

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2021

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bishara W. Addison	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
Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW	Jena Olsen
Erskine Cade, MBA	Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA
Elsie Caraballo	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	

ABSENT: None

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Danielle Clark, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Woo Jun, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Myra Henderson, Charde' Hollins, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Beth Pfohl, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Larry Smith, Jr., Michaele Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Thomas Williams, 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 4:00 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 February 24, 2021, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rev. Gohlstin announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter.

Motion to enter into Executive Session. MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Ms. Jena Olsen and Rev. Max. M. Rodas, MA, entered the Zoom meeting.]

Motion to exit the Executive Session and resume the business of the General Meeting Agenda. A roll call vote was taken. / MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-03 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-06 – APPROVAL OF COMPLETED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW & SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT S. OSIECKI**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-03-03. MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin noted that a Board of Directors Retreat/Training has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., via a Zoom meeting. Agenda items to include, but not be limited to, a presentation by Ms. Cheri L. Walter, MA, LICDC, Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), on delineating roles & responsibilities for Board members and Chief Executive Officer as well as a presentation by Dr. Gwendolyn Jarvis, Certified Parliamentarian, on parliamentary procedures. Discussion will also be had regarding the Board's Bylaws and the sections of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) that govern the ADAMHS Board; as found in ORC, Chapter 340.02 and Section 121.22.

Mr. Harvey Snider congratulated Rev. Gohlstin for his leadership as Board Chair during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also commended Rev. Gohlstin relative to his efforts with establishing the Board of Directors Faith-based Outreach Committee.

Rev. Gohlstin stated that the ADAMHS Board of Directors is comprised of 18 individuals, 10 individuals appointed by the Cuyahoga County Executive and 8 individuals appointed by the state appointing authority, however, all 18 Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to the State of Ohio to carry out the mission statement of the ADAMHS Board in a respectful and responsible manner.

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Committee Chair, Mr. Harvey Snider, Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, reported on the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting, held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, via Zoom. She noted the following agenda items of discussion:

- State Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Update
Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, provided a State Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget update. Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Walter is advocating for an additional 15 million to be added to the Continuum of Care Line Item for behavioral healthcare services.
- The Board previously approved a \$20,000 grant that allowed 10 individuals to be trained in the Grief Recovery Method (GRM) to assist families impacted by pregnancy and infant loss. The committee received a report on the success of this project from Ms. Tracy Carter, System Director, Government Affairs and Health Policy, at Summa Health System.
- Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training; Ms. Carmen Gandarilla, Training Officer; Ms. Regina Spicer, Training Officer; and Ms. Richanda Jackson-Birks, Training Officer, provided updates on the Board's progress with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings, events for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that were sponsored by the Board and the upcoming Training Institute Spring Series, as well as State Opioid Response (SOR) grant trainings. It was reported that the Training Department is doing an excellent job educating the community; and they shared a PowerPoint presentation that was reflective of the number of individuals that have been trained thus far.
- Three sponsorship requests were presented to the committee and were recommended as follows:
 - Milestones Autism Conference in the amount of \$1,700;
 - Cleveland International Film Festival in the amount of \$2,000; and
 - Greater Cleveland NAMIWalks in the amount of \$2,500.

All three sponsorship requests were approved to move forward the Finance & Operations Committee.

- The Board's Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 10, 2021, 11:00 a.m. Board staff were able to transfer the use of the hotel for the 2022 Annual Meeting, at no additional cost to the Board. As a result, the next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Cleveland Marriott East.
- The Media/Press Clipping Report from January 5 – March 2, 2021 indicated that the ADAMHS Board had a total of 43 media mentions; 33 were positive, 10 neutral and 0 negative. Mr. Snider congratulated the Board for being on the front page of the Cleveland Plain Dealer with a story about funding for behavioral health and commended Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, for his advocacy efforts.
- Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, provided committee members with an overview of the social media statistics since the last Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting. She reported that for the time period January 6 to March 2, 2021, the Board had over 50,000 impressions and over 1,500 engagements, gained 82 new followers and 114 post link clicks. Board staff posted 189 times and received 203 messages.
- Ms. Greenspan reported that the ADAMHS Board's new website had 7,017 unique visitors since January 6 for a total of 10,238 visits as of Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

