

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

## PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 9, 2021

**Committee Members Present:** Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Committee Chair, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW, Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., Elsie Caraballo, Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Jena Olsen / Other Board members: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA

**Absent:** J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.

**Board Staff Present:** Scott Osiecki, CEO, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Danielle Clark, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Cheryl Fratalone, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Charde' Hollins, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Vicki Roemer, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Larry Smith, Jr., Michaele Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Thomas Williams, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

### 1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Jena Olsen read into the record the Committee Mission Statement: *"The Planning & Oversight Committee, in cooperation with all partners, advocates for and monitors programs, policies and practices which are continually improved to meet the needs of clients, their families, and the community."*

### 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 Planning & Oversight Committee 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 Planning & Oversight Committee minutes of May 12, 2021 were approved as submitted.

### 4. **Presentation:**

#### **Community Transition Program (CTP)**

Mr. Joseph Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), introduced Ms. Diana Warman, MSSA, LISW-S, Program Manager, FrontLine Service. Ms. Warman reported that the CTP began in July 2016 and was ran by CareSource. The program was designed for men and women returning to the community after being released from correctional facilities in the state. Individuals were provided with linkage to services, such as case management, substance use, transportation assistance, housing assistance, and mental health. The goal of the program is to provide stability and prevent recidivism. The program serves the dual diagnosis population or Alcohol and other Drug (AoD) only. The county Boards took over the program on January 1, 2020 to continue services.

Community linkage workers send the packets through application which are reviewed by the Mobile Crisis Forensic Liaison and Forensic Managers at FrontLine Service. The Mobile Crisis Forensic Liaison provides appointments back to community linkage workers with respected agencies. All individuals 18 and up receive appointments with FrontLine Service for secondary case management services or mental health, alongside agencies for substance use if needed. Some individuals are linked by walking into FrontLine Service, as long as criteria is met. Packets received from youth facilities are referred outside of FrontLine Service.

Services provided included the following: 1) Psychiatry, 2) Case Management to assist with basic needs (applying for SSI, food stamps, etc.), 3) Counseling, 4) Housing Assistance, 5) Clothing assistance, 6) Identification assistance, 7) Substance Use (outside of FrontLine Service), and 8) Linkage to primary care and employment agencies. In 2020 486 referrals/releases and out of the 486, 325 clients were linked to services. During Quarter 1 (January 1 through April 30, 2021), 228 clients were linked to services. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

**5. Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board Court of Common Pleas Pass Through Funds****a) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)**

Mr. Arnett reported that the Corrections Planning Board's RSAT provides a residential level of care. Clients are assessed and diagnosed and receive post-residential aftercare case management by TASC. This program has been funded by the Court for over a decade and has successfully funded Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for men and women remanded for treatment by the Court. This funding will result in an amendment in the existing RSAT contract. It is estimated that over 166 clients will receive RSAT services in State Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023. 100% of this funding is used to support RSAT services at Matt Talbot for Men, Matt Talbot for Women, and CATS. In the current environment this funding bridges the gap between the number of SUD Treatment days Medicaid pays, and the actual length of treatment services received by clients.

**b) Community Based Mental Health Treatment Program**

The Corrections Planning Board's Community Based Mental Health Treatment Program assists severely mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled clients whose diagnosis includes psychotic features and who have been placed on community control. Specifically, this program diverts SMI clients from prison and offers specialized community support, counseling, liaison and psychiatric services to mentally ill offenders placed on community control. This program has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board for over a decade and has been extremely successful in maintaining SMI clients in the provision of treatment services. An estimated total of 200 SMI clients will receive residential treatment services in State Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023. 100% of this funding is used to support SMI treatment services at Recovery Resources. The primary impacts of this program include an opportunity to divert from a prison sentence, follow the recommended community treatment plan, and reduce Court appearances on new charges.

**c) Early Intervention Program (EIP)**

The Corrections Planning Board's EIP provides Substance Use Disorder Treatment for offenders adjudicated and remanded to the County Jail by Municipal Courts. This funding enables the early release from jail of such clients subsequent to the completion of TASC SUD assessment/ASAM Level of Care determination. This program has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board for over a decade and has been extremely successful in supporting access to treatment for low level misdemeanor offenders. An estimated total of 80 clients will receive ASAM 3.5 level of treatment services in State Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023. 100% of this funding is used to fund treatment services at CATS. Clients served via these funds will access treatment when adjudicated at a municipal court level. Systemically, these funds will reduce the number of jail bed days utilized by an estimated 9,200 bed days.

