

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2020

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Myra Henderson, Chardé Hollins, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Kelli Perk, Vicki Roemer, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Larry Smith, Jr., Michael Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. CALL TO ORDER / AUDIENCE INPUT

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called the General Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Ms. Rosie Palfy, a homeless advocate, provided audience input regarding the Metanoia Project. Ms. Palfy reported that she is glad to see that the Board is funding more homeless programs; however, she indicated that she believes information provided to the Board contains inaccuracies regarding the locations and number of individuals served on a nightly basis. Rev. Gohlstin requested staff to review the program to ensure accuracy with the information and provide an update.

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 September 23, 2020, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

4. PERSONAL TESTIMONY

As a representative of 99Treasures Arts & Culture, Ms. Nicole Morton-Gaston, LCDCIII, LSW, thanked the Board for the opportunity to share her personal testimony. Through this testimony, Ms. Morton-Gaston referenced personal experiences for all to gain an understanding of the importance of developing self-understanding through times of difficulty and transition, to improve one's health and wellness to live a self-directed life.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that Ms. Morton-Gaston's personal testimony is a testament of the services provided by 99Treasures Arts and Culture and commended them for their efforts.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin reported that the Board's November meeting cycle will include the Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 and the General Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Rev. Gohlstin thanked Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, for their participation with a speaking engagement regarding racism as a public health crisis, which transpired on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 on WOVU 95.9 FM.

Committee Member Input:

- Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch inquired about the availability of an audio recording of this speaking engagement. Rev. Gohlstin reported that these sessions are recorded and will inquire with WOJU 95.9 FM to obtain a copy. He also indicated that individuals could visit the archives portion of the website www.wovu.org and locate the show titled "Black Thought Everything Must Change".

6. CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Due to COVID-19, Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board's Annual Meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020, at the Cleveland Marriott East was canceled and rescheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020. However, upon monitoring the current public health situation, the Board decided to cancel the rescheduled event. The next scheduled Annual Meeting will transpire on Monday, May 10, 2021, at the Cleveland Marriott East.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted a new section within the 2019 Annual Report that contains recovery supports. He indicated that while creating the 2019 Annual Report, staff realized that the Board was not telling the entire story of efforts on every aspect of the Board's accomplishments. For the last several years, the Board's focus has consisted of treatment services; however, due to Medicaid expansion, the Board funds less treatment services and more recovery support services. (The Calendar Year 2019 Annual Report is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Rev. Gohlstin reported that he is pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report, which includes financial and program data; reflective of the 12 month timeframe of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. He also encouraged all to read this outstanding report, which highlights the Board's accomplishments, summarizes financial information and provides demographics.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-10-01 – ACCEPTING THE CALENDAR YER 2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-10-01. MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: J. Olsen / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, G. Boehm, 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.**

7. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Ms. Gwendolyn Howard, Faith-based Outreach Committee Chair, reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on October 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following provider program presentations regarding COVID-19 impact on services and items of discussion:

- Inner Healing Ministries/Student Training Outreach Prevention (STOP) Program
Ms. Nichole Cobb, Clinical Director at Inner Healing Ministries, reported that the Student Training Outreach Prevention (STOP) program is a community outreach prevention program designed to discourage youth, young adults and families from engaging in any activity or behavior that could place their lives at risk, impede their overall development, and jeopardize their future. She stated that COVID-19 has impacted services provided by the STOP Program at Inner Healing Ministries. She reported that the STOP Program has transitioned to an online service via Zoom; however, in-person group sessions are offered; but no one has requested this manner of service. Ms. Cobb indicated that the registration process is completed online; thus, participants must complete the registration material and view an introductory video whereby they obtain some information about the program, the funders, and the requirements. The STOP Program is a selective prevention program serving youth and their families involved in the criminal justice system to decrease the risk factors and increase protective factors. All participants are court mandated to attend the program.

