

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

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2021

**PRESENT:** Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Board Chair, Bishara W. Addison, Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Steve Killpack, MS, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

**ABSENT:** Ashwani Bhardwaj, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Erskine Cade, MBA, Elsie Caraballo, Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Arnett, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, June Hudson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Beth Pfohl, Vicki Roemer, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Larry Smith, Jr., Michael Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin Gohlstin, Sr., called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

### 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 4, 2020 and the Joint Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committee minutes of September 22, 2021 were approved as submitted.

*[Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, arrived.]*

### 4. **SFY2023-2028 COMMUNITY CAPITAL PLAN**

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the State Fiscal Year (SFY)2023-2028 Community Capital Plan identifies requests for capital projects that benefit Mental Health and Alcohol and/or Other Drug (AOD) clients with an emphasis on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Supportive Housing and other program space that complements a full continuum of care. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) issued a notice to all Boards on Friday, September 10, 2021, that it is in the process of preparing the next six year capital plan for submission to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM). OhioMHAS will use the local system's capital plan submission to develop the community section of its capital plan request to OBM. All Boards that anticipate requesting capital funds at any time in the next six years must submit a Capital Plan to OhioMHAS. The Capital Plan includes a project worksheet form for each individual project.

Providers submitted proposed projects to the ADAMHS Board and staff reviewed and prioritized projects according to ADAMHS Board priorities. Information submitted by providers that included other funds leveraged, client and/or family member involvement and project readiness were considered in the prioritization process. OhioMHAS does not anticipate receiving capital appropriations to sufficiently fund all projects in the State. The ADAMHS Board's Community Capital Plan and prioritization of projects can be amended each SFY as needed and requested by OhioMHAS.

Mr. Osiecki reported that the projects included in the SFY2023-2028 Community Capital Plan reflect areas of needs that align with the Board's Community and Strategic Plans. He stated that Board funding is not required and that OhioMHAS funding is to be used for capital construction and/or renovation. Third party funding is provided through the requesting agency.

**Motion for ratification of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's submission of the SFY2023-2028 Community Capital Plan to OhioMHAS that was due and submitted on October 14, 2021 to the full Board.** MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum // AYES: B. Addison, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

### 5. **SUPPORT OF OHIOMHAS COMMUNITY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR NEAR WEST SIDE MULTI-SERVICE CORPORATION D.B.A. MAY DUGAN CENTER (MDC): (MH-1220)**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, reported that as requested by OhioMHAS, the ADAMHS Board approved and submitted a SFY2021-2026 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 PSH. OhioMHAS Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board to assure the building will be used for the purpose described in the Application unless written authorization is obtained from OhioMHAS. The OhioMHAS Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board 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 resolution from the ADAMHS Board to reaffirm and provide support for PROJECT MH-1220: May Dugan Center.

Mr. Jun reported that May Dugan Center provides counseling, adult education, addiction treatment, food and clothing, victim services and infant mortality case management at its facility located at 4115 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. It will be renovating and expanding its facility, including update of the building systems (HVAC, elevators, electrical, etc.), renovation of the existing 27,500 sq ft building to provide an accessible, welcoming, and therapeutic environment for programs, and 4,500 sq ft expansion to meet current and future programming needs. Mr. Andy Trares, Deputy Director of May Dugan Center, was present to answer any questions.

**Motion for approval of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to reaffirm support for ADAMHS Board SFY2021-2026 Community Capital Plan funding for PROJECT MH-1220: May Dugan Center to the full Board.** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: B. Addison, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

## **6. FINANCE REPORTS**

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported that relative to the Administrative Budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 was \$6,518,555, and for September 2021, the total expenses were \$4,084,941.70; that is roughly 63% of the total Administrative Budget. She noted that nine months of the year is roughly 75%. As a result, the Board has underspent by 12%. She reported that there are a few individual line items that have overspent; however, no identified categories have overspent. Ms. Harrison highlighted that relative to Board Voucher Report for September 2021, the expenses identified are typical monthly expenses.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, September 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 \$71,346,510.98; and through the end of September 2021, the Board has received \$65,790,566.09. 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. Harrison reported that 92% 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 and in Quarter 2 (April through June 2021), the Board received revenues of \$7,425,347.70. In July 2021, the Board received revenues of \$1,138,598.95, in August 2021, the Board received revenues of \$4,476,992.99, and in September 2021, the Board received revenues of \$3,071,417.41. As a result, the total revenues thus far in 2021 total \$65,790,566.09. Ms. Harrison highlighted that the August 2021 revenues are higher than the July revenues due to the receipt of some state fiscal year funding.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2021 reflect that September YTD Actual is \$43,831,230.58 that is roughly 57% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Harrison noted that the Diversion Center's expenditures are reflected on this report.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January – September 2021 includes administrative accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for July 2021 is \$5,788,522.14, August 2021 is \$2,605,011.32 and September is \$5,297,196.70; and includes the ADAMHS Board's Administration, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant, the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant and Other Grants. The total expenditures through the end of September 2021 is \$41,592,313.39. Ms. Harrison highlighted that the total salaries for September 2021, \$263,498.21, were lower than August 2021, \$280,962.37, due to the expense adjustments for the Diversion Center salaries within the Diversion Center account.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, September 2021 YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the OOD Grant, Other Grants and SOR Grant. The total expenditures for grants YTD is \$3,909,470.84.

