

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 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
Erskine Cade, MBA	Jena Olsen
Elsie Caraballo	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	

ABSENT: Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW, Steve Killpack, MS, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Danielle Clark, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Myra Henderson, Charde' Hollins, June Hudson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Vicki Roemer, Clare Rosser, Allison Schaefer, 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. Ms. Jena Olsen 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 ON AGENDA ITEMS - 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.

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj entered the Zoom meeting.]

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Kelli Perk, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, administered the Oath of Office to J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA, Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, and Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA.

Ms. Perk congratulated Board members on their reappointments.

Rev. Gohlstin thanked Board members for their service and congratulated them on their reappointments.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes from the May 26, 2021, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin shared that he spent an evening with Ms. Eugenia Cash-Kirkland, former Board member, in celebration of her 60th birthday. He reported that she sends her regards to the Board.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that tentatively starting in July 2021, all Board meetings will be in-person, unless informed otherwise.

7. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Gwendolyn Howard, Faith-based Outreach Committee Chair, reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on June 2, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- Personal Success Story
Ms. Howard reported that at the recommendation of Rev. Gohlstein, Ms. LaPhenie Cloyd, LICDC., provided a personal success story. Ms. Cloyd shared her life story regarding her struggles with addiction. She concluded by letting the audience know the importance of spirituality in recovery. Ms. Cloyd stated that she overcame her addiction through spirituality and additional intervention. As a result of her recovery, she is giving back through her work as a licensed chemical dependency counselor at the Genesis Faith-based Recovery Center in Elyria, Ohio. Ms. Cloyd is also a minister. Her testimony was an affirmation of the Faith-based Outreach Committee's mission statement promoting the concept that treatment works and people recover.
- Faith-based Outreach Program Progress Report
Mr. Tom Williams, Evaluation & Research Officer, provided a progress report showing provider outcomes based on service effectiveness. The information shared by Mr. Williams was based on data for the first quarter of the Calendar Year (CY) 2021. Ten providers were focused on using different instruments to measure outcomes. The instruments were chosen based on the ages of the participants, the program goals and the individuals that were provided services. The projected number of clients to be served in CY 2021 is 1,000 and are pleased to state the number being served is currently 280 individuals for the first quarter, which is slightly higher than projected. As a result, providers are on track to reach the projected annual goal.

Ms. Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Director of Special Projects, completed the report on providers by highlighting some of the success stories, the activities and programs that are being offered. In the midst of all of the challenges and universal changes, progress is still being made through the Board's Faith-based providers.

- Eliminating Structural Racism Brainstorming Session Update
Ms. Sizemore-Rice also provided an update on the brainstorming session from the April Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting on Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care. These breakout sessions opened the door for greater discussion of ideas and recommendations to improve equity and treatment in behavioral health care. Ms. Sizemore-Rice reported that the ideas that were discussed and recommendations will be addressed as they are forwarded to the appropriate subcommittees and workgroups of Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care. Board staff will keep the Faith-based Outreach Committee updated on the progress.

Ms. Howard shared her appreciation for Board staff regarding their work with providing these updates and shared that anyone hoping to obtain specific detailed data regarding provider service outcomes can do so through the ADAMHS Board's website under Faith-based Initiatives.

8. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on June 9, 2021, via a Zoom meeting. Committee members heard the following presentation and four items of discussion:

- Community Transition Program
Mr. Joseph Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), introduced Ms. Diana Warman, Program Manager at FrontLine Service, who discussed the Community Transition Program (CTP). This program was designed for men and women returning back to the community after being released from correctional facilities in the state. The goal of the program is to provide stability and prevent recidivism. This program serves the dual diagnosis population or Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) with linkage to community services with Mobile Crisis as the liaison. The program started in 2016 and was run by CareSource. In 2020, the CareSource grant ended and the ADAMHS Board took over the program to continue services. Last year there were 486 referrals/releases generated and out of the 486, 325 clients were linked to services.
- Mr. Arnett reported on the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board Court of Common Pleas pass through funds for five programs were reviewed:
 1. The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program in the amount of \$500,000;
 2. The Community Based Mental Health Treatment Program in the amount of \$344,000 (of which \$172,000 will be funded by the ADAMHS Board);
 3. The Early Intervention Program (EIP) in the amount of \$231,000;
 4. The Co-Occurring Residential Treatment for Men Program in the amount of \$160,000; and
 5. The Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) for Intensive Service Probationers (ISP) Program in the amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Marty Murphy, Administrator, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board, was present to answer committee members questions. The Planning & Oversight Committee approved recommending acceptance of the funds and entering into contracts with the identified provider agencies.