7. **PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on March 10, 2021, via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following presentations and items of discussion:

- **Seasons of Hope**
Ms. Meghan McGuan, Director, Emergency Assistance Services, at Catholic Charities Corporation, presented on the Seasons of Hope Home. In collaboration with the ADAMHS Board, Seasons of Hope is a welcoming house, with no questions asked. The residence is open 7 days a week during evening and overnight hours as a safe, supportive environment for adult women in crisis or struggling with drug or alcohol addiction. They can receive a shower, change of clothing and food. Prior to Covid in 2019, there was an average of 3 women per night, and 147 referred to the outreach programs at the Bishop Cosgrove Center.
- Mr. Joseph Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), requested that the Board accept \$30,000 from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and approve an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Family Drug Court to assist with Specialized Docket support related to managing addicted offenders in the community during the timeframe of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- Ms. Beth Pfohl, Grants Officer, requested that the Board accept \$535,757.96 from OhioMHAS to partner with MetroHealth to expand Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and recovery services to persons with Opioid Use Disorder for persons in the County Jail. The State Opioid Response (SOR) 1.0 extension grant is for the timeframe of December 1, 2020 to September 29, 2021.
- Ms. Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Director of Special Projects, referenced the probationary agreement with the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center, under the Faith-based initiative. The Center was granted a probationary period to see if it fit with the Board's current goals. As staff monitored the program, they noted components that would not fit with the Faith-based Initiatives Programs. The Board will complete the original agreement as planned.
- Ms. Charde' Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, reported on the Governor's K-12 Education Initiative on Substance-Use Prevention and Education. Cuyahoga County was awarded \$1.5 million with 31 School Districts and 16 ADAMHS Community Partners. Programming has 3 components: Informing, Dissemination, and Groups. There are 7 target areas: Crisis Team Training and Development, Suicide Prevention Protocols, Support and Education Groups, Professional Development, Social Emotional Learning Research, Assessment & Implementation, Conducting & Processing Universal Screeners and Cultural Competence Training and Consulting.
- Mr. Bill Hebble, Clients Rights Officer II, and Ms. Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Clients Rights Officer II, presented data on the Client Rights Report. Their presentation tracked trends/changes and assessed needs from working closely with clients, Provider Agency Clients Rights Officers, Adult Care Facility staff and OhioMHAS. COVID-19 had an impact; however, the purpose is to maintain healthy partnerships and lines of communication with the common goal of helping clients and implementing day-to-day efficiencies as optimal practice. They referenced a new electronic database and Clients Rights Management system that can be accessed remotely and used independently by both of them simultaneously. This system is very effective in timely resolution of clients' concerns and complaints; and these efforts can be tracked in real time and produce analytics in a timely fashion.
- Mr. Osiecki reported that due to a change in personal responsibilities, Mr. Jeff Johnson informed the Board that he has decided to end his consulting contract on equity and inclusion. Staff thanked him for his efforts and wished him well in this new endeavor.
- Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, introduced Ms. Nancy Mundy, Clinical Adult Utilization Review Specialist. Ms. Mundy joined the ADAMHS Board staff on Monday, March 1, 2021.
- Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Mr. Woo S. Jun, Esq., Director of Risk Management. Mr. Jun joined the ADAMHS Board staff on Monday, March 8, 2021.

8. **FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on March 17, 2021, via a Zoom meeting and highlighted the Vouchers and Contracts as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 21-03-01 through 21-03-02

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-01
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT
DURING JANUARY 2021**

Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted that a new reporting format is being utilized to present the Voucher and Expenditure Reports for January 2021. These reports are generated from QuickBooks with no interpretation; and will be reviewed and changed on a routine basis until the reports display a format that encompasses all information relative to what was presented in past Voucher and Expenditure reports.