**d) Co-Occurring Residential Treatment for Men**

The Corrections Planning Board's Co-Occurring Residential Treatment for Men program provides residential treatment services for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Treatment for Felony level offenders. This program has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board for over a decade and has been extremely successful in the provision of treatment services for a population comprised of co-occurring SUD/MH clients. Most clients in this program are on an ongoing Mental Health Court docket. An estimated total of 62 male co-occurring clients will receive residential treatment services in State Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023. 100% of this funding is used to fund co-occurring treatment services at Matt Talbot for Men. The primary client and system(s) impact will be the amount of time SUD & MH Court clients are stable, taking medications and successfully living in the community.

**e) Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) for Intensive Service Probationers (ISP)**

The Corrections Planning Board's IOP for ISP program provides Substance Use Disorder Treatment for probationers that rank as high risk for criminal recidivism based upon the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) scoring. This funding provides IOP SUD services for this population. This program has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board for over a decade and has been successful in supporting access to treatment for high-risk felony offenders. An estimated total of 80 clients will receive IOP treatment services in State Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023. 100% of this funding is used to fund treatment services for Matt Talbot IOP. Clients served via these funds are less likely to criminally recidivate. Mr. Martin Murphy, Administrator, Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board, was present to answer committee members questions.

- a) Motion to approve accepting funds from the Corrections Planning Board for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program for the time period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$500,000 and to contract with the following provider agencies: Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men, Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Women and Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS) to the Finance & Operations Committee.
- b) Motion to approve accepting funds from the Corrections Planning Board and providing a match from the ADAMHS Board for the Community Based Mental Health Treatment Program for the time period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$172,000 from each funding source for a total amount of \$344,000 and to enter into a contract with Recovery Resources to the Finance & Operations Committee.
- c) Motion to approve accepting funds from the Corrections Planning Board for the Early Intervention Program for the time period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$231,000 and to enter into a contract with Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS) to the Finance & Operations Committee.
- d) Motion to approve accepting funds from the Corrections Planning Board for the Co-Occurring Residential Treatment for Men Program for the time period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$160,000 and to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men to the Finance & Operations Committee.
- e) Motion to approve accepting funds from the Corrections Planning Board for the Intensive Outpatient Treatment for Intensive Service Probationers Program for the time period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$50,000 and to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot to the Finance & Operations Committee.

*[Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., entered the Zoom meeting; and due to technical difficulties, Ms. Elsie Caraballo did not vote.]*

**Motion to accept the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board Court of Common Pleas Pass Through Funds for the five programs (as listed above) to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: J. Olsen / AYES: C. Bryant, R. Blue, G. Boehm, P. James-Stewart, J. Olsen / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **6. Continuation and Enhancement of NEO Collaborative Crisis/Information/Referral/Support Hotline Services and Advertising Campaign with SAMHSA Supplemental Emergency COVID-19 Funds**

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County serves as the Fiscal Agent for the NEO Collaborative, which includes Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula and Summit Counties. In 2020, OhioMHAS received a \$2 million SAMHSA grant for Emergency COVID-19 funding to address mental health and substance use disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each collaborative originally received \$309,383 of this award from OhioMHAS. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's share of these funds was \$51,563.83 and was used to contract with FrontLine to expand its Hotline by an additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE).

In February of 2021, OhioMHAS received an additional \$2,859,647 in SAMHSA Supplemental Emergency COVID-19 Funds, with a total of \$457,270 allocated to the NEO Collaborative. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga share of this supplemental funding is \$72,133 for services, and as Fiscal Agent will receive \$76,230 for the NEO Collaborative advertising campaign. SAMHSA recommends being liberal with the clients who are deemed "affected" by COVID-19, since to some extent everyone's mental health has been affected over the past year; therefore, providers should not limit services based upon whether people identify COVID-19 as a factor. Category specifics remain the same as the original funding:

- Can be used for either SMI, SED, SUD or both for adults and children:
- 70% of the people served should be either SMI, SED, SUD or both.
- 10% should be health care practitioners experiencing a non-SMI mental health disorder that requires care.
- 20% can be anyone with any diagnosis that is not SMI, SED or SUD, such as people who are experiencing loss of a job, grief, etc.

Advertising is now an allowable expense under the supplemental funding grant. FrontLine will 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 to continue assisting in answering calls and screening individuals utilizing the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool to identify and direct individuals impacted by COVID-19 to the appropriate levels of care. As an addition to this continuation, FrontLine will utilize a Peer(s) to follow-up on calls made to the Hotline regarding COVID-19 related issues. The peer would provide support and work with FrontLine staff to coordinate additional services if needed.