Once the registration process is complete, the participant is provided with a link to attend the orientation session of the program. Ms. Cobb reported that this program utilizes the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Overcomers Program curriculum to deliver prevention education that provides practical and faith-based strategies that are combined with brain science to help participants overcome the effects of ACEs. These ongoing lessons are offered twice weekly, Tuesdays and Thursdays; while the orientation session is a two hour session that is offered one day a week. Participants are required to complete 10 weeks of the 12 week curriculum. Prevention strategies include education, alternatives and problem identification and referral. Once the participant has completed all 12 lessons, they are provided with a link to complete the DARS II survey; and once completed, they are issued a certificate of completion to share with the court to indicate that they have complied with all aspects of their requirements.

Ms. Cobb indicated that the courts are not meeting with the participants. As a result, challenges occur with individuals being compliant. Hence, if a participant misses a full week of sessions, their Probation Officer is notified, and additional sanctions are implemented. Ms. Cobb further reported that the participants are usually required to complete 25 hours of community service; however, due to COVID-19, participants are not able to complete this service. As a result, they can collect canned goods. She stated that they are able to accept the canned goods; and through partnerships with other faith-based organizations, are able to pass these items on to local churches and food pantries. Overall, the STOP program is intended to increase the protective factors for teens and young adults by strategically highlighting key developmental assets that help them become healthy, caring, and responsible individuals.

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland/Mental Health Awareness, Support and Education
Ms. Chris Mignogna, Executive Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland, reported that COVID-19 has impacted services provided by NAMI Greater Cleveland. She reported that the agency's focus is to provide education and support within faith based communities for individuals with mental illness and their families. NAMI Greater Cleveland was able to transition their program offerings; including their helpline, support groups and volunteer and educational activities to virtual platforms. Through this transition, NAMI Greater Cleveland was able to continue to outreach to the faith-based organizations to provide information and offer virtual programming; including the psychoeducation courses, access to helpline, live chat and the virtual support groups.

Ms. Mignogna reported that Ms. Monica Olivera, Hispanic Multicultural Outreach Specialist of NAMI Greater Cleveland, contacts approximately four to six faith-based organizations monthly to build relationships and develop opportunities to enable NAMI Greater Cleveland the ability to provide educational programming. During these contacts, Ms. Olivera provides information regarding NAMI Greater Cleveland's programs and how they are able to support the congregation.

Ms. Mignogna indicated that NAMI Greater Cleveland has not been able to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses during the pandemic because the MHFA organization suspended their programs until new guidelines and a new curriculum for delivering the material virtually was created. She stated that MHFA recently announced the guidance on the new curriculum and NAMI Greater Cleveland's Support and Education Coordinator, Ms. Kari Kepic, has been recertified to deliver the course via Zoom. NAMI Greater Cleveland's intention is to continue outreaching efforts for faith-based organizations to offer this course as an opportunity to their congregations.

On Friday, July 31, 2020, NAMI Greater Cleveland staff met with Dr. C. Dexter Wise, III, Pastor of Faith Ministries Church, in Franklin County to discuss his efforts to bring mental health education to the Baptist Churches in Franklin County that are interested in ministering to their congregation's mental health needs during the pandemic. As a result of this meeting, Dr. Wise offered to assist NAMI Greater Cleveland with introductions to Cuyahoga County based Baptist Pastors regarding their interest in mental health education. Ms. Mignogna indicated that NAMI Greater Cleveland will be following up with Dr. Wise with the intention of facilitating a large webinar during the fourth quarter of 2020 to introduce NAMI Greater Cleveland to the Cuyahoga County Baptist community for a presentation of the services they provide.

Representatives of NAMI Greater Cleveland have also met with Ms. Marilyn Scott, Director, and Mr. Bob Duda, Program Administrator, of Catholic Charities Disability Ministries. Ms. Mignogna reported that Mr. Duda oversees a program titled Links Cleveland, which is located at St. Augustine Church. The mission of Links Cleveland is to provide individuals the opportunity for social, recreational, educational and personal growth experiences with the vision of assisting individuals with opportunities and resources to live life to their potential and to participate fully in church and society. She highlighted that NAMI Greater Cleveland is exploring a partnership with them to assist with providing educational opportunities on a variety of topics.

