

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2021

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bishara W. Addison	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW
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	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	

ABSENT: Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Danielle Clark, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Cheryl Fratalone, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, June Hudson, Woo Jun, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Vicki Roemer, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Dalton Skerlec, Larry Smith, Jr., Michael Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer read into the record the Board's Mission Statement: *"Enhance the quality of life for our community through a commitment to excellence in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services coordinated through a person-centered network of community supports."*

2. AUDIENCE INPUT - None

3. 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.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes from the April 28, 2021, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin shared that he would be remiss if he did not request Board members to introduce themselves. As a result, each Board member introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of their background and affiliation to the ADAMHS Board. Once completed, Board members reported their appreciation; and stated that it was a very informative exercise.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that the virtual Annual Meeting was held on May 10, 2021. The celebration included addresses by Mr. Osiecki as well as himself, a presentation of this year's Helping Hands Awards and acceptance of the 2020 Annual Report. The Annual Report is available on the Board's website. The ADAMHS Board Helping Hands Awards were presented to outstanding individuals and organizations that embody the Board's mission, positively impact the lives of people living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders and help to alleviate stigma in Cuyahoga County. Eight Helping Hands Awards were presented at the virtual Annual Meeting. Rev. Gohlstin thanked Board staff for putting together an excellent Annual Meeting.

[Ms. Elsie Caraballo entered the Zoom meeting and Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj left the Zoom meeting.]

Rev. Gohlstin reported that Juneteenth is a nationally celebrated commemoration of freedom, achievement and contributions of people of African American and Black culture in the United States. Juneteenth, or June 19, is considered the longest-running African

American holiday, first marked two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. He stated that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is committed to honoring diversity. The Board affirmed this commitment by declaring racism as a public health crisis and pursuing diversity, equity and inclusion practices within our strategic goals; and encourages cultural competence in their staff.

As a result, The Board will provide its staff a permanent paid holiday recognizing Juneteenth, beginning June 2021, and every June thereafter as part of its employee benefit package. The Board also encourages staff to observe this holiday in service, reflection or learning about cultural competence and diversity that will enhance their personal and professional lives.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-05-05. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: G. Howard / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

[Ms. Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW, entered the Zoom meeting.]

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Harvey Snider, Committee Chair, reported on the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting, held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, via Zoom and noted the following agenda items of discussion:

- A legislative update was provided by Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Public Affairs Officer, that included information about the budget process, meetings with Senator Nickie Antonio and Senator Sherrod Brown's aide, Brian Ayers, as well as three pieces of legislation that impact behavioral health: The Family First Prevention Services Act, Senate Bill 2 and Senate Bill 57.
- Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, presented the following three sponsorships for committee approval:
 - The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition's 8th Annual State of African American Family Disparities Conference taking place virtually August 13-14, 2021, in the amount of \$1,000.
 - The 9th Annual Run for Recovery that will be held at the Zoo on August 14, 2021 in the amount of \$1,000, and
 - The first Life Skills Summit for Young Men that will be held on June 19 at Luke Easter Park in the amount of \$1,200. A large portion of this sponsorship will be used to produce and print a service directory for young men ages 14-24 to help them connect with local resources.
- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus also presented on the continuation of the Fentanyl Awareness Campaign, which allows public awareness efforts via radio, social media, streaming applications and grassroots efforts in high incidence overdose zip codes during time periods that have historically had increased number of overdoses.
 - Last year's campaign was seen, heard or viewed by just over 2.7 million times, and resulted in increased calls for substance use services to the 24-hour hotline.
 - Committee members were informed that the first 52 NaloxBoxes had arrived and that 25 would be distributed during the month of May.
- Ms. Rosser presented a Suicide Prevention Campaign using the Life is Better With You campaign to reach audiences via print, radio, digital, social media, billboards and television. This is the first of a two-part suicide prevention campaign that will run this year.
- Ms. Rosser also provided an update on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) COVID-19 Emergency Supplemental Grant.
- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus provided a presentation regarding a partnership with NAMI Greater Cleveland and the Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition that created a collaborative community awareness campaign called #StigmaFreeCLE.
- At the direction of Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Community Relations & Advocacy Vice Chair, Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus followed up with a woman who lost her son to fentanyl poisoning, who was featured in a television segment on News 5, to learn more about the Association of People Against Lethal Drugs (APALD). This group is trying to bring awareness and advocacy related to the dangers of fentanyl and the stigma associated with fentanyl fatalities. They are hosting an event on June 4, 2021, and the Board will have a resource table at this event. The committee discussed some of the group's advocacy language.
- Ms. Carmen Gandarilla, Training Officer, provided an update on behalf of the training team. She discussed Crisis Intervention Training, Mental Health First Aid, Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR), the Spring Training Institute offerings and trainings that are part of the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant.
- The Media Tracking Report shared included 105 media mentions, 59 of which were positive and 46 were neutral.
 - Highlights from this tracking period included a great piece with Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Monica Robbins about the