The Cash Flow Report, September 2021 shows the 2020 Actual, and YTD thru September 2021. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through September 2021 is \$51,133,795.13 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout the remainder of 2021.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD September 2021 YTD reflects a total of \$2,238,917.19.

Ms. Harrison reported that the Opioid Settlement Expenditures Budget is \$10,501,207 and for quarter 3 2021, ending September 30, 2021, the total expenses were \$6,359,443; that is roughly 61% of the total Opioid Settlement Expenditures Budget. She noted that these contracts are slated to end February 28, 2022; and stated that the Board is working with Cuyahoga County to determine what will occur after February 28, 2022.

**Motion to recommend approval of the Board Voucher and Expenditure Reports for September 2021 to the full Board.**

MOTION: M. Rodas / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: B. Addison, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**7. CONTRACTS**

Ms. Harrison highlighted agenda process sheets for agreements listed below, answered questions and provided clarification for committee members.

- a. State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 Grant – \$2,709,527.95
  - 12 Step Life/Ethel Hardy House - \$137,087
  - Ascent - \$118,461.42
  - B. Riley Homes - \$159,892.80
  - Briermost Foundation - \$148,614.67
  - Griffin Family Homes - \$116,446.45
  - I'm In Transition - \$155,552
  - MetroHealth Medical System - \$280,000
  - Mommy and Me, Too! - \$299,950.31
  - NORA (Peer Support) - \$98,000
  - NORA (Recovery Housing) - \$127,010.88
  - NORA (Women's Recovery Housing) - \$121,424.90
  - Point of Freedom Peer Support - \$297,310
  - Recovery First Housing - \$145,665
  - Thrive - \$100,488
  - White Butterfly Peer Support (Woodrow) - \$65,986
  - Women of Hope - \$141,377.92
  - Woodrow Project (Peer Support) - \$58,813
  - Woodrow Project (Recovery Housing) - \$137,447.60

Ms. Harrison reported that OhioMHAS has received a second, biannual SOR award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This is being referred to as State Opioid Response (SOR) grants 2.0, Year 02. The Ohio SOR 2.0 Project focuses on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare for persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorders. OhioMHAS is partnering with local ADAMHS boards to implement treatment and recovery programs that expand access to Medication Assisted-Treatment (MAT), as well as access to housing and peer support for those with OUD, or a history of opioid overdose or stimulant use disorders.

The Board has partnered with the providers listed above to expand access to MAT and recovery support services to persons in Cuyahoga County with OUD and stimulant use disorders. The SOR programs provide direct access to MAT, housing (including housing for women with minor children, people of color and the LGBTQ community) and outreach and peer support for persons struggling with OUD or stimulant disorders. All providers may serve clients using MAT. Providers are required to report client-level data using the SAMHSA Government Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) Tool; data collection is monitored by the OhioMHAS SOR evaluation contractor. Clients are interviewed at intake, and six months post intake.

- b. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program
  - FrontLine Service - \$451,119.12

The PATH program goal is a harm reduction approach for the provision of support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, connecting the individual to housing, behavioral health services, and community resources. Federal requirements for the PATH program stipulate that its purpose is to transition individuals by being a short-term outreach and engagement initiative. Once a client agrees to be linked or referred to services, the client becomes enrolled. Once the referral is made to a community mental health agency, the client begins to receive services from the agency provider. Outreach services are conducted in the streets, under bridges, in parks or abandoned cars and buildings in Cuyahoga County. Once stabilized, the enrolled client is transitioned to community mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction provider agencies for ongoing services and community reintegration. FrontLine Service is the ADAMHS Board provider of homeless services, is the only PATH provider in Cuyahoga County, and has annually received PATH pass-through dollars since 1993.

- c. Youth-Led Prevention Funding for the Teen Institute Program
  - Recovery Resources - \$22,474

Youth-Led Prevention is a planned sequence of activities that, through the practice and application of evidence-based prevention principles, policies, practices, strategies and programs, is intended to inform, educate, develop skills, alter risk behaviors, affect environmental factors and/or provide referrals to other services. The purpose of the Teen Institute program is to build leadership skills in teens and reinforce the decision to be drug-free. The Teen Institute provides adolescent leaders with tools and information regarding high risk behaviors, and then engages them in designing and delivering programming for their peers that uses this knowledge to shape behavior change. Peer Prevention is provided through healthy drug-free lifestyles by having students participate in programs and activities that provide safe environments and positive adult involvement. The students are positive peer role models for younger students to demonstrate that they are a needed and valuable part of the program.