Ms. Mignogna is also developing a faith-based campaign aimed at inclusivity for African-American faith-based communities; and with the assistance of Rev. Gohlstin, they were able to identify neighborhoods near prominent African-American churches that they intend to target with a mental health awareness marketing campaign to promote NAMI Greater Cleveland's programs and services and develop and begin new partnerships. This campaign will include four billboards near these churches and will occur during the timeframe of December 2020 through April 2021 to enable individuals to join NAMI Greater Cleveland's virtual programs specifically targeted for their congregations. NAMI Greater Cleveland will also be doing a billboard for the timeframe of one month; with location yet to be determined. Ms. Mignogna also indicated that they will be printing 350 posters to be distributed to salons, barber shops, grocery stores and other locations with the goal to connect with black owned businesses; and facilitate a social media pop up campaign whereby advertisements will pop

up, in addition to a radio advertisement campaign for a two month timeframe with the goal of letting individuals know they are there to support them.

- Mr. Tom Williams, Evaluation & Research Officer, highlighted accomplishments of each of the Faith-based Outreach Providers illustrated in the written Faith-based Initiative 2020 Update Report.
- Ms. Sizemore-Rice highlighted accomplishments of each of the Faith-based Outreach Providers illustrated in the written Faith-Based Program Progress Report and responded to questions from committee members.
- Ms. Howard reported that a meeting titled “Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Healthcare Work Group” transpired on Monday, October 5, 2020, via a Zoom meeting. She indicated that Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus stated that 61 individuals were registered for this work group meeting; 51 individuals attended, and several others indicated their inability to attend the first meeting but wanted to be added to the contact list going forward.

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that Mr. Osiecki provided opening remarks, welcomed everyone in attendance and shared information regarding keeping the focus on behavioral healthcare relative to fixing the systematic inequalities; and to consider short term and long term goals. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus also shared some examples of words that were identified from meeting participants regarding thoughts on the topic of racism. Additionally, during this discussion, two videos titled “Think” and “Health Equity Animated” were viewed and Rev. Gohlstin shared information regarding the economic impact of racism and explained why the ADAMHS Board was acting on work to address racism as a public health crisis.

During a brainstorming session of four breakout groups, participants were asked to answer the following:

1. Define existing barriers for behavioral healthcare and consider the who, where, when and how these are impacted by racism.
2. Identify Disparities in Behavioral Healthcare keeping in mind immediate, short-term and long-term goals.

Once time was up, each group shared their responses, Lastly, participants discussed meeting structure, dates and times and next steps. It is suggested that a Board staff person be a co-chair of the committee and a community provider be a co-chair as well.

- Ms. Ruth Standiford, a representative from 99Treasures Arts & Culture, briefly cited an example of an individual’s testimony that was had during a presentation at 99Treasures Arts & Culture. As a result, Ms. Sizemore Rice was requested to contact 99Treasures Arts & Culture to inquire as to whether this individual would be interested in providing a personal testimony at the Board’s October General Meeting.
- Rev. Gohlstin requested that Mr. Osiecki contact Ms. Brenda Ware-Abrams to ensure her well-being.
- Ms. Howard commended and congratulated Ms. Morton-Gaston for sharing her personal testimony and efforts with graduating magna cum laude.

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

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin reported that a Committee of the Whole meeting was held on October 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via a Zoom meeting; and addressed the following topics:

- Review of Policy Statement Renewal
- Finance Reports – Board Voucher & Expenditure Reports – September 2020
- CARES Act Indigent Patient Care Funding
- Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center
- Contracts
- Contract Amendments
- Presentation of CY2021 ADAMHS Board Budget

POLICY STATEMENT RENEWAL:

- Policy Development and Implementation

Given this policy revision being proposed contains a substantial modification of an existing policy, a reading at two General Board Meetings are required prior to an official vote for adoption.

BRENDA GLASS MULTIPURPOSE TRAUMA CENTER

Rev. Gohlstein introduced Ms. Brenda Glass, founder of the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center, and requested that she share her story regarding this organization. Ms. Glass reported that the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center assists people of color who are less likely to seek help during the recovery process after violence; and indicated that she presented her program to the Department of Justice in 2007. The Department of Justice liked the program but wanted to fund a larger provider and The Centers was selected to receive the grant. The Centers hired Ms. Glass to run the program, which is based out of Allen Chapel Missionary Baptist Church – the location of the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center – 501 (c) (3).