Diversion Center, a letter to the editor that was submitted by Mr. Osiecki to the Plain Dealer addressing mass shootings and mental illness, and a story with News 5 about suicide prevention that made national news.

- Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, shared the Board's social media and website tracking reports. The Board social media posts were seen by 76,294 and the website was viewed 38,317 times.

➤ **NAMI COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN #STIGMAFREECLE**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that NAMI Greater Cleveland (NAMI GC), the ADAMHS Board and the Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC) joined together to create a collaborative community public awareness campaign #StigmaFreeCLE. The purpose of the campaign is to enhance the capacity of Cuyahoga County service providers to promote behavioral health and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and substance use disorders. The #StigmaFreeCLE campaign also encourages Cuyahoga County residents to reach out for help if they are living with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

More than 30 agencies contributed to the creation of the campaign with several focus groups held to collect feedback from the community. The campaign materials were released on Friday, May 30, 2021. This campaign is part of the Board's May is Mental Health awareness efforts. All of the materials are housed on NAMI Greater Cleveland's website and are designed to be used by any agency, whereby partners can pull out materials for use. The materials that the ADAMHS Board is sharing contains our logo and staff are promoting the 24 hour hotline. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that these are all local community members who volunteer to be in the campaign. She stated that quotes were obtained to be used during Recovery Month.

7. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Robert Fowler, Planning & Oversight Committee member, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on May 12, 2021, via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following two presentations and five items of discussion:

- Ms. Charde' Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, introduced Ms. Kelly Le, Manager of Youth and Family Services, Asian Services in Action (ASIA). Asian Services in Action is the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) focused health and social service agency in the State of Ohio. Their mission is to empower and advocate for Asian Americans with community access to culturally and linguistically appropriate information, health and social services. Their vision is to assist AAPI individuals, families and communities to progress towards self-sufficiency, be engaged in civic life, and have equal access to opportunities for optimal health and well-being with a "no wrong door" philosophy. They assess and assist families in resettling and navigating cultural differences utilizing American peers through Interpreting Services, Community Adult Mentoring (CAM) and programming for children K thru 12th grade.

Schooling is a prime reason parents are motivated to immigrate or be resettled as refugees in the U.S. Since the early 2000s, the CAM program has served Cuyahoga County refugees and immigrant families with a LifeSkills curriculum in prevention education, problem solving and academic improvement for students in Cleveland and Lakewood schools. Building self-esteem through volunteer networks plays a major role in the students' ability to manage trauma and stress, reduce stigma and avoid substance use. They serve 50-70 children during the school year; 70-100 children during summer programming. Their Community Adult Mentoring Parenting Program typically serves 10 parents per session. Through partnership with Lakewood Schools, requests have been made to expand programming to multiple locations.

- Ms. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist I, introduced Mr. Nabil Pervaiz, Gambling Services Coordinator at Recovery Resources. He presented an overview of gambling prevention which provides education groups and the existence of the Cuyahoga Problem Gambling Coalition which has 130- 150 members, sponsors quarterly meetings, holds monthly Advisory Council Meetings and promotes Problem Gambling Awareness Month. In Treatment Services, they have 6 clinicians for assessment screens and to treat gambling addiction. They also offer a Professional Development Series that cover topics of integrating gambling with AOD programming, Neurobiology of Impulsivity and Reward Processing in Gambling Disorder, Tips for Responsible Gambling, and understanding Gamblers Anonymous.