The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition will provide support groups for individuals affected by COVID-19, including Long Haulers, Survivors and Individuals who Lost Family/Friends. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County will coordinate an advertising campaign, in partnership with a team of communication professionals from the Northeast Ohio (NEO) Collaborative Boards, to promote local crisis hotline services to healthcare and frontline workers who have been impacted by COVID-19. The number of individuals served should reflect the percentage requirements outlined in the grant, or as modified by OhioMHAS.

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

**Motion to approve a contract for the term of July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 with 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; 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; a contract with various vendors for the NEO Collaborative Advertising Campaign in the amount of \$76,230 and a contract with the five remaining NEO Collaborative Boards for continuation and/or enhancement of COVID-19 related services in the amount of \$308,907 as outlined in the following chart to the Finance & Operations Committee:**

Board	Grant 2 Continuation of Services	Grant 2 Expansion of Services	Total for Services to Each Board
Lorain	\$29,005	\$43,128	<b>\$72,133</b>
Lake	\$29,005	\$43,128	<b>\$72,133</b>
Geauga	\$29,005	\$43,128	<b>\$72,133</b>
Ashtabula	\$29,003	\$34,502	<b>\$63,505</b>
Summit	\$29,003	\$0.00	<b>\$29,003</b>

MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: C. Bryant, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, J. Olsen / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**7. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland Funding Increase**

Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, reported that NAMI Greater Cleveland is a local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness with approximately eight hundred peer, family, professional and organizational members, and a contract provider of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. The organization is dedicated to empowering people living with mental illness and family members to achieve a better quality of life by providing education, support, information and referral, and advocacy.

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. Presentations are facilitated by NAMI-trained volunteers who share powerful personal stories of recovery, resilience, and hope and provide an overview of NAMI Greater Cleveland programming, including the benefits of expressing oneself within the safety of a support group. Participants are encouraged to engage in community-based programming such as the support groups, as well as education courses, and to volunteer with NAMIGC, when they are in a healthier position to do so. I&I participants will also receive a folder filled with information about connecting to community

resources, navigating a behavioral health crisis, communicating with behavioral healthcare professionals, and how to advocate for themselves for better outcomes. The number of individuals served through I&I presentations will vary depending on the number of clients in the Cuyahoga Diversion Center. Ms. Megan Rochford, PCC-S, MBA, Program Director, NAMI Greater Cleveland, was present to answer committee members questions.

**Motion to amend 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: C. Bryant, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, J. Olsen / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**8. Support of Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Community Capital Assistance Application for Front Steps: St. Joseph's Commons (MH-1193)**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management reported that the ADAMHS Board approved and submitted a SFY 2021-2026 Community Capital Plan in October 2019 (Resolution No. 19-10-01) to identify capital projects that benefit clients living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders, with a focus on the creation of additional Permanent Supportive Housing. OhioMHAS Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to assure the building will be used for the purpose described in the Application unless written authorization is obtained from OhioMHAS. OhioMHAS Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to approve the Application with an assurance of an intent to support applicant's program consistent with the Application, and in addition, to annually monitor the program and operations of the facility. OhioMHAS requests a board resolution from the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to reaffirm and provide support for this project.

PROJECT MH-1193, St. Joseph's Commons, replaces Front Steps' former facility located at 1545 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street as the site was not well suited to permanent supportive housing and ran out of space for adequate programming. The new facility will enable Front Steps to continue to meet the dire needs of homeless individuals in Cuyahoga County and to provide even more comprehensive programs, including programming for mental health and SUD, that will guide the residents and member of the surrounding community toward self-sufficiency. Ms. Sherri Brandon, MNO/MSSA, CDCA, Chief Executive Officer, Front Steps Housing and Services, and Mr. Graham Welling, Associate Project Manager, PIRHL, LLC, was present to answer committee members questions.

**Motion for the approval of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to reaffirm support for ADAMHS Board SFY 2021-2026 Community Capital Plan funding for PROJECT MH-1193: St Joseph's Commons to the full Board.** MOTION: J. Olsen / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: C. Bryant, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, J. Olsen / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**9. New Business**

Mr. Osiecki reported that as follow up to concerns regarding Recovery Resources' lack of services on Cleveland's Eastside, 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 Eastside. 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.

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Board Chair, commended staff for the prompt action with this matter.

**10. Upcoming June and July Board Meetings:**

- 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 audience comment or further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.***

***Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant***

***Approved by: Kathleen Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair***