

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 28, 2021**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Bishara W. Addison	Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Steve Killpack, MS
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Jena Olsen
Erskine Cade, MBA	Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA
Elsie Caraballo	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

**ABSENT:** J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Curtis Couch, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Ryan Gongaware, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Bill Hebble, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Vicki Roemer, Jessica Saker, Allison Schafer, Dalton Skerlec, Larry Smith, Jr., Michaele Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Thomas Williams, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called the General Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Ms. Elsie Caraballo 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."*

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

**2. AUDIENCE INPUT**

Mr. Raymond Tilicki, a student of the Positive Education Program (PEP) from 1985 to 1990, reported an accusation against a PEP staff member that was had during this timeframe. He reported that he allegedly approached PEP's executive staff in 2005 and a PEP Board member at different times to report this matter. Now, he is requesting that an investigation regarding PEP's practices be completed by the Board.

Rev. Gohlstin requested that Mr. Bill Hebble, Clients Rights Officer II, assist Mr. Tilicki with this matter.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes from the June 23, 2021, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Rev. Gohlstin reported that Ms. Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW, has resigned from the Board; and recognized her faithful service as an ADAMHS Board member since August 2019. He noted that a beautiful plaque commemorating her dedicated service will be presented upon her arrival.

Due to the difficulty with obtaining quorums for ADAMHS Board of Director committee meetings during the July meeting cycle, Rev. Gohlstin suggested that all future July ADAMHS Board of Director committee meetings transpire as the Committee of the Whole.

**Motion declaring all future July ADAMHS Board of Director committee meetings transpire as the Committee of the Whole.**

MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**5. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Harvey Snider, Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Chair, reported on the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting held on July 7, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- State Budget Update  
Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that Governor DeWine has signed Ohio's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Bill into law. The ADAMHS Board appointment changes were not included thanks, in part, to our local advocacy. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) received a slight increase over previous budgets and is presently working on County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board allocations and will be forwarding this information once completed.
- Advocacy Action Agenda Half Year Review  
Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, reported that the Advocacy Action Agenda is designed to inform the Board, community and system providers of the advocacy goals for each year to advance important behavioral health issues. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that the Board has made progress on thirteen of the fifteen goals in the six month time-frame. She noted that the second goal, Support programs that reach underserved populations identified in the 2020 Needs Assessment, will be addressed through the upcoming budget process.
- Sponsorships  
Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus highlighted the two sponsorships recommended by Board staff to the CR&A Committee and referenced the details provided in the individual agenda process sheets for:
  - Edna House Race for Recovery, which will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021, in the amount of \$1,000; and
  - Community Solutions Health and Human Services Celebration, which will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021, in the amount of \$500
- NEO Collaborative COVID-19 Grant Advertising Campaign Update  
Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Public Affairs Officer, reported that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) COVID-19 Emergency Supplemental Grant provided funding for advertising across the Northeast Ohio Collaborative involving Boards from Geauga, Lorain, Lake, Summit, Ashtabula and Cuyahoga Counties. The advertising goals for the grant are to reach the state's frontline healthcare professionals as well as other Ohioans with less than severe mental illness who require mental health care as a result of COVID-19. This advertising campaign is titled "You Make Today Better".
- Naloxblitz and NaloxBox Update  
Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that all 3,468 Narcan doses were distributed and 13 NaloxBoxes have been installed. She shared overdose data as well as stories of grassroots Narcan distribution efforts.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Grant Activities Update  
Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, shared the "Our Stories, Our Healing" video series that covers topics related to trauma and healing as part of the Center for Disease Control's ACEs grant. The videos have been viewed over 4,000 times and have reached more than 30,000 individuals on social media. The Board's Education and Training Department has also trained several officers about recognizing ACEs as part of this grant and hosted a training by Dr. Dakota King-White that was attended by 85 individuals.
- Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month (September) Celebrations
- Ms. Rosser provided an update on the current "Life is Better With You Here" suicide prevention campaign as well as plans for the second phase of the suicide prevention awareness efforts. As part of recovery month, the board will share recovery stories as well as an anti-stigma campaign that is focused on Medication Assisted Treatment.
- First Responder Appreciation Week  
The Board will also participate in First Responder Appreciation Week, which is September 20-26, 2021 and received a \$1,500 mini-grant from OACBHA. Board staff are seeking free or discounted tickets for stress relieving activities for opiate epidemic frontline workers.
- Media Tracking Report  
Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that from May 6, 2021 through July 6, 2021, the Board had 64 media mentions; 61 positive and 3 neutral. The total 2021 media mentions include 214 mentions, 155 positive and 59 neutral.
- Social Media and Website Tracking Reports  
Ms. Greenspan provided an overview of the social media statistics since the last Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting. She reported that for the time period May 5, 2021 through July 6, 2021, the Board had 545,487 impressions and 5,984 engagements, had 8,366 video views, gained 85 new followers and 1,129 post link clicks.
- New Business  
Ms. Samantha Maloy, the Board's New Vista Worker, was introduced and Ms. Erika Losse, Former Vista Worker, was thanked for her year of service.