Mr. Pervaiz, discussed use of media during March Problem Gambling Awareness Month which included viewing the documentary, "The Addiction Machine." He gave the agency call number 216-431-4132, with Lakewood and Old Brooklyn office locations. The 24/7 Gambling Hotline is *00-589-9966. Rev. Gohlstein spoke up about lack of services on Cleveland's East Side. Recovery Resources, Ms. Ayme McCain, responded, and Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, reported that she will contact Ms. Pam Gill, President and Chief Executive Officer, Recovery Resources, to discuss this matter.

- Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist, recommended an amendment to Resolution No. 20-05-03 to extend the Treatment Foster Care/Kinship care Pilot with the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services for the period July, 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and to extend the ADAMHS Board's contract with Catholic Charities. This program provides intensive home-based support inclusive of the *Trust Based Relational Intervention Model* with staffing composed of Master's Level Clinicians and Child Welfare staff. The contract extension is for \$117,420.
- Ms. DiVincenzo also presented on a Shared Funding Agreement between the ADAMHS Board and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD). This Shared Funding Agreement provides services for youth with both mental health/developmental disabilities (MH/DD) needs who require residential treatment and crisis stabilization services to prevent deeper system involvement. After thoughtful committee discussion, committee members amended the unspecified amount requested not to exceed \$800,000 for the term June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2023.
- Ms. Tolbert reported on the Children's Residential staffing crisis. The Board contracts with Applewood Centers and Bellefaire JCB to provide Cuyahoga County with Children's Residential Treatment and Crisis Stabilization Beds. Both agencies are experiencing unprecedented numbers of staff vacancies and resignations. Bellefaire's Dr. Adam Jacobs spoke convincingly of this escalating situation related to staffing shortages. Low pay and skills qualifications are the deterrents in attracting and retaining staff. For the time period of May 1 to December 31, 2021, one-time funding is being requested in the amount of \$1,526,177: Applewood Centers - \$480,122 and Bellefaire JCB - \$1,046,055, to be used for increased pay rates and retention, enhance training efforts and supervision to learn how to therapeutically interact with clients and develop skills used in crisis intervention.
- Ms. Hollins requested an amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03 related to Prevention Education for K-12 students. Golden Ciphers received \$75,843.60 to implement programming in Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and Euclid School District. Due to COVID-19 challenges, the provider was unable to provide satisfactory programming to Euclid City Schools. Golden Ciphers will return a sum of \$35,843.60 within 14 days from the execution of this amendment. The portion of the contract for CMSD in the amount of \$40,000 remains in full effect.
- Ms. Yarbrough-Franklin recommended approval of an increased allocation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Recovery Housing Initiative Fund to be used for minor repairs for ADAMHS Board contracted Recovery Homes. A list of 10 homes with the approved repairs and estimated costs was provided.
- Rev. Gohlstein shared some concerns regarding Hispanic Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Project (UMADOAP).

8. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Fowler, Finance & Operations Committee Vice Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on May 19, 2021, via a Zoom meeting and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 21-05-02 through 21-05-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-02**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MARCH 2021

Dr. Fowler reported that relative to the Administrative Budget for the first quarter of 2021, the total expenses were \$1,207,714.96; that is roughly 19% of the total Administrative Budget. He noted that 3 months of the year is roughly 25%. As a result, the Board has underspent by 6%. Dr. Fowler highlighted that relative to the Administrative Budget during March, there was nothing unusual regarding the expenses incurred. However, as referenced during February's expenses, the line item titled Non-County Printing, the Board expended 224% of this budgeted line item. This was due to the expense associated with the Coping with the Holidays booklet and mailing at the end of Calendar Year 2020.

Dr. Fowler reported that the Board's Voucher Report March 1 through March 31 2021, was not accessed from QuickBooks, but rather the County's System and was reformatted to show the vouchers expended in the Administrative Budget; and is similar to what has been received in the past.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, March 2021, displays the Board's total revenue budget for administrative and grants. The total revenue expected to receive from Federal, State and local levy funds is \$66,562,351; and through the end of March 2021, the Board has received \$49,678,209.04. The bulk of these funds consists of the Board's annual amount from the County levy subsidy,

which was \$43,463,659, and includes the increase of \$4.1 million from Cuyahoga County starting in 2021. Dr. Fowler reported that 75% of the budget has been received and highlighted that the budget reflected \$300,000 for the Community Transition Program and \$375,000 was received from the State. As a result, the Remaining Balance column shows as a negative balance; which means that more revenue was received than budgeted.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in January 2021, the Board received revenues of \$1,297,905.42 and in February 2021, the Board received revenues of \$46,718,920.68 and in March 2021, the Board received revenues of \$1,661,382.94. As a result, the total revenues thus far in 2021 total \$49,678,209.04.