- The Continuation and Enhancement of the NEO Collaborative Crisis/Information/Referral/Support Hotline Services and Advertising Campaign with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Supplemental Emergency COVID-19 Funds in the amount of \$457,270 to be disbursed as follows:
 1. FrontLine Service to continue the expansion of Cuyahoga County's 24-Hour Suicide Prevention, Mental Health and Addiction Crisis/Information/Referral Hotline: 216-623-6888 by retaining the 1 FTE staff member, and further expand services to include a Peer(s) to follow-up on calls made to the Hotline regarding COVID-19 related issues in the amount of \$62,133;
 2. A contract with the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition to use for journaling supplies and stipend for Mental Health Professional Staff to run support groups in the amount of \$10,000;
 3. A contract with various vendors for the NEO Collaborative Advertising Campaign in the amount of \$76,230; and
 4. A contract with the five remaining NEO Collaborative Boards (Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, and Summit) for continuation and/or enhancement of COVID-19 related services in the amount of \$308,907.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland Funding Increase in the amount of \$24,000, which amended Resolution No. 20-11-07 to increase funding to NAMI Greater Cleveland by \$24,000 to provide Inform & Inspire group sessions in the Cuyahoga Diversion Center for the term of June 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.
- Support of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Community Capital Assistance Application for Front Steps: St. Joseph's Commons, Project MH-1193.
- Mr. Osiecki reported that as follow up to concerns regarding Recovery Resources' lack of services on Cleveland's East Side, Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, and he met with Ms. Pam Gill, President and Chief Executive Officer of Recovery Resources, via Zoom, to discuss this matter. Ms. Gill stated that Recovery Resources is diligently looking to find a viable location, potentially a church, to provide services and/or support groups to the East Side. He also reported that Recovery Resources has completed surveys with clients and the consensus was for services to be provided virtually, however, if clients prefer to meet in the community, arrangements would be made to do so.

[Ms. Elsie Caraballo entered the Zoom meeting, however, due to technical difficulties, she was unable to vote.]

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-01**
APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY CAPITAL PLAN APPLICATION FOR PROJCT MH-1193: ST. JOSEPH'S COMMONS

Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-06-01. MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: J. Olsen / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

9. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on June 16, 2021, via a Zoom meeting and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 21-06-02 through 21-06-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-02**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2021

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that relative to the Administrative Budget that was approved for CY 2021 was \$6,518,555, and for April 2021, the total expenses were \$1,784,084.67; that is roughly 27% of the total Administrative Budget. She noted that 4 months of the year is roughly 33%. As a result, the Board has underspent by 6%.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, April 2021, displays the Board's total revenue budget for administrative operations and grants. The total revenue expected to be received from Federal, State and local levy funds is \$66,562,351; and through the end of April 2021, the Board has received \$52,183,940.88. 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. Ms. Rosenbaum reported that 78% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in January 2021, the Board received revenues of \$1,297,905.42. In February 2021, the Board received revenues of \$46,718,920.68. In March 2021, the Board received revenues of \$1,661,382.94, and in April 2021, the Board received revenues of \$2,505,731.84. As a result, the total revenues thus far in 2021 total \$52,183,940.88.

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 April YTD Actual is \$15,548,540.03 that is roughly 22% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Rosenbaum noted that due to this period of time being four months, the expenses should be approximately 33%. As a result, the Board's expenses are underbudget while the revenue is overbudget.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January – April 2021 includes administrative accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for April 2021 are \$3,462,249.43; and includes the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Administration, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant, the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant and Other Grants. The total expenditures through the end of April 2021 are \$15,548,540.03. Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted that the line item Total Salaries was higher than usual due to three pay periods in April.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, April YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the OOD Grant, Other Grants and State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant. The total expenditures for grants YTD are \$1,197,179.83.