## 6. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on July 14, 2021. Committee members heard the following presentation and items of discussion:

- Hitchcock Center for Women, Inc.  
Ms. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist I, introduced Mr. Jason Joyce, Executive Director at Hitchcock Center for Women. Hitchcock Center for Women is a Residential and Recovery Center for women; whereby women can also have their children on site. The organization began in the late 1970's in a mansion in University Circle and moved to a building on Ansel Road that was previously a men's seminary. Hitchcock Center for Women currently has 66 beds including accommodations for children: 24 for Residential and 40 to 44 in Recovery Housing, averaging 5-6 children up to age 12 with their mothers, which alleviates Foster Care. No other Northeast Ohio Residential Provider offers the ability to have children stay on campus with their mother. On the continuum of care, they also offer Medication Assisted Treatment. Hitchcock Center for Women utilizes the American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria, Matrix Model, Hazelden Approach and AA with a 61% completion rate. Hitchcock Center for Women's motto is "Where Healing Begins" and they follow-up after residential services with Intensive Case Management, Peer Support, Networking with family and community services including Children Services and Probation, and Spiritual and Faith linkages. A recent ADAMHS Board Survey reported a 97% satisfaction response from the women clients, 66% of whom are mothers. Significant during this last year impacted by Covid-19, programming continued with no reported cases on campus.
- Approval to Enter into Contracts for the Development of Specialized Recovery Housing  
Mr. Larry Smith, Jr, Director of Programs, reported on Specialized Recovery Housing and requested committee approval for MetroHealth MOMS House, Mommy and Me, Too!, Stella Maris and The Woodrow Project to receive contracts for the development of Specialized Recovery Housing in the amount of \$438,000 for the term of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Ms. Monica Matia spoke of "MOMS House" which targets pregnant and postpartum women in recovery from substance use disorders, especially opioid use disorder.
- Residential Assistance Program (RAP) Mini-grants for Property Updates  
Ms. Allison Shaefer, Adult Behavioral Specialist II (Residential), reported on the RAP mini-grants for property updates and requested committee approval for a 2 month term extension with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) for the completion of the mini-grants project for Class 2 Residential facilities. Over 45 projects were completed with 3 properties still awaiting completion and receiving a "Peer Seal of Quality".
- Approval to Enter into a Contract with Murtis Taylor Human Services System for Outpatient Restoration Education  
Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, reported on Outpatient Restoration Education and requested committee approval to contract with Murtis Taylor Human Services System for \$126,000 to provide the educational component of their Outpatient Competency Restoration process.
- No-cost Extension for K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives  
Ms. Charde' Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, requested committee approval to authorize a No-cost Extension and Amendment to Resolution 20-07-03 for K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives so that 16 providers can continue the prevention work started last year in the upcoming school year.
- Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program (SURWSP)  
Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, requested committee approval to enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to act as administrator of the Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Pilot Program from July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2023. As of June 25, 2021, 49 employers are participating in this program.
- Surplus Personal Property Disposal  
Ms. Jessica Saker, Director of IT, requested committee approval for the Board to sell surplus computer and electronic equipment at a nominal cost to non-profit organizations serving the recovery and mental health communities. Recent upgrades to the Board's technology infrastructure resulted in surplus, unused equipment; and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12, the Board may sell personal property when it becomes unneeded or obsolete. Priority will be given to non-profit organizations serving the recovery and mental health community that have outdated technology and struggle to purchase new equipment.
- Review of New Policy Statement  
Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, presented a policy statement delineating a 6-month probationary period for new providers and programs to evaluate the ability to adequately perform the terms of their contract with the Board. The new policy statement will have two readings prior to full Board approval.

- Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Priorities Discussion

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Board's CY2022 Budget Priorities for discussion. The priorities were developed by reviewing last year's priorities, the Needs Assessment that was completed in May 2020, Recovery Ohio priorities, the OhioMHAS 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and the Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. After committee discussion, Mr. Osiecki emailed the list to all Board members and received input.

- SFY2021-2022 Community Plan Update

Mr. Osiecki also presented on the SFY2021-2022 Community Plan Update. He highlighted that this document will continue to be reviewed and updated prior to submission to OhioMHAS by Friday, August 13, 2021.

