts and Contract Amendments into the Consent Agenda to be recommended for approval to the full Board.

8. New Business - None

9. Upcoming February and March Board Meetings:

- General Meeting: February 24, 2021
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: March 3, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: March 10, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: March 17, 2021
- General Meeting: March 24, 2021

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Finance & Operations Committee Chair