The total expenditure budget does not include the Diversion Center or the Opiate Settlement. Once expenses are incurred for the Diversion Center or the Opiate Settlement, future financial reports will provide separate expenditure budgets for each. The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2021 reflect that March YTD Actual is \$12,086,290.60 that is roughly 17% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Dr. Fowler noted that due to this period of time being one quarter, the expenses should be approximately 25%. As a result, the Board's expenses are underbudget while the revenue is overbudget.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January – March 2021 includes administrative accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for March 2021 is \$5,798,610.17; and includes the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Administration, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant and Other Grants. The total expenditures through the end of March 2021 is \$12,086,290.60.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, March YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the OOD Grant, Other Grants and State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant. The total revenues and expenditures for grants YTD is \$927,069.49.

The Cash Flow Report, March 2021, shows the 2019 Actual, 2020 Actual, and YTD thru March 2021. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through March 2021 is \$66,766,378.06 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout the remainder of 2021. Dr. Fowler reported that staff have been diligently trying to accomplish maintaining a three month reserve for sound financial planning.

The Opioid Settlement Expenditures Q1 2021 reflects that the total opioid expenditures for Q1 – 2021 is \$896,313; bringing the total expenditures for the opioid settlement fund to \$4,515,967, which is approximately 43% of the awarded amount of \$10,501,207. The term of this contract is through the end of February 2022.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

- 1) Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) Shared Funding Agreement – Not to Exceed \$800,000

The agreement between the ADAMHS Board and CCBDD for shared funding allows CCBDD to share the cost of residential treatment services for youth with multisystem involvement to prevent deeper system involvement. Youth with multisystem involvement who require a shared cost are identified through Family and Children First Council's (FCFC) Service Coordination Team which is comprised of Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Service (CCDCFS), Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court (CCJC), Cuyahoga DD (CCBDD), and the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. CCBDD will reimburse the ADAMHS Board the amount of CCBDD's portion of shared cost agreements for the following services: residential treatment, additional supervision (1:1) of a client in residential treatment, two (2) Crisis Stabilization Beds for youth with co-occurring mental health diagnoses and developmental disabilities located within Bellefaire JCB's Monarch Center for Autism.

Committee members had previously inquired with ADAMHS Board staff regarding the cost associated with the CCBDD Shared Funding Agreement. After a lengthy discussion was had, it was reported that this requested agreement does not obligate the Board to any expenditures. Expenditures have already been obligated through other means. This agreement is the mechanism for CCBDD to pay their share of the residential treatment placements that occur.

- 2) Children's Residential Staffing Crisis – \$1,526,177
 - Applewood Centers - \$480,122

- Bellefaire JCB - \$1,046,055

Applewood Centers and Bellefaire JCB are ADAMHS Board contract agencies that provide Children's Residential Treatment and Crisis Stabilization Beds. Both agencies are experiencing unprecedented numbers of staff vacancies and resignations. The funding will be used as an immediate action step to assist with the remediation of the current significant staffing crisis at Applewood Centers and Bellefaire JCB, which are part of the Wingspan Care Group. Funding will be used to increase pay rates for staff, increase retention, and enhance recruitment and training efforts. The Children's Residential Treatment providers and ADAMHS Board staff realize that this is a one-time measure to address the current staffing situation and that there needs to be larger discussions in partnership with all Cuyahoga County Children's Service Systems to address this systemic issue.

The Board will use State Crisis Infrastructure funds to offset the cost associated with the Children's Residential Staffing Crisis. For Fiscal Year 2021 the Board will allocate \$515,471 from OhioMHAS for Crisis Infrastructure funds to assist with this endeavor. The amount of ADAMHS Board funds will be \$1,010,706 for a total of \$1,526,177, of which \$480,122 will be contracted to Applewood Center and \$1,046,055 will be contracted to Bellefaire JCB.