- Request for Issuance of Request for Proposals (RFP) for CY2022 Board Funded Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services

Mr. Osiecki requested committee approval to solicit and review proposals from local Behavioral Health and Recovery Support providers to serve the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County.

All requested action items were approved to move forward for full Board approval.

- New Business

Mr. Joe Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), followed-up on a Board member's question regarding programming statistics at the June meeting related to Frontline's Community Transition Program (CTP) Presentation. The data is 87% of those enrolled in the CTP are male, 12% are female, and 1% is transgender/female. For context, 7.5% of incarcerated persons in Ohio are female.

Ms. Rochema Crosby, from Community Assisted Restoration Services, introduced herself.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-01**  
**APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-07-01.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**NEW POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW:**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, reviewed a new policy statement titled Probationary Period for New Providers.

Mr. Osiecki reported that the correct title of this new policy statement is Probationary Period for New Providers and Programs.

Given this is a new policy statement being reviewed, a reading at two General Board Meetings is required prior to an official vote for adoption.

**7. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on July 21, 2021, and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Resolution Nos. 21-07-02 through 21-07-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-02**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MAY 2021**

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that relative to the Administrative Budget that was approved for CY2021 was \$6,518,555, and for May 2021, the total expenses were \$2,240,379.27; that is roughly 34% of the total Administrative Budget. She noted that five months of the year is roughly 42%. As a result, the Board has underspent by 8%. Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted that relative to the Administrative Budget during May, there was nothing unusual regarding the expenses incurred.

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Board's Voucher Report May 1 through May 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, May 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 May 2021, the Board has received \$54,891,222.08. 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 82% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in Quarter 1 (January through March 2021), the Board received revenues of \$49,678,209.04. In April 2021, the Board received revenues of \$2,505,731.84, and in May 2021, the Board received revenues of \$2,707,281.20. As a result, the total revenues thus far in 2021 total \$54,891,222.08.

The total expenditure budget does not include the Diversion Center or the Opiate Settlement. The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2021 reflect that May YTD Actual is \$23,839,573.91 that is roughly 33% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Rosenbaum noted that the Faith-based Services line item was overbudget by \$51,234.19; and was due to the addition of a provider agency, Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center, after the budget was determined.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January – May accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for May 2021 is \$8,291,033.88; and includes 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 May 2021 is \$23,839,573.91. Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted that the line-item Non-contractual Services reflects a total of \$75,000 paid during May 2021; and was identified as an annual payment to the AIDS Funding Collaborative. She also highlighted that the Total Provider Direct Services for April 2021 is \$2,786,782.94; while the total for May 2021 is \$7,288,180.17. This increase was due to several programs receiving their April 2021 and May 2021 payments during May 2021.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, May 2021 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 is \$2,100,674.75.

The Cash Flow Report, May 2021, shows the 2020 Actual, and YTD thru May 2021. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through May 2021 is \$60,226,107.79 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout the remainder of 2021.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD May 2021 YTD reflects a total of \$229,998.62 that was paid to Oriana House.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

- 1) Specialized Recovery Housing – \$438,000
  - MetroHealth System - \$60,122
  - Mommy and Me, Too! - \$143,758
  - Stella Maris - \$194,895
  - The Woodrow Project - \$39,225

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Specialized Recovery Housing was one of the initiatives that was identified from the additional levy funding. The term of these contracts is from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$438,000. The ADAMHS Board issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified substance use disorders (SUD) Recovery Housing providers to submit proposals for housing and recovery supports for specialized populations to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Women and their custodial children
- Fathers and their custodial children
- LBGTQ+ individuals
- Criminal Justice
- Pregnant women
- Non-English-speaking individuals
- Speech/hearing impaired
- Trauma informed human trafficking victims/survivors
- Dually diagnosed with mental health and SUD
- Individuals utilizing Medication Assisted Treatment

Specialized Recovery Housing is characterized as a safe healthy living environment that promotes abstinence from alcohol and drugs; and has the capacity to provide safe, supportive housing for the identified specialized populations. All housing services will be delivered in a culturally competent manner. Recovery Support services are provided, as well as relapse management and a wide variety of holistic health and wellness services.

MetroHealth MOMS House targets pregnant and postpartum (within 12 months) women in recovery from substance use disorders (especially opioid use disorder). Pregnant and postpartum women are particularly vulnerable in recovery due to the stressful demands of preparing for parenthood and parenting. This project will include LGBTQ+ individuals, bilingual or non-English-speaking clients, speech/hearing impaired clients, trauma informed/human trafficked victims, dual diagnosed clients and is Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) friendly.