The Cash Flow Report, April 2021, shows the 2020 Actual, and YTD thru April 2021. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through April 2021 is \$65,809,860.47 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout the remainder of 2021.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board Court of Common Pleas Pass Through Funds:

- a) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) – \$500,000
 - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men
 - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Women
 - Community Assessment & Treatment Service (CATS)

- b) Community Based Mental Health Treatment Program
 - Recovery Resources - \$344,000

\$172,000 of the \$344,000 will be funded by the ADAMHS Board for the term of this contract, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

- c) Early Intervention Program (EIP)
 - Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS) - \$231,000
- d) Co-Occurring Residential Treatment for Men
 - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men - \$160,000
- e) Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) for Intensive Service Probationers (ISP)
 - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot - \$50,000

2. Continuation and Enhancement of NEO Collaborative Crisis/Information/Referral/Support Hotline Services and Advertising Campaign with SAMHSA Supplemental Emergency COVID-19 Funds – \$457,270
 - FrontLine Service - \$62,133
 - Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition \$10,000
 - NEO Collaborative Marketing Campaign - \$76,230
 - Five Remaining NEO Collaborative Boards - \$308,907

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

- 1) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, Specialized Docket Subsidy Project – \$140,000
 - Cleveland Municipal Court - \$60,000
 - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - \$60,000
 - South Euclid Municipal Court - \$20,000

As part of the State of Ohio 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. In State Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, the Department pushed the funds directly to the courts in one lump payment per Court. The department allocated these funds to ADAMH/CMH Boards beginning with SFY 2019. In May 2021, OhioMHAS informed the ADAMHS Board that additional Specialized Docket funding was approved for the Courts identified in this document. These funds assist drug courts to effectively manage addicted offenders in the community thereby reducing commitments to the prison system.

- 2) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, K-12 Prevention Education Initiative
 - East Cleveland Neighborhood Center - \$35,843.60

Resolution No. 20-07-03 for K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives reported East Cleveland Neighborhood Center receiving \$21,841.80 to serve East Cleveland School District. The Board is requesting to increase the portion of East Cleveland Neighborhood Centers contract to include Euclid City Schools in the amount of \$35,843.60. East Cleveland Neighborhood Center has provided effective services to the East Cleveland School District.

- 3) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-11-07, NAMI Greater Cleveland – \$24,000

Board staff are requesting to amend NAMI Greater Cleveland's CY2021 contract to include the provision of Inform & Inspire (I&I) Presentations to clients of the Cuyahoga Diversion Center. One-hour I&I presentations provide the opportunity to inspire hope among participants, share information about participating in NAMIGC programs and provide additional resources for SMI/SA recovery and maintenance.

- 4) Amendment to Resolution No. 21-01-06, Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center (CCADC)
 - Oriana House - \$344,584

The ADAMHS Board entered into a two-year contract with Oriana House to operate the CCADC. On-site services at the CCADC will include a total of 50 acute-care beds for persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), persons with SMI with Co-occurring Substance Abuse (SMI/SA) and/or persons with Substance Abuse/Addiction (SA/A), with an expected average stay of 5-7 days per individual, but up to 9 days if necessary. Detoxification services and client stabilization are some of the main focuses of the on-site care. Oriana House will provide 24/7 staffing at the CCADC for assessment, detox, referral and linkage/re-linkage to aftercare services. Board staff are requesting to amend Oriana House's contract for the operation of the Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center (CCADC) to include funding for security services at the facility. Cuyahoga County increased the overall funding for this project to include security services at the Diversion Center. Oriana House contracted with a security company in the amount of \$344,584 for security services at the facility.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 21-06-02 through 21-06-04). MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, J. Olsen, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

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

10. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

- **Diversion Center Update:**

- To date, there have been 21 admissions to the Diversion Center from 14 different law enforcement divisions.