Ms. Glass' ministry began in 2003 with a goal of providing healing to a group of young adults who had experienced multiple episodes of violence. The services were originally offered through a faith-based initiative. The program strives to meet each client where they are, physically and emotionally by providing support that addresses practical needs such as safe housing, financial entitlements, basic needs, legal advocacy, individualized therapy and spiritual counseling. The types of trauma treated include domestic violence, sexual assaults and other physical assaults, criminal motor vehicle accidents, gang-related violence, and people who have lost a loved one to homicide.

The Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center is a 24/7 on-call organization that serves all faiths and receives referrals from MetroHealth, University Hospitals, the Prosecutor's Office, Law Enforcement, FrontLine Service and other organizations. The program is partially funded by donations from Ms. Glass' family, church members, friends, and sister churches who refer young people to the program. The Centers and Ms. Glass approached the ADAMHS Board about funding the program. Board staff had several discussions with both The Centers and Ms. Glass. The Centers decided to no longer pursue the program. Board staff believe that this is an important program that should be funded under our Faith-based Initiatives since it is based on providing spiritual support, in addition to traditional mental health services. Ms. Glass requested \$410,000 per year to operate the program services, not including the rent for safe houses, which she is seeking funding elsewhere.

Ms. Glass provided a brief synopsis of the initial Trauma Recovery Center located in San Francisco, which was funded by the U.S. Attorney General's Office. She reported that she was hoping to replicate this Trauma Recovery Center in Cuyahoga County and stated that the program actually addresses the needs of African Americans and other people of color because there are so many barriers to individuals getting help after they have experienced a violent crime. The program contains spiritual counseling for connecting or re-connecting with one's spiritual belief. Case management is available to assist victims with placement in safe shelters and obtaining basic needs. The program also provides psychotherapy for the development of positive coping skills, peer support for ongoing emotional supports and assistance with the overall healing process.

Ms. Jeanine Knox, a participant of the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Program, provided a personal testimony for all to gain an understanding of her transition from a difficult childhood to a successful individual through her own personal development. This transition was made possible by developing essential tools for empowerment and recovery.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Resolution Nos.20-10-02 through 20-10-04*

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 20-10-02 – ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING SEPTEMBER 2020**

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that during September 2020 the Board spent \$520,491; and that for the first 9 months of 2020 the Board has spent a total of \$3,780,217 that is roughly 63.28% of the total Administrative budget.

In September 2020 the Board received revenues of \$2,069,633 bringing our total revenue to \$61,221,045 which is approximately 96.09% of our anticipated revenue for the year. Expenditures for September 2020 were \$6,462,730 bringing our total expenses for the first 9 months to \$42,168,681 that is 64.16% of our anticipated expenditures for the calendar year.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 19-10-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. CARES Act Indigent Patient Care Funding
 - St. Vincent Charity Medical Center - \$157,637.59

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the CARES Act Indigent Patient Care Funding provides inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for indigent civil Cuyahoga County residents who are waiting in the local emergency rooms (ERs) and need an admission to Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH) hospital. She stated that OhioMHAS is authorizing funding for local ADAMHS board reimbursement for indigent civil patients to be served at hospitals with inpatient psychiatric beds. The rate of reimbursement is \$750 per day for up to seven days, including professional fees.

2. Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center - \$205,000

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center is a six-month contract in the amount of \$205,000 for the term of November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The Board will also provide \$34,166, which is 1/6th of the contract, in start-up funds. The Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center will be placed on a probationary status from November 1, 2020 through April 31, 2021, with the ability to extend the probation and/or contract with the agency through December 31, 2021 and be further considered for future funding.

3. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program
- FrontLine Service - \$460,856.12

PATH program funding is federal pass-through funds from OhioMHAS, in addition to an ADAMHS Board match. The ADAMHS Board will contract with FrontLine Service for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$460,856.12. Ms. Rosenbaum stated that the PATH program goal is a harm reduction approach for the provision of support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, connecting the individual to housing, behavioral health services, and community resources.

FrontLine Service, the ADAMHS Board provider of homeless services, is the only PATH provider in Cuyahoga County and has annually received PATH pass-through dollars since 1993.