- 3) Recovery Housing Initiative Fund – \$20,000
 - Crawford House - \$ 1,800
 - B. Riley Sober House - \$2,300
 - Scarborough House for Women - \$4,200
 - Recovery Solutions - \$1,500
 - Briermost - \$1,000
 - Women of Hope - \$500
 - Hitchcock Center for Women - \$3,630
 - Mommy & Me Too! Inc. - \$725
 - Jordan Community Resource Center - \$4,300
 - 12 Step Life – The Ethel Hardy House - \$306

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County was approved by OhioMHAS for additional Recovery Housing Initiative funds for FY2021 in the amount of \$20,000 for the term of May 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The additional funding is to be used for rent, operational costs and minor repairs. These funds will provide up to 10 Recovery Housing Providers with financial assistance to complete home improvements on homes that provide temporary housing assistance to individuals in recovery from a Substance Use Disorder.

- 4) Fentanyl Awareness Campaign – Not to Exceed \$75,737
 - Brothers Printing - \$4,000
 - Radio One Cleveland - \$20,000
 - La Mega Media - \$10,000
 - Voice It Radio - \$7,500
 - Spotify - \$10,000
 - iHeart Media - \$24,000
 - Wix - \$237

Dr. Fowler reported that the Fentanyl Awareness Campaign is similar to the campaign that ran last year. This campaign will run during historically high overdose time periods (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and week leading up to New Year's eve).

- 5) Suicide Prevention Campaign – Not to Exceed \$82,400

Dr. Fowler reported that a suicide prevention advertising campaign was approved as a priority item in the request to Cuyahoga County Council for the \$4.1 million addition to the ADAMHS Board's ongoing base allocation. The full amount dedicated to the advertising campaign for calendar year 2021 is \$300,000. Phase 1 campaign will meet immediate education needs by seeking a partnership with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation to run the Life is

Better With You Here campaign targeted to African American and Black youth and adults, in the timeframe of May until September of this year. While this advertising is underway, there is a plan for the following:

- community mini-grants to help reach underserved audiences using the Life is Better campaign
- collaborative advertising with a regional prevention campaign to reach healthcare and frontline workers
- a Phase 2 campaign to launch in September 2021 (Suicide Prevention Month) and run through December 31, 2021

6) Sponsorships:

- Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition's *8th Annual State of African American Family Disparities Conference*, August 13-14, 2021 - \$1,000

The Bronze Sponsorship for \$1,000 includes the following:

- ❖ Logo on program book and marketing materials
- ❖ Session presenter

- Recovery Resources Run for Recovery, August 14, 2021 - \$1,000

The Sprinter Level Sponsorship for \$1,000 includes the following:

- ❖ Registration for four participants (value \$100)
- ❖ Listing on all event promotional materials
- ❖ Listing in all event press releases
- ❖ Logo recognition including:
 - Crain's Cleveland Business 2x
- ❖ Listing Recognition Included:
 - Recovery Resources Website
 - Social media
 - Email updates
 - Runner t-shirts
 - Race day banner
 - Race day signage

- Project LIFT's *Life Skills Summit for Young Men*, June 19, 2021 - \$1,200

Project LIFT (Learn, Ingenuity, Fortitude and Triumph) is a social justice and prevention agency that serves Black males 14 – 24 years of age.

Project LIFT is requesting funding to assist with printing of the directories and to help offset the cost of the event in the amount of \$1,200. The ADAMHS Board would receive the following sponsorship benefits:

- ❖ Sponsorship acknowledgment at the event
- ❖ ADAMHS Board name and logo displayed on the event materials and the service directory
- ❖ Resource table at the event

7) Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) FY2022 Membership Dues – \$18,275

These membership dues are for the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), which is the statewide organization that represents the interests of Ohio's ADAMHS Boards at the state level. Each member, including the ADAMHS Board, pays annual membership dues to OACBHA to support its operations, advocacy and educational efforts. OACBHA has been a vital source of information, resources and advocacy with OhioMHAS during the COVID-19 pandemic. OACBHA's annual membership dues for FY2022 cover the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. These membership dues have been kept at the same rate since FY 2017.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

- 1) Amendment to Resolution No. 19-09-05, Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice (BHJJ) Project Fiscal Years 2020-2021
 - Applewood Centers - \$10,000 Decrease

Coordinated Approach to Low-Risk Misdemeanors Project (Project CALM) diverts youth with low-level domestic violence offenses away from arrest and detainment in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center. Project CALM Services include assessment, case management, and linkage to respite when necessary. An amendment to the current contract is requested to reduce the allocation for Applewood Center's Project CALM by \$10,000 based on a recommendation from the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). The underutilization of program funding is reported to be attributed to a decrease in staffing related to COVID-19.

