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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2020

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Ashwani Bhardwaj Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D. Gregory X. Boehm, M.D. Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW Erskine Cade, MBA Elsie Caraballo

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S

Steve Killpack, MS Jena Olsen

Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

ABSENT: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, Carmen Gandarilla, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Myra Henderson, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Kelli Perk, Beth Pfohl, Vicki Roemer, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Larry Smith, Jr., Michaele Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., attempted to enter the Zoom meeting several times; but due to technical difficulties, was unsuccessful.]

1. CALL TO ORDER / AUDIENCE INPUT

Board Vice Chair, Dr. Robert Fowler, 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 October 28, 2020, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's report did not transpire.

[Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., entered the Zoom meeting.]

5. POLICY STATEMENT RENEWAL

Given this policy revision being proposed contained a substantial modification of an existing policy, a reading at two General Board Meetings was required prior to an official vote for adoption. Mr. Harvey Snider inquired with Ms. Kelli Perk, Director of Risk Management, regarding the definition of a substantial modification. Ms. Perk reported that a substantial modification is a matter of judgement; a modification that is of material importance - is relevant to the substance of the policy and is determined by ADAMHS Board staff and/or leading authority. Hence, with no further discussion regarding the 2nd reading of the policy statement renewal proposed, a call for a motion was entertained.

A. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Motion to approve the renewal of Policy Statement labeled Policy Development and Implementation. MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, C. Bryant, E. Cade, R. Fowler, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

[Ms. Elsie Caraballo entered the Zoom meeting.]

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Dr. Fowler reported that a Committee of the Whole meeting was held on November 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via a Zoom meeting; and addressed the following topics:

- Contracts
- Contract Amendments
- Presentation of ADAMHS Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan
- Presentation of ADAMHS Board's new website
- Presentation of CY2021 ADAMHS Board Budget

• RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-03 – ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING OCTOBER 2020

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, highlighted the Expenditures and Vouchers processed for payment during October 2020. Ms. Rosenbaum reported that during October 2020 the Board spent \$455,338; and that for the first 10 months of 2020 the Board has spent a total of \$4,243,655 that is roughly 71.04% of the total Administrative budget and is under the anticipated projected Administrative Budget of 83.33%.

In October 2020, the Board received revenues of \$1,048,203 bringing our total revenue to \$62,269,248 which is approximately 97.74% of our anticipated revenue for the year. Expenditures for October 2020 were \$3,715,477 bringing our total expenses for the first 10 months to \$45,884,158 that is 69.82% of our anticipated expenditures for the calendar year.

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the state requests the Board to maintain 25% of the Board's budget be held in reserve, which would be \$18,000,000. Due to pooled funding and the County's delay in processing invoices, which is presently a savings of \$200 to \$300 a week, are the main reasons for the Board's healthy cash balance.

[Ms. Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA, entered the Zoom meeting.]

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-11-03. MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: J. Olsen / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

[Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., entered the Zoom meeting.]

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 20-11-04 through 20-11-05

Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted the Contracts and Amendment as listed below.

• RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-04 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:

- 1. Community Transition Program (CTP)
 - FrontLine Service \$744,590.61

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the CTP connects individuals with behavioral health issues that are being released from prison to behavioral health services in the community. This program provides support and assistance to improve each person's ability to successfully reintegrate back in to the community. Common recovery supports might include, but are not limited to: housing, employment services, peer recovery support, transportation, life skills, spiritual support and other reentry needs. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) approved carryover funds from the State Fiscal Year (SFY)2020 allocation of \$244,590.61 to be used in conjunction with the SFY2021 allocation of \$500,000 for the program. The term of this agreement is for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

- 2. State Opioid Response (SOR) High Risk Families Grant \$953,852.42
 - Catholic Charities \$375,764
 - Department of Children & Family Services \$1,480

- Mommy and Me, Too! \$469,376.22
- Hitchcock Center for Women \$72,877.20
- Signature Health \$34,355

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that due to a delayed release of this funding in 2020, along with COVID-19 related delays, OhioMHAS has renewed the SOR High Risk Families funding for one year, to enable this important program to reach its full potential. She indicated that in order to expand access to Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) to families in Cuyahoga County with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) who are involved with the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the ADAMHS Board has partnered with the providers listed above. The term of this contract is for September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021.

- State Opioid Response (SOR) Minority Communities Grant No Cost Extension \$957,500
 - Cleveland Treatment Center \$331,600
 - Cleveland UMADAOP \$232,448
 - Hispanic UMADAOP \$94,748
 - Hitchcock Center for Women \$298,704

Ms. Rosenbaum stated that due to a delayed start of the SOR Minority Communities program, along with COVID-19 related delays, OhioMHAS has renewed this SOR Minority Communities funding for one year to enable these important programs to reach their full potential. Funding will support programs and projects that will increase access to treatment and recovery supports for minority populations impacted by the opioid epidemic. The SOR Minority Communities Grant No Cost Extension is for the amount of \$957,500 for the term of September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021. The ADAMHS Board will partner with the providers listed above.