4. Youth-Led Prevention Funding for the Teen Institute Program
- Recovery Resources - \$22,474

The Youth-Led Prevention Funding for the Teen Institute Program is provided by funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$22,474 that is carved out of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 Per Capita Prevention allocation for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The purpose of the Teen Institute program is to build leadership skills in teens and reinforce the decision to be drug-free. Since 1981, Recovery Resources' Teen Institute's overall goal encourages students from Cuyahoga County to participate in training opportunities throughout the year in order to learn how to effectively implement prevention programs.

5. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose to Action Grant Funds (OD2A) from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBOH) – \$85,225

The CDC has awarded the CCBOH an OD2A grant. The CCBOH selected the ADAMHS Board as a partner to share its expertise in the field of substance abuse and in training community members, particularly first responders. The ADAMHS Board will continue to leverage its experience working with persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and families of Overdose (OD) victims, through the work of the OD2A OUD Specialist. In Year 02, the ADAMHS Board proposes to enhance education for public safety personnel regarding the opioid epidemic. Originally planned as in-person events, at this time, it's anticipated that these activities will take place virtually in Year 02 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

6. OhioMHAS: Psychotropic Drug Grant Funds
- Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$96,841.26

Ms. Rosenbaum indicated that the ADAMHS Board received notification from OhioMHAS and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department relative to the award in the amount of \$96,841,26, which was granted to the Cuyahoga County

Sheriff's Office for the reimbursement of funds expensed for Psychotropic medications in the jail. This funding is for the period of January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

7. Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) – Court Administrative Funds – \$59,508.41 Carryover Funds
 - Cleveland Municipal Drug Court - \$15,523.93
 - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Recovery Drug Court - \$21,507.12
 - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Drug Court - \$22,477.36

The ADAMHS Board received authorization from OhioMHAS to make lump sum payments of administrative funds to local Courts involved in ATP. The following funding amounts were determined by OhioMHAS based on the number of ATP clients served by each Court: Cleveland Municipal Drug Court to receive \$15,523.93; Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Recovery Drug Court to receive \$21,507.12; and Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Drug Court to receive \$22,477.36. It is estimated up to 500 clients may receive ATP services through these Courts in SFY2021.

8. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) Regular Services Program (RSP)
 - Life Exchange Center - \$135,376.40

RSP is a Crisis Counseling Program grant which provides funding for ongoing counseling services and support for up to nine months after a presidential disaster declaration. The CCP is a short-term disaster relief grant for states, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes. OhioMHAS submitted a proposal on behalf of Ohio and negotiated with FEMA for the state's award. The RSP FEMA grant was awarded to the State of Ohio on September 21, 2020. The grant period began September 27, 2020 and ends June 26, 2021. RSP funding will enable the Life Exchange Center to provide ongoing non-clinical services and supports during the pandemic. This will be implemented through the Peer Support Specialist Model.

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

In late September, OhioMHAS automatically renewed the Board's previous SOR Training grant for the full amount of \$15,290 for the term of September 29, 2020 through September 28, 2021. A series of online workshops will be offered to facilitate behavioral health training in sustainable best practices in prevention, treatment and recovery supports for persons at risk of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

10. State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant 60 Day No Cost Extension – \$462,090.17
 - MetroHealth Medical Center - \$107,941.50
 - Briermost Foundation - \$29,723
 - NORA (Housing) - \$30,000
 - Woodrow Project (Housing) - \$27,489.60
 - I'm In Transition - \$26,110.40
 - Mommy and Me, Too! - \$59,989.84
 - Thrive - \$56,214.56
 - Ascent - \$23,712.40
 - Woodrow (QRT) - \$11,762.50
 - NORA (Peer Support) - \$23,600
 - Point of Freedom Peer Support - \$65,546.37

OhioMHAS has received a No Cost Extension for its second year of funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as part of the State Opioid Response (SOR) grants to address OUD. The Ohio SOR 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. OhioMHAS has received notice of a second round of SOR funding, called, "SOR 2.0". OhioMHAS will release an RFP to which ADAMHS boards around the state will respond. The expected start date for new awards will be during December 2020. To ensure the maintenance of effort

for “SOR 1.0” programs during the interim, OhioMHAS awarded the ADAMHS Boards two months’ of funding based on their original award.