- 2) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-11-04, Community Transition Program (CTP)
 - FrontLine Service - \$200,000

FrontLine Service is the sole provider of the Community Transition Program (CTP), formerly referred to as the Mental Health Prison Reentry, for the adult prison population who are returning to Cuyahoga County. CTP started as a Pilot program with FrontLine Service in July 2018 and expanded to include referrals to those in need of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment and services in 2019. OhioMHAS approved an additional allocation of SFY21 dollars to increase funding for the program by \$200,000.

- 3) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-05-03, Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS) Treatment Foster Care/Kinship Care Pilot No Cost Contract Extension
 - Catholic Charities - \$117,420

The Treatment Foster Care Pilot is a pilot program that provides intensive home-based support inclusive of the Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) model, which is an evidenced based intervention, to be utilized concurrently with behavioral health services and support. Due to the limited number of homes identified, in addition to the delay in service provision, CCDCFS requested a contract extension to fully execute services to demonstrate the program's effectiveness. CCDCFS set a goal to license five treatment foster families by December 2021 through utilizing newly approved online training for recruitment. The original contract amount was \$251,000 and the balance of the contract is currently \$117,420.

- 4) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, K-12 Prevention Education Initiative
 - Golden Ciphers - \$35,843.60 Decrease

Resolution No. 20-07-03 for K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives reported Golden Ciphers receiving \$40,000 to serve Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and \$35,843.60 to service Euclid City School District, totaling \$75,843.60. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Provider has not been able to provide satisfactory programming to Euclid City Schools. As the Provider was already paid the sum of \$75,843.60 pursuant this Agreement, the Provider shall return a sum of \$35,843.60 within 14 days from the execution of this Addendum. Golden Ciphers has provided effective services to CMSD. The portion of the contract for CMSD in the amount of \$40,000.00 remains in full effect.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 21-05-02 through 21-05-04). MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: J. Olsen / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- **Diversion Center Update:**

- To date, there have been six admissions to the Diversion Center from six different law enforcement divisions, including Cleveland State University (CSU), Brooklyn, Solon, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland and RTA.
- A meeting with various police departments was held on Friday, May 21, 2021.
- Brochures and wallet cards were mailed and/or delivered to police departments.
- Ms. Tolbert continues to receive calls and emails from various law enforcement about the Diversion Center and its criteria.

- With any new resource, it is going to take some time for the information to reach all officers in a department.
- The video about the Diversion Center that Ms. Rosser authored, directed and produced in partnership with the County, is complete and is being shared with all law enforcement departments. The video will be part of the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) E-Training.
- **Racism is a Public Health Crisis Update:**
 - 53 participants attended the Board's May 3, 2021, Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care Work Group Meeting.
 - A presentation was had regarding the Ohio Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence (OhioRISE) program from Ms. Habeebah Grimes, Executive Director of the Positive Education Program (PEP), and a member of the OhioRISE Advisory Council.
 - OhioRISE is a specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs. The program is designed to reduce disparities and ensure care for children with complex needs and their families.
 - The group was informed that the Board will be releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP0 for a Diversity, Inclusion and Equity consultant to move the group's work forward.
 - The next meeting will be held Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
 - The presentation will be given by Ms. Latoya Logan, founder and Executive Director of Project LIFT Services, a prevention and social justice agency that provides behavioral health services and targets the needs of Black teens and fathers most at-risk for homelessness, economic instability, and incarceration who live in Cuyahoga County.
- **State Budget House Bill (HB) 110 Update:**
 - The Senate continues their budget review process of HB 110. In the last few weeks, Dr. Fowler provided testimony before the full Senate Finance Committee on keeping language to allow Boards access to data and removing the language about the elimination of categories and reducing the number of Board members.
 - Dr. Fowler and Mr. Osiecki texted Senator Dolan about where we stand on having the board appointment language removed. He responded that he is working on it and that one county issue shouldn't disrupt every other county.
 - A Letter to the Editor from Rev. Gohlstein about removing the Board appointment language from the budget bill and not changing the law that is working well for 99% of the counties was published in the Sunday edition of the Plain Dealer and on cleveland.com. The Board is sending a copy of the letter to our Senators.
 - The Board will be issuing an advocacy action alert to our stakeholders about the issue. The Coalition for Healthy Communities has crafted a letter opposing the changes to the Governing Board Appointments, NAMI Ohio, including our local NAMI, has been very active opposing the changes, and other Behavioral Health advocacy groups are weighing in with their concerns.
 - There may be an amendment made that would not affect the entire state – but do not know what that means.
 - The senate sub-bill is expected to be released next week. Senate President Huffman has announced that he would like the bill to be up for a floor vote in the full Senate by June 10, 2021.
- **5122 Proposal:**
 - OhioMHAS is proposing nine rule changes to update section 5122 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
 - The rules are being updated to remove outdated references, expand reasons why a license may be revoked to include loss of required certifications, add certifications that may be used, create flexibility for onsite requirements of specific personnel, add telehealth allowances, and add buprenorphine as a drug that can safely be stored at a patient's home.
 - Dr. Leslie Koblenz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, and their team have provided input regarding a new psychiatric deterioration standard to be added as an additional criteria for the definition of "Mentally ill person subject to court order", regarding the use of decompensate rather than deteriorate.
 - Our team recommends the use of decompensate because in psychiatry, it means 'the failure to generate effective psychological coping mechanisms in response to stress, resulting in personality disturbance or disintegration, especially that which causes relapse.'
- **COVID-19 Update:**
 - **Housing:**