- Police departments/districts include:
 - o Cleveland
 - o Brooklyn
 - o Cleveland Heights
 - o Berea
 - o Broadview Heights
 - o Cleveland State University (CSU)
 - o Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
 - o East Cleveland
 - o Fairview Park
 - o Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA)
 - o Shaker Heights
 - o Solon
 - o South Euclid
 - o Westlake
 - Four individuals are currently being served in the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center at this time.
 - Board staff had a meeting with various police departments on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.
 - Board staff continue to meet regularly with the County, County Consultants, Oriana House, FrontLine Service and University Hospital (UH) staff.
 - The County formed a Diversion Board, consisting of nine members, to serve as a resource for information and advice on operation of, and to provide recommendations and input goals, strategies and programs of the Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center.
 - Some of the members are: Ms. Brandy Carney, Mr. Bill Mason, Dr. Akram Boutrous, Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) Chief Calvin Williams, Ms. Crystal Bryant, Ms. Donna Weinberger and Ms. Joan Englund. We have not heard yet which Judge and one other person who will be appointed.
 - Board staff were informed that the first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021.
- **Racism is a Public Health Crisis Update:**
 - The ADAMHS Board sent an informative email about Juneteenth and shared events happening around Cuyahoga County and the state so that staff, providers and the general public could celebrate.
 - The last Eliminating Structural Racism Work Group meeting was held Monday, June 7, 2021.
 - A presentation was had by Ms. LaToya Logan, Executive Director of Project LIFT Services, a social service and prevention agency that focuses services on young Black teens and adults ages 14-24.
 - She shared a very informative presentation about the ways in which racist systems have been built in behavioral health (BH) and how they are perpetrated today.
 - She also gave thoughtful education about how behavioral health providers could better serve their clients and called for trauma informed approaches that are personalized.
 - The next meeting will be on Monday, July 12, 2021, which is the second Monday of the month because of the 4th of July Holiday.
 - Mr. Darryl Turpin and Mr. Guy Wheeler, from Pinwheel Consulting, have been invited to present on an Afrocentric Holistic Approach to Recovery working with justice system involved Black youth and adults and using culturally specific behavioral health treatment models.
 - Tuesday, June 15, 2021 was the deadline for the Proposals for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant. The review committee made up of staff, Board members and a volunteer from the Eliminating Structural Racism Work Group, are currently reviewing four proposals.
 - **State Budget HB 110 Update:**
 - Senate passed the Bill on Thursday, June 10, 2021.
 - HB 110 is currently in the conference committee and heard that the projected tax intake over the Fiscal Years 2022-2023 biennium is now expected to be more than \$3 billion higher than the projections.
 - This means conferees now have more spending flexibility as they work to craft the final budget package.
 - The Senate removed the language about public meetings being held virtually through the end of the year. As a result, the Board is preparing for public meetings in July. There may be other legislation or the conference committee may extend public meetings being held virtually for a brief period.

- Right now, the language concerning Boards to limit the number of Board members across the state just covers the area that brought the legislation forward.
- **Behavioral Health (BH) Workforce Development Task Force**
 - On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, Board staff met with several providers for the first BH Workforce Development Task Force.
 - It was agreed that the purpose of the task force is to brainstorm ideas to tackle the behavioral health workforce shortage to attract and retain the most motivated and competent professionals in behavioral health to fill staffing needs for providers.
 - Task Force members reviewed recommendations that were made in the Board's Strategic Plan and discussed and brainstormed other ideas.
 - Two follow-up items:
 - The development of a survey to providers to get a baseline on salaries, benefits, number and types of positions needed, why staff are leaving, etc.
 - Enhance placement of interns as Ms. Martina Moore, Moore Consulting, works with John Carrol University's internship program and has 19 students to place. She is looking for providers that are willing to take and supervise the interns.
 - This Task Force will meet monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 11:00 A.M., via zoom.
- **Methadone Program Update:**
 - Board staff were notified by OhioMHAS that a Methadone Provider that we do not contract with for that service is at risk of losing its license.
 - A meeting was scheduled with the provider, OhioMHAS and ADAMHS to discuss a solution, but the provider canceled the meeting and implemented the OhioMHAS appeal process; and requested that their attorneys be present for any conversations.
- **Naloxone Blitz**
 - As of the present, there are just under 500 Narcan kits left to distribute of the 3,468 provided by the state for the NaloxBlitz.
 - Board staff and partners from Thrive and Project White Butterfly were able to distribute Narcan in high incidence overdose zip codes in a grassroots effort; and by giving them to provider agencies that were located in or served individuals in those zips. Distribution started the 2nd week of May and will be completed next week.
 - ADAMHS Staff provided Narcan to an entire row of businesses that had experienced overdoses on their properties in the past few months. Now, they can administer Narcan while waiting for first responders to arrive to the scene.
 - Project White Butterfly distributed 96 kits in less than two hours on Kinsman near E. 116th.
 - Memorial Day weekend had four deaths compared to 32 last year. Fatalities are still high, but Board staff have seen some immediate benefits of providing Narcan to individuals who need it.
 - MetroHealth has begun distributing the first 25 NaloxBoxes. Board staff expect the distribution of the first 25 boxes to be completed by the end of July. There was a slight delay in starting the program, so Board staff are a little behind on distribution right now.
- **COVID-19 Update:**
 - **Housing:**
 - All Adult Care Facilities (ACF's) and Residential Care Facilities (RCF's) are fully open and accepting new clients. They continue to utilize covid safety protocols.
 - **Substance Use Disorder (SUD):**
 - More outpatient groups are being offered face to face.
 - Residential providers have seen a recent increase in their admissions.
 - **Children & Adolescent Programs:**