- 4. Consulting Contract Disparity and Equity Initiative
 - Jeffrey D. Johnson, Attorney-at-Law, Consultant Up to \$60,000

Ms. Rosenbaum stated that the ADAMHS Board will contract with Mr. Jeffrey D. Johnson, Attorney-At-Law, Consultant, on the Board's Disparity and Equity Initiative in the amount up to \$60,000 for the time period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This initiative is to eliminate structural racism and ethnic disparities to promote equity in behavioral health services in Cuyahoga County. The goals of this initiative include the following: 1) Identify structural racism and ethnic health disparities; 2) Reduce implicit bias in behavioral health services; 3) Emphasize culturally competent services funded by the ADAMHS Board and delivered by provider agencies; 4) Diversify provider workforces to overcome barriers and improve service outcomes; 5) Reduce behavioral health stigmas in the community; 6) Expand Board culturally competent training opportunities for provider agencies; and 7) Implement diversity strategies within the ADAMHS Board strategic plan.

- 5. Security Services Contract
 - Willo Security \$20.65 Hourly Rate Annual Estimate for CY2021 \$150,695

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Willo Security Services contract is for the hourly amount of \$20.65 with the annual estimate for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 of \$150,695; for the term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The ADAMHS Board currently contracts with Willo Security for armed security guard services through December 31, 2020. Willo Security is paid for services provided on an hourly basis at \$19.95 per hour for regular hours, and \$29.93 per hour on designated holidays. Willo Security has rendered its services in a satisfactory manner, and it is recommended by ADAMHS Board staff that the contract be extended for CY2021, with the option for a one-year renewal at a new negotiated rate.

- 6. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Second Chance Act *Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children* Program \$745,969
 - Oriana House \$372,984
 - FrontLine Service \$372,985

Ms. Rosenbaum indicated that the Board will be receiving the funding from the U.S. DOJ in the amount of \$745,969 for the term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. A 50% match is required; the Board is providing this on an in-kind basis through its current funding of the Healthy Families Program. The DOJ's purpose in this 3-year OJJDP program is to promote and expand services in detention and correctional facilities to incarcerated individuals and their minor children, and provide services to children of incarcerated parents, ultimately to reduce violent crime, protect law enforcement (correctional officers) and reduce recidivism. The Board will enter into contracts with FrontLine Service for a total amount of \$372,985 and with Oriana House for a total amount of \$372,984 over a 3-year term of the grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-05 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-02-05, Acceptance of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Grant Funds from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBOH) – \$5,283

The ACEs Grant funds in the amount of \$5,283 are pass-through funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the National Network of Public Health Institute (NNPHI) for the term of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. This agreement extends the time to expend Year 2 funding to August 31, 2021, awarded through Resolution No. 20-02-05, due to COVID-19 related delays in project activities during most of 2020.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 20-11-04 through 20-11-05). MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: 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, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

7. CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 20-10-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS

Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted a correction to Resolution No. 20-10-03 – Approval and Ratification of Contracts. She reported that the revised Resolution No. 20-10-03 is reflective of a transposition of the dollar value associated with the SOR Grant 60 Day No Cost Extension from OhioMHAS for the time period September 29, 2020 to November 29, 2020 in the amount of \$462,090.19 for various contracts. The contract amount awarded to Point of Freedom Peer Support has been revised to reflect the corrected amount of \$65,546.37.

8. CY2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Osiecki 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 Board members recently received revised CY2021 budget material via email, which included the following: 1) CY2021 ADAMHS Board – Total budget summary, 2) CY2020 programs not recommended for funding in CY2021, 3) CY2020 programs recommended for increased funding in CY2021 and 4) CY2020 programs recommended for decreased funding in CY2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-06 APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ADAMHS BOARD OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-11-06. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: 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, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-07 APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2021 SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-11-07. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: 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, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

CY2021 Health and Human Services Levy Funding Allocation Update

Mr. Osiecki reported the ADAMHS Board may be receiving an additional \$4.1 million funding allocation to the Board's base funding from the Cuyahoga Executive and County Council. This proposal will officially be voted on during December 2020. Mr. Osiecki stated that he provided a presentation to County Council on Monday, November 16, 2020 and focused on various areas to spend this funding, which included: 1) Suicide Prevention, 2) Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Crisis and 3) Residential and Housing.