- Residential Facilities and Recovery Housing are completely open for admissions. Some require a negative COVID-19 test upon admission. Many staff and residents have been vaccinated. All have reported continuation of increased cleaning/sanitizing, as well as continued client monitoring and education around COVID-19 and minimizing risk.
- The ADAMHS board issued 864 COVID home test kits to Recovery Housing providers that were donated by OhioMHAS.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) & Mental Health (MH) Providers:**
 - More staff will be returning back to SUD agencies and Face to Face services will increase starting in June. Telehealth also continues.
 - Residential treatment and Detox referrals continue, and Providers are planning to increase their number of beds available due to decreases in COVID-19 cases and vaccinations.
- **Children & Adolescent Programs:**
 - Children's BH Programs continue to offer services both through telehealth and in person.
 - All programs are in the process of reviewing COVID-19 protocols and safety regulations in preparation for the lift of the mandate on June 2, 2021.
 - Providence House added six additional beds on their campus to help shorten the waitlist for services.
- **Peer Support Services:**
 - Peer support programs are still available via telehealth (individually and groups) with some in person to provide regular contact and support to clients.
 - Peer Run Organizations, also known as Consumer Operated Services, are tentatively looking to resume in person services in June. The programs serve many older adults and individuals with health challenges that put them at higher risk for contracting COVID-19. The organizations have continued to engage clients via telephone and via Zoom or GoToMeeting to provide peer support.
 - The OhioMHAS Online 40-Hour Peer Recovery Supporter Training continues to be available via Zoom for individuals interested in becoming certified peer supporters. The May training was completed on May 21, 2021. The next training will begin June 14, 2021.
- **Staff Update:**
 - Board staff have had another busy month in the area of recruitment and are happy to report to following new hires:
 - Mr. Dalton Skerlec started at the Board on Monday, May 3, 2021, as the new Database Specialist.
 - Mr. Anthony Henderson started at the Board on Monday, May 10, 2021, as the Chief Compliance Officer.
 - Mr. Doug Nichols will be starting at the Board on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, as a CIT Training Officer. He is a retired CIT police officer and he will be working with Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, and her team.
 - This is the last position to fill for the Diversion Center initiative.
 - The offer we made to an earlier identified applicant for the Network and Systems Specialist position didn't work out. As a result, the position was reposted and staff have been interviewing new applicants.

[Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA, left the Zoom meeting.]

10. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

11. **AUDIENCE INPUT**

Ms. Rosie Palfy, a homeless advocate, inquired with Mr. Osiecki regarding the number of individuals that have utilized the Diversion Center. Mr. Osiecki responded that six individuals have utilized the Diversion Center thus far.

12. **UPCOMING JUNE AND JULY BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: June 2, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: June 9, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: June 16, 2021
- General Meeting: June 23, 2021

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: July 7, 2021
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: July 14, 2021
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: July 21, 2021
- General Meeting: July 28, 2021

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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