- Bellefaire updated their COVID-19 policy: Vaccinated staff not required to wear masks; unvaccinated staff are still required to wear masks. Health screening continues for clients, but staff to monitor their own health and stay home if ill. Open to having in person meetings with system partners.
- Catholic Charities updated their COVID-19 policy: Staff returning to the office three to four days a week at Midtown. Intake assessments, youth services, groups and outpatient services to reopen at Midtown and will continue to follow social distancing protocols. Staff will continue to follow COVID-19 protocols when meeting with clients in community settings but no in-home services at this time.
- **Peer Support Services:**
 - Peer Run Organizations resumed in-person services in June.
 - Peer support services are available in person at provider agencies, as well as virtually as needed.
 - OhioMHAS Online 40-Hour Peer Recovery Supporter Training will end Friday, June 25, 2021. Additional online trainings are being scheduled.
- **Staff Update:**
 - Board staff have had another busy month in the area of recruitment and are happy to report to following new hires:
 - Mr. Doug Nichols started at the Board on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Officer. He is a retired CIT police officer and 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.
 - Mr. Ryan Gongaware will be starting at the Board on Monday, June 28, 2021, as the Network and Systems Specialist. Mr. Gongaware will be reporting to Ms. Jess Saker, Director of IT. All IT positions are now filled.
 - Ms. Samantha Maloy will be starting at the Board on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, as the new VISTA for the VISTA service year beginning July 6, 2021 and ending July 5, 2022. This arrangement is the result of a grant awarded to the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) to host VISTA workers throughout Ohio to focus on the opioid crisis. Our current VISTA, Ms. Erika Losse, will be leaving the Board on Friday, July 16, 2021. Board staff wish her well with future endeavors!
- **Opioid Funding Update:**
 - Mr. Osiecki provided a slide show regarding the opioid settlement dollars (\$10,501,207) that is administered and monitored through the ADAMHS Board.
 - Mr. Osiecki updated Board members regarding the background of these funds.
 - Mr. Osiecki and staff were involved in the opioid litigation that resulted in settlements.
 - Staff and providers quickly responded to a request from the Cuyahoga County Executive's Office on developing a plan with services for the best use of the Phase One Opioid Mitigation settlement, which the ADAMHS Board was allocated just over \$10.5 million, in October 2019.
 - Cuyahoga County formalized the process to access the funding in March/April 2020.
 - ADAMHS Board entered into 2-year contracts with providers in May 2020, retroactive to March 2020.
 - As of April 30, 2021 \$4,888,146 (47%) of the \$10.5 million has been expended, leaving \$5.6 million remaining of the settlement dollars.
 - Mr. Osiecki updated Board members regarding the three providers, Stella Maris, St. Vincent Rosary Hall and Thrive Peer Support, regarding their respective allocations of the opioid settlement funds, their programs and an update for each.

11. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

12. **AUDIENCE INPUT** - None

13. **UPCOMING JULY AND SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:**

- 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

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: September 1, 2021
- Joint Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: September 22, 2021
- General Meeting: September 29, 2021

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

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