Ms. Rosenbaum reported on the Voucher and Expenditure Reports for January 2021. She stated that the Administrative Budget is very similar in content to what has been presented in the past and is broken down into three columns, Budget, Total Actual and Remaining. The first column identifies the actual budget of \$6,518,555, while the second column reflects the amount spent thus far in January and the last column identifies the remaining balance in each of the categories; and stated that relative to the Administrative Budget for the month of January, expenses were \$374,737.48.

Expenditures for All Accounting Units for January 2021 is a new document that varies from previous Financial Reports. This document includes administrative expenses as well as provider direct services. The total expenditures for January 2021 were \$1,540,785.70; and includes ADAMHS Administration, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant and Other Grants.

January 2021, the Board received revenues of \$1,297,905.42; and is inclusive of the total ADAMHS administration of \$929,248.29 and the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant of \$368,657.13. Ms. Rosenbaum noted that due to varying monthly revenues, this report will change from month to month. The Opioid Settlement Expenditures for Quarter 1 – 2021 were \$184,700; bringing the total Opioid Expenditures to \$3,966,745 and is 38% of the budgeted amount of \$10,501,207. Ms. Rosenbaum reported that St. Vincent only utilized 27% of their budget; and could have been COVID-19 related, but they had a really late start and had hiring issues as well. Thrive only utilized 33% of their budget; and was due to difficult circumstances regarding accessibility with additional emergency departments. (The final Financial Reports are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-02 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Specialized Docket Support – Payroll Subsidy
 - Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Family Drug Court - \$30,000

The Specialized Docket Support – Payroll Subsidy is with the contractual party of Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Family Drug Court in the amount of \$30,000 for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. As part of the State of Ohio State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2017 biennial budget, the Ohio Legislature appropriated funds to OhioMHAS to assist specialized dockets with their operational costs in an effort to increase and expand these programs statewide. The Department allocated these funds to ADAMH/CMH Boards beginning with SFY 2019. These funds assist Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court's Family Drug Court to effectively manage addicted offenders in the community, thereby reducing commitments to the prison system. Allowable expenses now include behavioral health treatment services, MAT medications, urinalysis, and recovery supports.

2. State Opioid Response (SOR) 1.0 No Cost Extension Grant
 - MetroHealth System - \$535,757.96

OhioMHAS had funds remaining from its initial SOR 1.0 award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This is being referred to as the SOR 1.0 No Cost Extension (NCE). The NCE period ends on September 29, 2021. The Ohio SOR 1.0 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 Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). 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.

The Board has partnered with MetroHealth to expand access to MAT and recovery support services to persons in Cuyahoga County jail with OUD. Ohio's SOR programs are designed to provide direct access to MAT, housing and outreach and peer support for persons struggling with OUD. The provider is required to report client-level data using the SAMHSA Government Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) Tool; data collection is monitored by the OhioMHAS SOR evaluation contractor. Clients are interviewed at intake and six months post intake.

3. The Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) Tool

- Aperture Education Services - \$11,250

The DESSA is a web-based set of instruments that consist of strength-based assessment components for school-age children. There are four instrument versions in use with two instruments designed for children in kindergarten through 8th grade and two instruments designed for high school age children. For each grade range of students there is a short screening instrument with eight questions (DESSA-mini) and a comprehensive instrument with 72 questions (full DESSA) for use with children who demonstrate the need for additional social-emotional training. The web-based system allows unlimited screenings per child, assessments and access to strategies per license/student for 12 months.

- OhioMHAS: Psychotropic Drug Grant Funds
 - Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$36,877

The ADAMHS Board received notification from OhioMHAS and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department relative to the award granted to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for the reimbursement of funds expensed for Psychotropic medications in the jail. The reimbursement period is from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$36,877.