Mommy and Me, Too! – The Family Ties Recovery Housing Initiative targets fathers and their custodial children who have a primary substance use disorder diagnosis or are dually diagnosed with mental health and substance use disorder. They are also MAT friendly.

Stella Maris/The Covent will provide supportive housing for clients who fall within the following target population; identify as female, 18 years of age or older; clients who are experiencing homelessness or who have been documented as being homeless; clients with dual diagnosis; clients who have experienced trauma and/or human trafficking; clients on MAT (Vivitrol); LGBTQ+ clients (there is a special track for treatment of these clients).

The Woodrow Project for Women will provide Recovery Housing for women who are LGBTQ+, Human trafficked Victims, Dual Diagnosed clients and will accommodate clients needing MAT.

- 2) Outpatient Competency Restoration Education
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - Estimated \$126,000

Outpatient Competency Restoration is designed for people with a mental health disorder or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders who are found incompetent to stand trial and are court-ordered to participate in competency restoration treatment. Senate Bill 2, which was signed into law by Governor DeWine on April 27, 2021, aims to improve access to and increase the quality of mental healthcare in Ohio by making reforms to Ohio's competency restoration procedure to allow nonviolent, misdemeanor offenders to receive competency restoration treatment in outpatient settings, rather than in the state psychiatric hospital. Allowing outpatient restoration treatment will help to ensure that state psychiatric hospital beds remain available for Ohioans suffering from serious mental illness.

OhioMHAS will provide a yet to be determined amount of funding to the Board for the educational component of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process. The estimated \$126,000 per year is based on the most recent available number of individuals who were involved in nonviolent misdemeanors deemed incompetent to stand trial admitted to Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare in SFY2019 – 35 individuals x \$3,600 per individual = \$126,000.

Murtis Taylor Human Services System staff will meet with individuals involved in nonviolent misdemeanors found incompetent to stand trial by the court to provide legal education as part of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process.

- 3) Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program (SURWSP) – Not to exceed \$200,000 per Quarter

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation administers the Safety and Hygiene Fund created under Ohio revised Code ("R.C.") 4121.37 for the investigation and prevention of industrial accidents and diseases. Payment of employer written policy development relating to substance use issues, legal review of employer policies relating to substance use issues, employee training, supervisor training, and employee drug testing to better manage and retain workers in recovery are incidental to and necessary for the prevention of industrial accidents and diseases and are in accordance with the purposes of the Safety and Hygiene Fund as state in R.C. 4121.37.

SURWSP is a pilot program providing funding to local ADAMHS Boards. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation will provide funding to the Board to assist employers in Cuyahoga County to hire, manage, and retain employees in recovery and promote a safe and healthy workforce.

- 4) OhioMHAS: Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) – \$441,906
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau/Applewood (Wingspan) - \$155,972
  - OhioGuidestone - \$168,511
  - Positive Education Program - \$117,423

The overarching goal of the WCM Initiative is to increase access to ECMH services by reducing expulsions and increasing retention in early learning settings. This will be achieved by the expansion of the ECMH Family Focused Consultation model to families as well as pediatric medical home settings, in addition to increasing work-force capacity through statewide trainings. The WCM Initiative is an effort to promote healthy social and emotional development and school readiness among children aged six, now expanded to age eight and younger through OhioMHAS.

The Board proposes to contract with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau, OhioGuidestone and Positive Education Program in the amount of \$441,906 for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

- 5) OhioMHAS: System of Care Treatment & Recovery Services for Youth (System of Care) – \$215,796
  - Catholic Charities - \$88,296
  - OhioGuidestone - \$127,500

The System of Care Program is a collaborative effort between OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) to provide continuity of care coordination and linkage for youth and young adults ages 14 to 25 re-entering the community from juvenile correctional institutions or other out-of-home placements. Approximately 50 clients will be served by Catholic Charities and 50 clients will be served by OhioGuidestone.

- 6) OhioMHAS: Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice (BH/CJ) Linkages Program
  - Recovery Resources - \$83,333

Recovery Resources received BHCJ funding for SFY2021 to provide services to inmates diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorders, or co-occurring disorders. This program and funding will continue in SFY2022. Recovery Resources will be awarded \$83,333 to provide the services with OhioMHAS funding through June 30, 2022.

- 7) OhioMHAS: Forensic Services – Pass Through Funds – \$259,608
  - Recovery Resources - \$87,608
  - Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$172,000

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the OhioMHAS pass-through funding provides for the facilitation of Second Opinion Evaluations by the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic for persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity who are hospitalized at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH) and determined discharge Ready. Recovery Resources serves as the Forensic Monitor in Cuyahoga County for the purpose of providing intensive community support services for persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity and granted Conditional Release.