Mr. Osiecki stated that the ADAMHS Board would like to utilize some of this funding for the expansion of the Co-responder Teams beyond the City of Cleveland by including any department in Cuyahoga County that wishes to participate. The Board would also like to utilize these funds to expand the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program to include additional participants. Stipends may be offered to Cuyahoga County Police Departments for the replacement of Officers while participating in the program.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted that these funds would also be utilized to expand the Board's children's crisis beds by four, in addition to funding for trauma programs, such as the Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center; and spiritual counseling, which would include outreach to victims of violence. The ADAMHS Board would also like to utilize these funds for harm reduction by starting the NaloxBox Program to include 100 units. He noted that the NaloxBox mission is to improve the capacity of bystander rescuers to save the lives of victims of opioid overdose with overdose response tools, including naloxone. Additionally, these funds would be used for, but not be limited to, the following: 1) Continue and expand the Fentanyl Test Strip program, 2) Expand the Suicide Prevention Campaign by offering more and delivering to specific targeted audiences at different times, 3) Expansion of services that commenced during 2019 from one time funding of \$1 million received from Cuyahoga County, 4) Assist Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for individuals in need, 5) Expansion of the Housing Assistance Program, 6) Provide sober housing for specialized populations, such as women, pregnant women, women with children, youth and transitional youth and 7) Expand the Board's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Residential Treatment programs. A follow up from this meeting includes the provision of budgetary estimates of each program identified above, in addition to a request of programs that may have been funded with an additional \$1 million that was retained by County Council and will be used to fund COVID-19 expenses that might not be covered in CY2021.

Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, reported that each NaloxBox is designed to accommodate doses of the potent antidote for opioid overdose named naloxone (brand name Narcan®), and is equipped with a mask for rescue breathing, gloves, instructions and information on how to contact 911. She indicated that this plan was created in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Overdose Fatality Review Committee, which is made up of the Board of Health, several hospital partners, and the Medical Examiner's Officer, and is part of expanding Naloxone access in Cuyahoga County to help save lives from overdose.

Dr. Fowler inquired with Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus as to the criteria utilized for locating placement of each NaloxBox. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that these details are still being discussed and that House Bill (HB) 341 that passed allowed for the NaloxBox to be placed anywhere; however, they still need to be monitored by a Terminal Distributor, which is basically someone that has a license to distribute pharmaceuticals. Project DAWN, our partners at MetroHealth, usually are who the Board offers naloxone through. Once the funding has been identified, locations will be determined; however, the Board will target areas by utilizing data to get businesses in neighborhoods with high overdoses

Mr. Steve Killpack inquired with Mr. Osiecki regarding the Recovery Housing Plan for families. He indicated that the trend during the opioid crisis is that fathers have been getting custody of their children when mothers have lost them due to an opioid problem. Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board could look into housing for fathers with children.

Diversion Center Update

Cuyahoga County has contacted the ADAMHS Board to indicate they have accepted the Board's Diversion Center proposal as submitted. The Board will be entering into a two year contract with Cuyahoga County and the Board would, in turn, be subcontracting with Oriana House for the location, as well as running the Diversion Center; and FrontLine Service for the Police Call In Line, to offer guidance when on site. Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board would also receive funding for additional staff, including two additional Training Officers and an Administrative Assistant, for CIT training.

Mr. Osiecki reported that this two year contract will be re-evaluated to determine the viability of utilizing the old Juvenile Court site as a future location for the Diversion Center. The start date for this contract would be January 1, 2021; and the Board would have 90 days to collaborate with Oriana House and FrontLine Service to facilitate the commencement of the Diversion Center. Additionally, this contract has an education component for informing police departments on the Diversion Center as well as access to these services. The two year contract total is in the amount of \$9.3 million and covers the operational expenses of the Diversion Center.

Mr. Osiecki reminded everyone that the Board has also received funding in the amount of \$333,000 per year for the next three years from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to operate MAT in the Diversion Center.

During December, Board staff will be negotiating contracts with Oriana House and FrontLine Service, which are already outlined in the proposal. As a result, staff will be requesting Board approval for the ratification of these contracts in January 2021.

[Due to technical difficulties, Ms. Elsie Caraballo was not able to vote.]

Motion for Board staff to enter into a contract with Cuyahoga County regarding the Diversion Center. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

• Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care Meeting Update

Mr. Osiecki reported that the second meeting of the workgroup titled "Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care" transpired on Monday, November 2, 2020 and requested Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus provide a meeting update. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus indicated that this group broke into small subcommittees based on the key focus areas that the group originally decided to focus on and included the following: 1) Workforce, 2) Health equity in behavioral health care, 3) Research and data, 4) Policy and advocacy, and 5) Community collaboration, education and stigma. During subcommittee discussion, workgroup members were requested to author a statement of purpose and provide three suggested objectives and/or goals. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that these will be the subcommittees moving forward and will be chaired by an ADAMHS staff member and co-chaired by a member of the community. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 via Zoom, in subcommittee of choice to refine statement of purpose and goals and/or objectives and determine the five subcommittee meeting schedules.

Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity Meeting Update

Mr. Osiecki stated that Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus and he attended the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020 and were interviewed by committee members regarding the ADAMHS Board and various initiatives being undertaken. Information provided included, but was not limited to, the makeup of the ADAMHS Board and staff, various trainings provided and a discussion of Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care workgroup. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus added that committee members noted that the ADAMHS Board was one of the first organizations interviewed that had some training for staff and had been working toward creating an equitable environment.

SOR 2.0 Update

Staff have been diligently working with providers regarding \$3.2 million in new SOR funding from the Federal Government through the State of Ohio. The deadline for submission of this proposal is Friday, November 20, 2020; and 11 providers selected for these funds have previously received SOR funding, as well as eight new providers, to meet the needs of the community.

Metanoia Project Update

Mr. Osiecki reported that due to questions raised at a previous Board meeting regarding the Metanoia Project, information previously provided was reviewed for accuracy and remains as stated.

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT (Continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-01

APPROVAL OF ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY 2021-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Osiecki commended staff and RAMA Consulting for their efforts with engaging in a strategic planning process with key stakeholders, including representatives from the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff, provider representatives, clients and community members who provided information, discussion, and recommendations during a series of interviews and planning sessions. The ADAMHS Board 2021-2025 Strategic Plan positions the Board and its service delivery system for success in a continually changing and increasingly demanding behavioral healthcare environment and includes the following six goals: 1) Strengthening service delivery system, 2) Measuring impact, 3) Maximizing available funding, 4) Maintaining a high-performing organization, 5) Strengthening behavioral health workforce, and 6) Sharing information. This plan is a living document that will be modified with the ever-changing environment, reviewed and updated as needed with periodic updates provided to the ADAMHS Board of Directors on the goals achieved and progress made on the plan.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted that a recommendation from a Board member regarding the inclusion of the Justice system was included in this document.

[Due to the correction of technical difficulties, Ms. Elsie Caraballo was able to vote.]

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-11-01. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: 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, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-02 COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AND A PANDEMIC MAILING AND DIGITAL ADS

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that the ADAMHS Board partners with the Suicide Prevention Coalition to release an annual *Coping with the Holidays* booklet to help clients, families and the general public get tips for having less stress and more self-care during the holidays. This year, the group updated the booklet to be called *Coping with the Holidays and a Pandemic* and expanded the resources to include information on stressors related to COVID-19, how to stay physically safe, how to host safe holiday gatherings and special tips for children and older adults as well as many other topics.

The ADAMHS Board would like to distribute this year's booklet via mail to households that are in areas affected most by the digital divide, as indicated on the Cleveland Foundation's Digital Divide map. This distribution is aimed to reach 62,000 households. In addition to sharing the booklet via email, with the media and on social media, the ADAMHS Board would also like to purchase digital ads for zip codes in Cuyahoga County that have had a higher number of suicide deaths not listed on the digital divide map. The Board aims to get 100,000 impressions with these ads.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 20-11-02. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: 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, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Osiecki reported on the following ADAMHS Board positions:

- An offer was made to a candidate for the Director of Finance position; and will hopefully be starting during December 2020.
- The candidate selected for the Utilization Review Specialist position did not work out; as a result, the position was recently posted again.

12. AUDIENCE INPUT

Ms. Rosie Palfy, a homeless advocate, requested clarification as to whether the Board is still advocating for the Diversion Center to be open to the community at large. Mr. Osiecki reported that the Diversion Center is slated for pre-arrest individuals, which is what Cuyahoga County requested in the Request for Proposal (RFP). He added that future plans for the Diversion Center may include opening the Center to the community at large.

Dr. Fowler inquired with staff as to a substitute for the client holiday celebration. Ms. Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, reported that staff have scheduled a celebration titled "Mail in the Joy" and requested Ms. Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Clients Rights Officer

II, provide an update of this event. Ms. Bohuslawsky-Brown reported that the client holiday event is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020, 1:00 pm via Zoom, whereby individuals will be requested to forward poems, paintings, drawings and/or stories to be shared at this event. Everyone was invited to attend.

13. UPCOMING JANUARY 2021 AND FEBRUARY 2021 BOARD MEETINGS:

- 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
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: February 3, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: February 10, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: February 17, 2021

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

General Meeting: February 24, 2021

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Submitted by:	Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant
Approved by:	
	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County