- Sponsorships:
 - Milestones Autism Conference, June 16–17, 2021 - \$1,700

Milestones Autism Resources puts on the yearly "Milestones National Autism Conference." Milestones aims to improve the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum by educating, coaching and connecting the autism community with evidence-based information. Since the conference started in 2003, it has grown into a major national event attracting over 1,000 professionals, parents and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who come from across the country to get cutting-edge information, networking opportunities and CEUs. The event features 93 workshop sessions; 140 speakers from across the United States; prominent keynote speakers; CEUs in 12 disciplines; sessions in Spanish; a virtual sponsor and exhibitor expo; and networking to meet fellow attendees and speakers. The "Milestones National Autism Conference" will be held virtually June 16- 17, 2021.

- Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF), April 7–20, 2021 - \$2,000

The CIFF promotes artistically and culturally significant film arts through education and exhibition to enrich the life of the community and is in its 45th year. The 2021 CIFF will take place virtually April 7-20, 2021, through streaming on clevelandfilm.org. This year, ADAMHS Board staff recommends waiting to choose a film to sponsor until all films have been selected by mid-March. This will ensure the film most relevant to the ADAMHS Board's work is selected to sponsor. If there is no film that is a good fit, the ADAMHS Board will not sponsor a film.

- Greater Cleveland NAMIWalks, September 11, 2021 - \$2,500

NAMI Greater Cleveland's NAMIWalks will celebrate its 19th anniversary in Greater Cleveland on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Edgewater Park (Kite Field). This year's theme is Mental Health for All and will be held in-person following social distancing and COVID-19 guidelines. Over the past 19 years, NAMIWalks has raised funds for NAMI Greater Cleveland to continue and expand educational, advocacy and support programs for individuals living with mental illness and their families. In addition, NAMIWalks raises the public's awareness of mental illness and helps to eliminate stigma.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 21-03-01 through 21-03-02). MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Osiecki thanked the Board for their continued confidence and support with his leadership; and thanked the Executive Team and staff for their efforts during the last year; while transitioning to working remotely. He also reported that he will continue to do his very best to ensure services are provided to the clients and residents of Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Osiecki also congratulated Ms. Crystal Bryant, who will be filling the position as the new Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Cleveland Chapter.

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

- **Diversion Center Update:**

- Committee members are now meeting every Thursday and as needed with the County, their consultants, FrontLine Service and Oriana House to ensure all efforts continue to move forward.
- The County continues to renovate the building; and has decided to set the opening date for Monday, April 12, 2021 rather than Thursday, April 1, 2021.
- A formal ribbon cutting/media event will be held in May.
- OhioMHAS completed their initial licensure survey of the Diversion Center last week. Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Project Manager, participated in the survey, which lasted about 7 hours.
- Many of the findings can be corrected rather easily. Oriana House will be submitting existing (or minor tweaks to existing) documentation to meet the corrective action; and is working on the response to the overall survey findings.
- The two major issues were identified as the pipes posing a suicide risk and the windows where the beds are located. The issue with the pipes can be solved by an OhioMHAS variance allowing Oriana House to ensure that 2 staff are on either end of the corridor; and have a set schedule for routine rounds - 24/hours per day. In addition, there are cameras that will be monitored.
- As for the issue with the windows, OhioMHAS is asking for a written exception from the building or fire department. The fire department has already approved the facility in the most recent Fire Marshall inspection of Tuesday, January 12, 2021.
- A new fire alarm system was recently installed and the fire department will be inspecting this alarm within the week.
- OhioMHAS needs to keep in mind that there are no actual bedrooms, so Oriana House is asking OhioMHAS for a variance on this issue – which was discussed during the site visit, along with the issue of the pipes.
- The building already has a valid occupancy permit; since the changes to the building are minor and cosmetic. The architect is providing written correspondence explaining that the changes to the building are minor and cosmetic and do not require building permits.
- Board staff continue to meet with law enforcement on a monthly basis to discuss the Diversion Center. The last meeting transpired on Friday, March 19, 2021.
- The Board's Training and Education Department held two 40-hour CIT trainings on March 8 and March 22, 2021; and approximately 33 officers attended each training.
- Refresher training was held on March 4 and March 5, 2021. Dispatch training was also held March 15 and March 16, 2021.
- The Video on the Diversion Center for the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) and other law enforcement is in production at the County and should be completed in the near future.
- The metrics are finalized.
- The County Prosecutor's Office is in the process of finalizing the Diversion Center protocol, which contains a list of offenses that do not need approval from the Prosecutor before police transport an individual to the Diversion Center.

- **Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Work Group Update:**

- Due to increased responsibilities, Jeff Johnson, who was the Board's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant, is unable to continue working in this capacity. As a result, staff will continue to move the work forward.
- The last meeting was held on Monday, March 1, 2021; whereby Ben Miladin, Director of Health at United Way, presented on how to use data to identify inequities.
- Due to the Easter Holiday, the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021, which is the second Monday in April. Mr. Kevin Fischer, Executive Director of NAMI Michigan, will be presenting on the power of advocacy.
- The subcommittees continue to meet and provide report outs at the monthly meetings.
- The meetings for July 2021 and September 2021 have also moved to the second Mondays of the month because of holidays.

- **Staff Update:**

- Ms. Nancy Mundy started at the Board on Monday, March 1, 2021, as the Clinical Adult Utilization Review Specialist.

- Mr. Woo Jun started at the Board on Monday, March 8, 2021, as the Director of Risk Management.
 - Ms. Joiceyn Weems started at the Board on Monday, March 15, 2021, as a CIT Training Officer.
 - Board staff continue to interview for two Information Technology (IT) positions, Database Specialist and Network & Systems Specialist.
 - The Chief Compliance Officer position has been posted; and the closing date on the posting is Friday, April 2, 2021.
 - The CIT Training Officer position has been reposted; and the closing date on the posting is Tuesday, April 6, 2021.
- **COVID-19 and Vaccine Update:**
 - Board staff remain busy with planning and coordinating Vaccines for congregate settings (Recovery Homes, Adult Care Facilities and Residential Treatment Facilities).
 - The ADAMHS Board partnered with OhioMHAS and the Cleveland Department of Public Health to coordinate first dose vaccines for 940 individuals who live in adult care facilities, recovery homes and residential treatment centers that are located in the City of Cleveland.
 - The first dose vaccination clinics were held Thursday through Saturday, February 24-27, 2021, at behavioral health providers that were central to highest concentration areas of homes in Cleveland.
 - The provider partners who hosted the vaccine sites were The Lantern, Oriana House, Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS) and Stella Maris. Homes located in the Collinwood area were vaccinated at the Collinwood Recreation Center, which staff also coordinated.
 - Mr. Osiecki thanked Board staff for their efforts with this endeavor – Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Ms. Allison Schaefer, Ms. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Ms. Madison Greenspan, Mr. Joe Arnett and the Board's VISTA, Ms. Erika Losse.
 - Staff reached out by telephone and email to contract and non-contract homes in Cleveland; and helped connect them with the site nearest their residence.
 - Staff also pulled together resident registration information and helped coordinate transportation. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus, Ms. Schaefer, Ms. Yarbrough-Franklin and Mr. Arnett also volunteered at the vaccination clinics to assist with resident care and questions.
 - The second dose vaccination clinics for Cleveland homes began today and will continue through Saturday.
 - Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus is currently working with the County Board of Health to schedule similar clinics for homes located outside of the City of Cleveland that have not yet been vaccinated.
 - At this time, staff continues to gather registration information from the homes to be shared with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Once the registration information has been collected, the Board of Health will create a map to identify the most central areas for vaccination clinic sites. These first dose vaccination clinics are expected to occur in mid-April.
 - **COVID-19 Update:**
 - **Housing**
 - Class 1 Residential Facilities (RCF's): Have all adopted and continue to utilize detailed COVID-19 protocols. Community Support Network (CSN), Flores and Buckeye are all accepting new admissions (from both hospital and community). Buckeye and Flores require a negative COVID-19 test upon admission.
 - Class 2 Residential Facilities (ACF's): Overall 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.
 - **Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**
 - SUD Outpatient treatment providers continue to provide telehealth and many now offer face to face services or hybrid services due to clients request for face to face
 - MAT is continuing to be offered face to face and video conferencing.
 - Detox and residential treatment providers have started to slowly increase their capacity while still accommodating for social distancing.
 - Some residential treatment and detox providers are continuing to see an increase in referrals.
 - Many Recovery Housing providers continue have an empty bedroom available if someone tests positive or needs to be in quarantine.
 - Several Recovery Housing providers are exploring loosening up visitation restrictions as staff and residents get the COVID-19 vaccine

- **Children & Adolescent Programs**
 - Children and adolescent programs continue to offer services via telehealth and most programs offer in-person accommodations if safe and necessary.
 - Providers are in the process of reviewing or adapting policies to offer more in-person services safely in the community or office locations as staff receive vaccinations and COVID-19 numbers decrease.
 - Program staff are obtaining vaccinations. Some programs report staff have declined vaccinations.
 - Programs are anticipating an increase in stability for youth as they transition back to in-person learning for school.

- **Peer Support Services**
 - Peer support programs continue to be available via telehealth (individually and groups) to provide regular contact and peer support to clients.
 - The Transitional Youth Housing Program provides peer support services to young adults ages 18 to 25 years old. Peer support is offered virtually and in-person while utilizing COVID-19 safety precautions. Currently, there are no vacancies.
 - The Online 40-Hour Peer Support Training continues to be available via Zoom. March trainings were full and the April trainings are also full.

- **Prevention – SUD & School-Based**
 - Catholic Charities Corporation is now offering in-person services to partnering schools.
 - Providing services virtually. Programs include peer led groups, parenting groups and hosting various informational webinars.
 - Working with schools to provide services either in-person or virtually
 - Care calls and in-person check-ins
 - Information dissemination via social media, newsletters, mail and/or handouts
 - Implementing Prevention K-12 grant initiative with partnering districts
 - Providing in-person services to districts based on schools' preference/need

- **Prevention - Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH)**
 - Provides services via telehealth
 - 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 System**
 - Jury trials at the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court are still anticipated to begin again on Monday, April 26, 2021.
 - Specialty Court staffing continues to be conducted via Zoom and Jail Liaisons continue to regularly communicate with the Court regarding inmates who are at increased health risk remaining in the jail and/or can be appropriately supervised in the community.
 - Linkage to services - including psychiatry, counseling, and case management - upon release from prison to those returning to Cuyahoga County are scheduled in-person at FrontLine Service with the option to change to telehealth if the client prefers.
 - Ohio's incarcerated population has yet to be included in any phase of the state's vaccine distribution. There are some indications that the intention is to use the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine, particularly in jails.

- **Adult Behavioral Health Services**
 - Behavioral Health Providers largely remain conducting business in a combination of in-person and telehealth services. As more and more staff continue to be vaccinated, in-person services are increasing.
 - Starting last Monday, all Outpatient Mental Health staff at Catholic Charities will be working at the office and/or doing outreach two days a week.