- 8) OhioMHAS: Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention – Casino Grant – Pass Through Funds
  - Recovery Resources - \$207,608

Since 2013, the Board has received funding from OhioMHAS and the former Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) to provide support to Cuyahoga County regarding problem gambling and other addictions. Also, since 2013, Recovery Resources has been the sole provider for these dedicated funds, as they are certified to provide gambling prevention and treatment services for this target population.

- 9) OhioMHAS: Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure Funds – \$512,641
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau and Applewood - 26,481 (pooled)

- OhioGuidestone - \$486,160

OhioMHAS has provided Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds to the Board since July 2019 to enhance the Board's crisis continuum. Crisis funds were allocated to the Board to help meet the needs of individuals and families as they arise to prevent or stabilize a substance use disorder or mental health crisis.

- 10) OhioMHAS: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Services – Pass Through Funds – \$2,524,838

OhioMHAS issues pass-through Notice of Awards to the Board for various programs each fiscal year. All programs listed are 100% funded with the exception of Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS) (Therapeutic Community) - \$59,019 of the \$157,570 contract amount is Board funded and Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (Drug Court) - \$82,590 of the \$220,500 contract amount is Board funded.

- 11) OhioMHAS: Mental Health Court Program (MHCP) – \$10,345

- Cleveland Municipal Court - \$5,172.50
- South Euclid Municipal Court - \$5,172.50

In June 2020, OhioMHAS announced a Request for Information (RFI) for \$150,000 in MHCP funds, available to a total of 31 eligible Certified Mental Health dockets throughout the state. The award for each docket was to be \$5,000 to \$10,000, based on the number of awardees. Both eligible Mental Health Courts in Cuyahoga County were awarded funds of \$5,172.50. Cleveland Municipal Court Mental Health Court anticipates serving 75 clients. South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court (F.R.E.E. Docket) anticipates serving 20-30 clients. The MHCP funds behavioral health treatment and recovery support services to clients that are involved with selected Mental Health dockets.

- 12) Camera and Access System Replacement/Upgrade

- Silco Fire & Security - \$31,230

The current camera system and access control system are 12+ years old and continue to experience functionality issues. The recording function has ceased to operate which could potentially yield a liability. The Board's current security system equipment is outdated and unable to be remedied, therefore, new equipment is needed. Because of logistical changes in the workspace areas for staff, additional door readers and locks will also be necessary.

- 13) Sponsorships:

- Edna House Race for Recovery, October 3, 2021 - \$1,000

- o The Edna House Race for Recovery will take place at Edgewater Park on Sunday, October 3, 2021. The goal for the race is to raise funds for the continuation of Edna House programs, build awareness about recovery for women in a sober living environment, as well as addiction issues throughout the community.
- o The mission of the Edna House is to offer long-term, structured sober living and education to women seeking recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol. This mission is accomplished by a program that is available without regard for ability to pay and is designed by women who are committed to helping other women get sober and restore them to their vital roles in the community.
- o As a Gold Sponsor, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County will receive the following:
  - ❖ ADAMHS Board name included in e-newsletter
  - ❖ Small Logo placement on T-shirt and event signage
  - ❖ Six race entries and T-shirts
  - ❖ ADAMHS Board name included in post-event email to all participants and donors.

- Community Solutions Health and Human Services Celebration, October 22, 2021 - \$500

- o The Center for Community Solutions is hosting the 2021 Celebration of Human Services virtually on October 22, 2021, for which the ADAMHS Board is requesting to purchase a Non-profit Organization (NPO) Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.



- The 2021 Celebration of Human Services will highlight nonpartisan human services-related issues, research, analysis, and recommendations regarding public policy including mental health and the justice system. These issues are important to the Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care and to the ADAMHS Board as we advocate on behalf of clients.
- This will be our third year as a sponsor (2018, 2019, 2021).
- As an NPO sponsor, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County will be:
  - ❖ Listed as a sponsor on all marketing materials for the event and in the Center for Community Solutions' 2021 Annual Report.
  - ❖ ADAMHS Board name will be displayed during the event presentation (The presentation will be available on YouTube and may be viewed multiple times after the original event).
- Sponsoring this conference will:
  - ❖ Complement the ADAMHS Board mission, vision, value statements, strategic plan, and/or Advocacy Action Agenda.
  - ❖ Not be political in nature, except for general advocacy events/efforts to raise awareness and funding for behavioral health services.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**
  - 1) Amendment to Resolution No. 21-02-03, Residential Assistance Program (RAP) Mini-grants for Property Updates
    - Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) – No-cost Term Extension

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that an extension of the contracted term with EDEN, Inc., project manager, for the completion of the mini-grants project for property improvements of Board contracting Class 2 Residential Facilities for an additional two months is being requested.