11. The Metanoia Project - \$25,000

The Metanoia Project is a non-profit organization, operating out of St. Malachi School, dedicated to combating the vicious cycle of homelessness in Cleveland. Since 2007 they have provided overnight hospitality including: sleeping accommodations, showers, meals, clothing and medical care to unsheltered homeless in Cleveland. The goal of the organization is to combat homelessness by creating supportive and healing community environments and access to resources. The term of this funding is November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

12. AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) Renewal Funding
- The Center for Community Solutions (Fiscal Sponsor of the AFC) - \$75,000

The ADAMHS Board has been a funding partner of the AFC since 2006 - leveraging funds to amplify results related to strategic HIV prevention and care including services for mental health, addiction and harm reduction strategies related to intravenous drug use, in addition to transportation, housing, and employment support.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 20-10-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-04-07, Rising Hope Recovery Housing
- YMCA of Greater Cleveland (Y-Haven) - \$107,400 Increase

YMCA of Greater Cleveland (Y-Haven) requested additional funding due to increased utilization of its Rising Hope Recovery Housing program. Since 1993, Y-Haven has provided transitional housing, recovery services, treatment for mental illness, educational training, vocational services and permanent housing placement to residents of Cuyahoga County who are homeless and in need of behavioral health services.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 19-11-08, New Directions – \$5,290.25 Increase (COVID-19 Emergency Funding)

Since the national and State of Ohio declarations of COVID-19 as a public health emergency, New Directions instituted precautions and measures to ensure the health and well-being of clients, families, staff, and the community. New Directions had several staff and one client test positive for COVID-19 in April of 2020. The staff have recovered and returned to work. Additional cleaning and sanitizing procedures were implemented in addition to temperature screening, use of PPE and physical spacing at meals. New Directions submitted a request for emergency funding to reimburse the agency for expenses incurred related to the response to the positive cases within their facility. ADAMHS Board staff reviewed the request and are recommending reimbursing New Directions in the amount of \$5,290.25.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-05-03, Life Long Transportation, LLC – \$10,000 Increase

The ADAMHS Board contracted with Life Long Transportation, LLC in 2019 and 2020 to provide non-emergency transportation services to clients in ADAMHS Board funded group homes and residential facilities for medical appointments; in addition to providing non-emergency transportation services to substance use disorder clients associated with ADAMHS Board funded treatment and recovery support services agencies for medical appointments related to treatment and/or recovery. Due to a high utilization of these services, Life Long Transportation, LLC has utilized their CY2020 funding and is in need of an additional \$10,000 for the remainder of CY2020.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 20-10-02 through 20-10-04). MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, 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.**

[Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA, and Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj left the meeting.]

9. CY2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that several inquiries were received from Board members based upon their review of the budget material and that questions were answered as they came in. Mr. Osiecki highlighted that an ADAMHS Board position, Director of Information Technology (IT), was inadvertently left off the CY2021 Board Administrative Budget. As a result, \$115,000 will be added to the CY2021 Board Administrative Budget, which includes the salary and fringe benefits for this position.

Mr. Bob Fowler requested that column totals should be identified within the section of the CY2021 Budget material detailing the following: 1) CY2020 programs not recommended for funding in CY2021, 2) CY2020 programs recommended for increased funding in CY2021 and 3) CY2020 programs recommended for decreased funding in CY2021.

Mr. Osiecki reported that revised CY2021 budget material will be forwarded to Board members via email in the near future.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- **Opioid Settlement Update**

- **Thrive Behavioral Health**

Mr. Osiecki reported that an update was recently forwarded to the County regarding the Opioid Settlement. The ADAMHS Board contracted with Thrive Behavioral Health in April; however was retroactive to March 1, 2020, 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 (Thrive ED), approved Resolution No. 20-04-02. Thrive ED commenced virtual services in the Parma location of University Hospitals; however, have expanded to all University Hospital Emergency Departments. The contract total for this service was \$3,068,000 and as of October 7, 2020, \$702,808 has been paid to Thrive for the following: \$417,000 in start-up funds for hiring and onboarding of their Peer Recovery Coaches and other expenses, of which \$83,000 has been utilized for hiring, salaries and fringe benefits; and the training of the Peer Recovery Coaches on the program. Thrive has been in a constant hiring mode with individuals; however, several individuals decided not to continue working or their employment was terminated by Thrive because they were not meeting expectations. As a result, Thrive continues to recruit individuals; and currently Thrive has 9 Peer Recovery Coaches assigned to the Thrive ED Program with 3 additional individuals in the onboarding process. The ADAMHS Board has been invoiced for \$285,700 for 4,605 hours of service to 39 clients as well as the 24 hour coverage of the 9 Peer Recovery Coaches.

Mr. Osiecki reported that Thrive Behavioral Health and University Hospitals Emergency Department approached the ADAMHS Board to indicate that a small number of individuals were actually brought into the Emergency Department after being revived from an opioid overdose. As a result, both entities request ed the ADAMHS Board to expand the scope of peer support service to individuals ages 18 and over with a history of OUD, suspected OUD, or an OUD related incident who present in the University Hospitals. The ADAMHS Board approved this request and believe that this is an opportunity to prevent overdoses and associated deaths.

As of November 1, 2020, Thrive will begin staffing the Parma location of University Hospitals in person, rather than virtually. They will staff individuals at this location during the peak hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., followed by the 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. shift. Also, during the timeframes that a Peer Support staff person is not in the Emergency Room, they will be available through telehealth.

Thrive Behavioral Health and the ADAMHS Board continue to diligently work with Cleveland Clinic to implement this program; however, with COVID-19 this discussion has been placed on hold.

- **Stella Maris**

The ADAMHS Board has contracted with Stella Maris for \$5,433,000; and as of October 14, 2020, the ADAMHS Board has paid \$1,700,000 for services rendered by Stella Maris, \$681,000 in start-up funds for hiring and onboarding personnel, including a Psychiatrist, Assistant Clinical Director, Nurse Manager, Residential Assistant, Case Managers, Counselors and Nurses; and \$982,000 was utilized to purchase the old Matt Talbot property in Tremont in preparation of the expansion of their residential treatment program . This included the \$710,000 purchase price and \$272,000 for

renovations. Additionally, \$106,000 has been billed to the ADAMHS Board for the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for ten individuals receiving 139 sessions of IOP, 10 sessions of PHP and 22 encounters of MAT.

Mr. Osiecki indicated that Stella Maris recently opened a new detoxification (detox) facility in September, which allowed Stella Maris to temporarily launch the new residential treatment program for 12 men in the former building that they were using for detox. As of October 16, 2020, 5 men were currently receiving services with new admissions scheduled last week to bring them up to the capacity of 12 individuals.

- **St. Vincent Charity Medical Center**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the ADAMHS Board has contracted with St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Peer Support and the expansion of IOP, PHP and 24 hour intake. Presently, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center has not invoiced for this program; and due to COVID-19, a new Strategic Plan, campus redesign and search for a new Director of Outpatient Services at Rosary Hall have slowed the hiring for IOP, PHP and the 24 hour intake. However, within the last month, staff have been hired for these positions.

St. Vincent Charity Medical Center is collaborating with Catholic Charities to provide IOP and PHP to their residential clients, in addition to expanding their outpatient services and will need to hire additional staff (2 or 3 new Counselors).

- **Diversion Center**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the County continues to negotiate with vendors regarding the Diversion Center Request for Proposal (RFP).

- **Strategic Planning Process**

Mr. Osiecki provided an update regarding the Board's strategic planning process and reported that RAMA Consulting, Inc. will be presenting an outline of the Strategic Plans' goals and strategies at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

- **Racism is a Public Health Crisis**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the Workgroup to Eliminate Structural Racism in Behavioral Healthcare is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

- **COVID-19 Update**

- **Future Directions**

As a result of COVID-19, Mr. Osiecki stated that Future Directions originally laid staff off; however as of April 2020, they have continually provided services virtually on a daily basis for their members. Additional staff continue to make masks, assemble art supply boxes with craft activities to mail to members and frame member's art works.

ADAMHS Board staff continue to receive positive feedback from members, who remain optimistic that Ohio's Governor will allow agencies to provide in person services soon.

Mr. Osiecki reported that Future Directions has requested additional funding in CY2021; however, ADAMHS Board staff have decided that they will remain at the CY2020 funding level. This decision was determined based on the amount of funds in their reserve account.

- **Life Exchange Center**

Mr. Osiecki stated that Life Exchange Center has been successful with retaining all but one staff person who resigned; and continue to provide peer support via telephone. Members are contacted on a weekly basis and continue to participate in virtual activities, such as art therapy, art therapy studio and their Sunshine Committee.

The Transitional Youth Housing Program provides peer support in person and virtually.

- **Magnolia Clubhouse**

Mr. Osiecki indicated that due to COVID-19, Magnolia Clubhouse has remained closed since March and have not had any staff lay-offs; however, two staff resigned, and a part-time staff member became full-time. In person psychiatric rehabilitation has been conducted daily for up to 10 individuals. Also, virtual services continue on a daily and weekly basis; and the Magnolia Clubhouse retail shop remains open. The clinic schedules individuals on 2 half days a week and are conducted via telehealth and in-person as well.

On October 9, 2020 Magnolia Clubhouse held an outdoor fair with scheduled appointments to avoid large groups of individuals; and daily meals are still provided on a take-out basis.

- **University Hospitals Meeting**

Mr. Osiecki reported that a meeting transpired with representatives of University Hospitals (UH) to discuss the Public Academic Liaison (PAL) program budget and workforce development. As a result, Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, will be working with them on this matter.

- **Staff Positions**

Ms. Fischer and Ms. Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, completed interviews for the vacant Adult Clinical Utilization Review Specialist position; and Mr. Osiecki is scheduled to meet with the recommended candidate next week.

The ADAMHS Board received 26 resumes for the vacant Director of Finance position; and Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Fischer have scheduled interviews next week with potential candidates.

- **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants**

- **Second Chance Act Grant**

The ADAMHS Board submitted and received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Program. The grant was submitted in partnership with Oriana House, FrontLine Service and Salvation Army. The total grant award is \$745,969 over a 3 year timeframe for a multi-faceted collaborative effort to be implemented to improve services through support, strategies and activities that foster positive family engagement, reduce violence and recidivism and promote safe facilities, homes and communities.

- **MAT Grant**

The ADAMHS Board submitted and received a MAT grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$1.1 million for the term of 3 years. The details regarding this grant will be forthcoming.

Mr. Harvey Snider inquired with staff regarding the availability of additional PHP programs in the community. Ms. Tolbert responded and identified a number of organizations that provide these programs.

Mr. Osiecki reported that a presentation of the ADAMHS Board's new website will transpire at the Committee of the Whole meeting of Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Committee Member Input:

- Ms. Kern-Pilch commended ADAMHS Board provider agencies for their COVID-19 efforts with providing services during this timeframe. Rev. Gohlstin concurred; and commended ADAMHS Board staff for their proficiency and professionalism, while working from home.

11. NEW BUSINESS - None

12. AUDIENCE INPUT

Mr. Ed Gemerchak, Director of Y-Haven, thanked the ADAMHS Board for supporting Y-Haven; and inquired about Phase 2 of the Opioid Settlement funding, in addition to advocacy efforts regarding such. Mr. Osiecki reported that Cuyahoga County has not made any decisions regarding these funds, not to mention that the ADAMHS Board continues to work with Cuyahoga County on a regular

basis; and noted that a meeting transpired recently with Mr. Dan Brady, Cuyahoga County Council President, and his team to discuss a number of agenda items.

Ms. Palfy had a comment - two things that she wanted to bring up. First, she wanted to let the Board know that a couple of weeks ago, the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless gave homeless advocate, Loh, who is a frequent attendee at our meetings, the Social Advocate of the Year Award. Ms. Palfy also was surprised to hear that the Board was going to fund a Director of IT position, and that the Clinical Officer position is only 20 hours. Rev. Gohlstin reported that staffing is an in-house matter; and the Board does not need a full-time Clinical Officer because the board does not provide direct service.

13. UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021 BOARD MEETINGS:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: November 4, 2020
- General Meeting: November 18, 2020
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: January 6, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: January 13, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: January 20, 2021
- General Meeting: January 27, 2021

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

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