- Epilepsy Association has returned to community-based visits recently after only doing so when necessary since the onset of the pandemic.
- **Leadership Cleveland Human Services Day:**
 - On Thursday, March 4, 2021, Mr. Osiecki participated as a panel member during Leadership Cleveland's Human Services Day, along with Mr. Jonathan Lee, Signature Health, and Mr. Michael Biscaro, from St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. Ms. Joan Englund, from the Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC), was the moderator.
 - Discussion was had regarding Behavioral Health (BH) issues including Business Cases for ensuring staff have access to behavioral health care, BH stigma reduction, resources and how the business community can advocate for behavioral health care in their companies.
- **SFY 2022-2023 Budget Update:**
 - Mr. Osiecki and other OACBHA Board Directors continue advocacy efforts with the House of Representatives in the Finance Committee. The Representatives on the committee include Representatives Patton, Howse and Skindell.
 - OACBHA has also had Representatives throughout the state submit language changes for the budget bill.
 - Financial amendments include:
 - Increase the allocation by \$9 million per year to ADAMH Boards to support K-12 aged youth: (Amendment number HC0764X1) In an effort to continue the community-based K-12 prevention investments that were initiated by ADAMH Boards in the last biennium.
 - Increase the ADAMH Board Continuum of Care line by \$6 million per year: (Amendment number HC0435) In order to respond to the surging demand more effectively for behavioral health services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing need to address health inequities in communities throughout Ohio, we are requesting an increased investment in community-based services and supports. These funds would be utilized by local ADAMH Boards to enhance suicide prevention, crisis response, treatment, and recovery services to provide personalized care to children.
 - In addition to financial amendments, they also suggested language changes:
 - Modernize ADAMH Board authority related to contracting for services: (Amendment number HC0439X1) Enhance the authority of the ADAMH Boards to plan, develop, fund, evaluate, and manage services and public funds as authorized by ORC 340, including entering into and implementing contracts with entities that prioritize health equity, improve client and community outcomes, and assure fiscal accountability. Specifically, they are recommending changes to ORC 340.036 to:
 - Align with federal sub-recipient monitoring requirements
 - Eliminate the outdated language related to 120-day notices
 - Clarify that Boards are able to utilize a proposal or application process to inform contracting decisions
 - Clarify the ADAMH Board role as the community mental health and addiction planning and oversight authority: (Amendment number HC0669) Update statutory language to clarify the ADAMH Boards' roles and responsibilities related to planning and oversight. Specifically, we are recommending changes to ORC 340.03 to:
 - Ensure Boards are able to partner with other systems that provide public benefits to improve the administration and management of programs – exchange of Medicaid data.
 - Clarify that Boards must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requirements as a HIPAA covered health plan.
 - Specify that local ADAMH Boards are a partner for schools when planning for the use of Student Wellness and Success funds: (Amendment number HC0438) Ensure that local ADAMH Boards are engaged as partners to help ensure the student wellness and success funds are utilized to provide critical supports for students in coordination with the existing local investments in mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, and support services.
 - The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers objected to the language changes and issued a memo to the House Finance Committee members outlining their concerns with amendments that have been proposed to be included in HB 110.
 - The Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers, the Ohio Children's Alliance, and the Ohio Community Correction Association also signed-on to this memo.

- After discussions between OACBHA and the Provider Association – OACBHA decided that while we remain committed to the goal of ensuring coordination with schools and other partners investing in mental health and addiction services, we have heard the concerns with amendment regarding specifying that local ADAMH Boards are a partner for schools when planning for the use of Student Wellness and Success funds - and have decided to pull back on this proposed amendment.
 - The goal of the amendment has been distorted and has resulted in a great deal of dismay and confusion. We will agree to support the language as proposed originally by the Administration and will continue to work in local communities to support and improve partnerships between Boards and schools so that we can advocate on behalf of students in need and providers working to meet those needs.
- **All Provider Meeting:**
 - The Board hosted a special All Provider meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, to specifically talk with providers about the Diversion Center and the important role that they play when individuals are discharged from the Diversion Center.
 - The Board's quarterly All Provider Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
 - **Provider Agency Strategic Planning Sessions:**
 - Mr. Osiecki and several staff have participated in Provider Agency strategic planning interviews with the Cleveland Christian Home, Positive Education Program and The Centers.