- 2) Amendment to Resolution No. 20-07-03, K-12 Prevention Education Initiatives – No-cost Term Extension

Under the leadership of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the RecoveryOhio initiative, OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Education have collaborated to distribute funds to support Prevention Education for K-12 students. This state partnership empowered local communities in their efforts to help children build resilience and reduce risk factors that contribute to the development of behavioral health conditions. This critical investment assisted communities with the goal of providing evidence-informed prevention services for every child, in every grade, in every school. The ADAMHS Board has worked with each district to distribute funds and plan programs for K-12 Prevention Education Services. Due to COVID-19, Board staff and providers are requesting a no-cost extension to continue the prevention work started last year in the upcoming school year.

- 3) Amendment to Resolution No. 18-10-04, Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP) Public Safety and Public Health Information-sharing Partnerships Grant – No-cost Term Extension

In 2018, the Board received a three-year grant totaling \$932,233 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, as part of its COAP Public Safety and Public Health Information-sharing Partnerships grant program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, progress on the grant was delayed and an estimated \$320,000 was projected to remain unspent at the end of the original grant period. The Board applied for a no-cost, one year grant extension from the U.S. Department of Justice, which was approved.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 21-07-02 through 21-07-04).** MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

## **8. CY2022 BOARD PRIORITIES DISCUSSION**

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Board sets and approves priorities for funding of behavioral health treatment, prevention and recovery services to ensure that available dollars fund the best and most necessary services to support recovery. Although the Board strives to fund all providers and programs, staff recommends that responses to the CY2022 funding Request for Proposal (RFP) should be reviewed based on the priorities, provider/program metrics from CY2019, CY2020 and the first six months of CY2021, workforce status, cultural composition of leadership and financial health of the agency.

As part of the CY2022 priority setting process and a means of reflecting community input, Board staff reviewed the Board's CY2019/2020 priorities, the Board's Needs Assessment that was completed in May 2020, RecoveryOhio priorities, OhioMHAS's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and the Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. Mr. Osiecki presented the recommended priorities that were also presented and discussed in ranked order during the Board's July Planning and Oversight committee meeting:

1. Quality, collaborative, culturally competent, culturally appropriate and evidence-based diverse behavioral health, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County
2. High Quality Housing including Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) for adults with mental illness, Sober and Recovery Housing certified with National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, and Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) that meet State and National Residential Care and Assisted Living Regulations and Policies
3. Mental Health Residential Treatment
4. Community and Crisis Residential Services for both children and adults
5. Care Responder Teams
6. Trauma Informed Care Treatment, Recovery and Prevention Services
7. Harm reduction efforts and strategies
8. Wrap-around Behavioral Health Services for Youth
9. Recovery Supports and Services to Transitional Youth
10. Recovery and treatment Services to Specialized Populations
11. 24 Hours/Seven Days per Week Access for mental health and addiction treatment services, for adults and children, with in-person services delivered wherever possible
12. Peer Support for mental health and addiction, including innovative programs in Adult Care Facilities and Recovery Housing
13. Prevention and early intervention programs and campaigns for mental health and addiction across the lifespan for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, using both traditional and innovative approaches in the community such as Faith-based programming
14. Employment programs
15. Inpatient and Ambulatory/Outpatient Detoxification Services
16. Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction Disorders
17. Transportation for clients to keep mental health and addiction treatment appointments

Mr. Osiecki reported that once the full Board approves the CY2022 priorities and authorizes the release of the RFP for CY2022 Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services, the RFP will be released on Thursday, July 29, 2021. Mr. Osiecki also provided a detailed timeline from the release of the RFP to Board review in October and final funding decisions during the November Board meeting cycle.

Mr. Osiecki reported that staff will be looking at the workforce status of each agency that replies to the RFP and that specific questions will be had within the RFP and budget regarding the full staff compliment of each program presented, in addition to questions regarding program implementation without a full continuum of staff. Mr. Osiecki also noted that the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Task Force suggested that the Board forward a survey to provider agencies in order to obtain a snapshot of workforce in the provider network as it stands at a moment in time to gain a full understanding of the workforce issue and seek a long-term solution.

The RFP for CY2022 Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services will also contain questions regarding culturally competent, culturally appropriate and evidence-based diverse behavioral health, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County. Through these questions, Board staff will be able to obtain baseline data regarding cultural diversity at the provider agency level; and provide technical assistance through future program reviews and recommendations to assist provider agencies become more culturally competent.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-05  
APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2022 BOARD FUNDING PRIORITIES**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-07-05.** MOTION: J. Olsen / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-06  
APPROVAL OF SFY2021 AND 2022 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

The ADAMHS Board is required by Ohio law to prepare and submit to OhioMHAS, a Community Plan that describes the current conditions and issues in our region, in addition to identified priorities for treatment and recovery support services and prevention services. The ADAMHS Board's SFY2021 and 2022 Community Plan is an important component of recent Ohio Revised Code requirements for the provision of mandatory Essential Service Elements. OhioMHAS will evaluate the Board's Community Plan for compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. The Board submitted the SFY2021-2022 Community Plan to OhioMHAS in September 2020. OhioMHAS is requesting an updated document to report on the status of progress made on the Community Plan and updates on the priorities identified. This plan is due to OhioMHAS by Friday, August 13, 2021.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-07-06.** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-07  
AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CY2022 BOARD FUNDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES**

The ADAMHS Board of Directors may issue an RFP upon the request of staff regarding community mental health and substance use disorder service needs. Previous RFP processes enabled the staff to review programmatic, clinical, performance outcomes and financial information regarding every service provider which submitted a response and served as a valuable basis upon which to making funding recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors. Staff would like the opportunity to again utilize the RFP process for CY2022 Board funded Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services and seeks permission to issue the RFP in order to solicit information from providers. Staff recommends and requests that the Board of Directors approves the issuance of the RFP for CY2022 Board funded Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 21-07-07.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, J. Olsen, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

## **9. 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Mr. Osiecki stated that the ADAMHS Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan positions the Board and its service delivery system for success in a continually changing and increasingly demanding behavioral healthcare environment and includes the following six goals: 1) Strengthening Service Delivery System, 2) Measuring Impact, 3) Maximizing Available Funding, 4) Maintaining a High Performing Organization, 5) Strengthening Behavioral Health Workforce, and 6) Sharing Information. This plan is a living document that will be modified with the ever-changing environment, reviewed and updated as needed with periodic updates provided to the ADAMHS Board of Directors on the goals achieved and progress made on the plan.

Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a detailed review of each of the six goals outlined in the Board's 5 Year Strategic Plan by sharing an extensive list of activities and progress made on each of the identified goals during the last quarter. (The 5 Year Strategic Plan Quarterly Update is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

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

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

- **Diversion Center Update:**

- To date, there have been 33 admissions to the Diversion Center from 17 different law enforcement divisions.
- Police departments/districts include:
  - Cleveland
  - Beachwood
  - Brooklyn
  - Cleveland Heights
  - Berea
  - Broadview Heights
  - Cleveland State University (CSU)
  - Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
  - East Cleveland
  - Fairview Park
  - Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA)
  - Shaker Heights
  - Solon
  - South Euclid
  - Strongsville
  - University Circle
  - 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, July 16, 2021.
- Board staff continue to meet regularly with the County, County Consultants, Oriana House, FrontLine Service and University Hospital (UH) staff.
- As of Wednesday, June 30, 2021, the Board has trained 410 participants from 45 law enforcement departments.
- Board Executive Staff and the leadership of Oriana House attended the first meeting of the County Diversion Board on Thursday, July 22, 2021.
- Dr. Akram Boutros, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of MetroHealth, was selected as Chair and Ms. Crystal Bryant Esq., MS, LSW, Executive Director of the NAACP, was selected as Vice Chair of the County Diversion Board.
- There is a total of 9 members on the County Diversion Board. These members include the following: Ms. Brandy Carney, Mr. Bill Mason, Cleveland Department of Police (CDP) Chief Calvin Williams, Ms. Donna Weinberger, Ms. Joan Englund, Ms. Christine Julian and Dr. Ted Parran.
- The next County Diversion Center meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021.
- Also, on Thursday, July 22, 2021, Board Executive Staff and leadership staff of Oriana House participated in a Future Diversion Program Planning discussion with the architect hired by the County.

- **Racism is a Public Health Crisis Update:**

- The Eliminating Structural Racism Work Group met on Monday, July 12, 2021.
- The featured speakers included Mr. Daryl Turpin and Mr. Guy Wheeler of Pinwheel Group. They discussed culturally specific programs and policy changes that would benefit individuals involved in the justice system.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021, at 1 pm.
- Mr. Archie Green of NAMI Greater Cleveland will be sharing his personal mental health journey.
- On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, the Board released a revised Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a consultant to provide diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) assessment and planning services. There will be a bidders' conference on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 12:30 pm and the deadline for responses is Friday, August 20, 2021.
- Board staff hope to bring a recommendation to the Board in the September meeting cycle.

- **Behavioral Health Workforce Development Task Force:**

- On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Executive Staff met with 10 providers for the Board's second Behavioral Health (BH) Workforce Development Task Force.
- Committee members reviewed a draft of a short survey that will be sent to ADAMHS Board providers. The survey was recommended by the Task Force to get a baseline on salaries, benefits, number and types of positions needed, why staff are leaving, etc.

- The survey should be out in early August.
- Board Executive Staff met on Friday July 9, 2021, with consultants that are working with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), regarding a program called Careers Connects. They have been working on this initiative for the past two years and plan to implement over the next couple of months.
- This initiative is for grades 6 through 12 and will contain different areas of focus related to career development for CMSD students. Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated that they are interested in a focus on the Behavioral Health workforce.
- Board staff will be working on a video project that will feature real people explaining why they chose a career in behavioral healthcare.
- The committee will meet monthly. The next meeting is at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, via Zoom.
- **Methadone Program Update:**
  - Executive staff participated in a meeting on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, with OhioMHAS and a Methadone Provider that we do not contract with for service that is at risk of losing its license.
  - The provider is working through an appeal process with OhioMHAS and also working on correcting findings.
- **All Provider Meeting:**
  - The Board held an All Provider meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, via Zoom, and introduced the providers to Mr. Anthony Henderson, Chief Compliance Officer. Mr. Henderson outlined the compliance assessment process.
  - The providers were reminded to complete their 2021 6-month Outcomes Report, which is due in the near future.
  - Discussion was had regarding the CY2022 funding RFP.
  - Ms. Martina Moore and her associates from John Carroll, provided a presentation on interns that are available to work with our providers.
  - The next All Provider meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021.
- **COVID-19 Update:**
  - **Substance Use Disorder (SUD):**
    - Residential providers report a continued increase in their admissions.
    - Many treatment providers have reported seeing an increase in clients seeking treatment for alcohol abuse.
    - Recovery Housing providers are split on allowing visitors. Several are allowing sponsors and visits with children.
    - Many recovery housing providers reported that they are starting to see an increase in admissions.
  - **Children & Adolescent Programs:**
    - Applewood's male crisis stabilization beds closed admissions due to low staffing. They report success in finding candidates since increasing the starting salary, but federal and state background checks are backed up which delays the hiring process. New hires are anticipated to begin in August.
    - Bellefaire's MH crisis stabilization beds are operational despite low staffing. The MH/DD crisis stabilization beds closed admissions due to cottage renovations.
  - **Peer Support Services:**
    - Peer Run Organizations continue to provide in-person services which resumed in June.
    - Peer support services continue to be available in person at provider agencies and virtually.
    - OhioMHAS Online 40-Hour Peer Recovery Supporter Training hosted by the Board is scheduled in August and September.
  - **Prevention - SUD & School-Based:**
    - Hispanic UMADOAP has hired new prevention staff and are currently training to onboard and provide services.
  - **Adult Behavioral Health Services:**

- Providers queried as to their monitoring of the Delta Variant have advised that, while they maintain a close eye on trends, no services have been impacted nor have any plans to return to pre-covid services been altered.
  - FrontLine Service has resumed case manager transportation of clients and afternoon office hours. They have also returned to doing in-person psychiatry appointments for most clients.
- **Staff Update:**
    - Mr. Ryan Gongaware started 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 started 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.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Erskine Cade encouraged all in attendance to review Senate Bill (SB) 176, which will legalize and regulate sports gaming across all spectrums. He highlighted that once this bill is passed in September 2021, an increase in gambling addiction will transpire across the State of Ohio.

Mr. Cade also stated that a provision was placed in the State Budget Bill to allow county auditors to increase the taxes on low income properties across the State; and was successful in putting this into a conference committee for review, in addition to providing recommendations in one year, to potentially go forth with lowering the federal guidelines on subsidies that are given to low income properties.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that a special election to fill the seat representing Ohio's 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021; and encouraged everyone in this district to vote.

## **12. AUDIENCE INPUT**

Mr. Tilicki reiterated his request that an investigation regarding PEP's practices be completed by the Board. Rev. Gohlstin stated that Board staff will provide due diligence to ensure a resolution is reached. Mr. Osiecki reported that Mr. Hebble has been asked to assist with this request.

## **13. UPCOMING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: September 1, 2021
- Joint Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: September 22, 2021
- General Meeting: September 29, 2021
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: October 6, 2021
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: October 20, 2021
- General Meeting: October 27, 2021

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.***

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

**Approved by:**

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