Mr. Erskine Cade inquired as to whether individuals have been keeping track of several bills that have been moving through the Ohio General Assembly. These bills have passed the Senate and the House and will be passed quickly; and include the following: Senate Bill (SB) 108; SB 109; SB 110; and SB 111. He indicated that these bills would bring hundreds of millions of dollars back into the communities for COVID-19 and business related; along with a number of different types of projects that are taking place. As a result, he requested staff to monitor these bills to see what kind of benefit the ADAMHS Board would receive.

Mr. Cade also referenced the Federal COVID-19 Bill and the dollars that are coming out of this bill. He reported that the State of Ohio will receive 5.6 billion. Cleveland will receive 541 million dollars and the Cuyahoga County Board will receive 239 million, which equates to almost a Billion dollars. He also inquired as to what role the ADAMHS Board is playing in this legislation, as well as how the ADAMHS Board could benefit from the massive amount of dollars coming back into the community; and going out to benefit the constituents we serve.

Mr. Osiecki indicated that OhioMHAS is also working to get as much funding as possible into the behavioral health system; and are diligently working to ensure these funds are as flexible as possible. Also, it was reported that MHAC has forwarded communication indicating that interested parties need to be cognizant of these funds coming into the community and the City of Cleveland. He reported that he will be working collaboratively with Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Public Affairs Officer, on legislative initiatives and will be watching these bills closely.

[Ms. Elsie Caraballo, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA, and Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, left the Zoom meeting.]

Dr. Robert Fowler inquired as to the ADAMHS Board's COVID-19 vaccination efforts relative to utilizing the Wolstein Center's vaccination site. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus indicated that transportation was an issue and the closer a facility is to a vaccination site, the easier it is to get there for two vaccinations. Also, the larger vaccination sites are very overwhelming for some individuals with severe mental illness to navigate. As a result, the smaller Points of Distribution (PODs) are more successful for clients. Also, the Recovery Homes are more mobile and have had success getting to the Wolstein Center. In all, clients have been encouraged to obtain their vaccinations any way they can.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds in the amount up to \$7,000 are available for COVID-19 related funeral expenses.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kern-Pilch reported that this week is *National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®*, or NDAFW, which is an annual, week-long, health observance that inspires dialogue about the science of drug use and addiction among youth. It provides an opportunity to bring

together scientists, students, educators, healthcare providers, and community partners - to help advance the science, so that we can improve the prevention and awareness of substance misuse in our own communities and nationwide.

Ms. Kern-Pilch also reported that March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM). PGAM is a grassroots campaign that depends on the participation of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) state Affiliate, organizational and individual members, state health agencies, gambling companies, recovery groups and a wide range of healthcare organizations and providers. Groups across America hold conferences, air Public Service Announcements, provide counselor trainings, host health screening days, run social media campaigns and many other activities to increase public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment and recovery services.

11. AUDIENCE INPUT

Mr. Osiecki responded to a question forwarded via the Chat feature in Zoom and reported that the question centered on whether individuals had to have committed offenses to go to the Diversion Center. He reported that the individuals in question would have to have committed one or more of a list of offenses; and exhibit a mental illness or addiction issue. FrontLine Service will be contacted to complete an assessment over the telephone, at which time it will be determined whether they will be taken to the Diversion Center. If the individual is too severely mentally ill or have a SUD issue that cannot be helped at the Diversion Center, they would be taken to the nearest Emergency Department or St. Vincent Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED); or Mobile Crisis could be dispatched to the scene. However, upon the inquiry of additional audience questions, discussion arose regarding the Board's Public Comment policy; and it was reported that the policy would not be waived.

12. UPCOMING APRIL AND MAY BOARD MEETINGS:

- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: April 7, 2021
- Nominating Committee Meeting: April 14, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: April 14, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: April 21, 2021
- General Meeting: April 28, 2021
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: May 5, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: May 12, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: May 19, 2021
- General Meeting: May 26, 2021

Rev. Gohlstin requested that Dr. Fowler represent him at the Faith-based Oversight Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Dr. Fowler accepted this request.

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