Since 1981, Recovery Resources' Teen Institute's overall goal encourages students from Cuyahoga County to participate in training opportunities throughout the year in order to learn how to effectively implement prevention programs. These trainings are highly effective; as students engage in activities that increase Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) knowledge and as mentioned above, learn leadership skills to become positive peer role models in their schools and communities.

- d. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose to Action Grant Funds (OD2A) from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBOH) – \$84,782

The CDC has awarded the CCBOH an OD2A grant. OD2A is a three-year cooperative funding agreement that focuses on the complex nature of the opioid overdose epidemic. The funding addresses the need for an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and cohesive public health approach. These funds support the CCBOH in obtaining high-quality, comprehensive, and timely data on overdose morbidity and mortality to inform prevention, response, and linkage efforts. The project is designed to ensure that the CCBOH has the data to inform its prevention and response efforts to combat the opioid addiction crisis. CDC funding does not support direct treatment services.

The CCBOH selected the ADAMHS Board as a partner to share its expertise in the field of substance abuse and in training community members, specifically public safety forces. The ADAMHS Board will continue to leverage its experience working with persons with OUD, and families of overdose (OD) victims, through the work of the OD2A OUD Specialist. This individual represents the ADAMHS Board on the Opioid Fatality Review Committee, attending monthly meetings for case review. If COVID restrictions remain, this staff member will conduct interviews with survivors and surviving family members who provide consent, via telephone rather than in person. This aggregated data will assist in prioritizing recommendations, developing solutions, implementing action plans, and monitoring progress in addressing the opioid epidemic locally. Also, in year three, the ADAMHS Board will continue to provide education on OUD and community resources for public safety personnel during CIT trainings.

- e. Learning Collaborative Focused on School-based Behavioral Health Services – \$225,000
  - Brookline Center for Community Mental Health – Not to exceed \$150,000
  - Agency Providers – \$75,000

The Woodruff Foundation will convene a learning collaborative focused on school-based behavioral health. Teams of school personnel and their community-based behavioral health provider partners will work together to develop and implement culturally competent behavioral health prevention and intervention programming for students. The Woodruff Foundation will manage the learning collaborative and monitor its outcomes. Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT), a program of the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health, will facilitate the learning collaborative. BRYT will conduct the learning collaborative during the 2021-2022 academic year. The ADAMHS Board will serve as the fiscal agent and as such will be the grantee and recipient of the pooled foundation funding. The ADAMHS Board will assist in publicizing and promoting the learning collaborative.

- f. Recovery Housing Initiative - \$18,041.80
  - 12 Step Recovery/Ethel Hardy House - \$14,341.80
  - Recovery Resources-Monarch House - \$3,700

The Recovery Housing Initiative funding has been issued to the ADAMHS Board on an annual basis. For SFY2022 the ADAMHS Board was awarded \$45,900 for rental assistance for Recovery Housing residents in need. This request represents additional funding for the Recovery Housing Initiative. In previous years, the funding has also been used to assist providers obtain their Ohio Recovery Housing certification.

The ADAMHS Board was approved by OhioMHAS for additional Recovery Housing Initiative funds for SFY2022. The additional funding is to be used for rent, operational costs, and minor repairs/renovation. 12 Step Recovery-Ethel Hardy House and Recovery Resources-Monarch House will be recipients of this allocation. Ethel Hardy House will use the funding for rent of residents with alcohol use disorder who can't afford to pay and utilities. Monarch House will use funds for upgrades to their residents' bedrooms and living room area.

- g. OhioMHAS: Community Transition Program (CTP)
  - FrontLine Service - \$700,440.71

CTP connects individuals with behavioral health issues that are being released from prison to behavioral health services in the community. This program provides support and assistance to improve each person's ability to successfully reintegrate back into the community and provides direct treatment services prior to (in-reach) and upon release. In-reach is recommended when possible as it increases engagement post-release. This program also provides recovery supports that help eliminate barriers to treatment and reentry and are specific to the participant's needs. A recovery support is a form of assistance intended to help an individual with mental health needs, or a member of the family of such an individual, to initiate and sustain the individual's recovery. Common recovery supports might include, but are not limited to housing, employment services, peer recovery support, transportation, life skills, spiritual support, and other reentry needs. Lastly, this program provides a variety of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery services.

FrontLine Service is the sole provider of the CTP, formerly referred to as the Mental Health Prison Reentry, for the adult prison population who are returning to Cuyahoga County. CTP started as a pilot program with FrontLine Service in July

2018 and expanded to include referrals to those in need of SUD treatment and services in 2019. OhioMHAS approved carryover funds from the SFY2021 allocation of \$300,440.71 to be used in conjunction with the SFY2022 allocation of \$400,000 for the program.

- h. OhioMHAS: Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) – Court Administrative Funds – \$54,393
  - Cleveland Municipal Drug Court - \$16,663
  - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Recovery Drug Court - \$17,139
  - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Drug Court (SFY21 Q3) - \$10,236
  - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Drug Court - \$10,355

The ADAMHS Board received authorization from OhioMHAS to make lump sum payments of administrative funds to local courts involved in the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP). OhioMHAS determined the dollar amounts based on the number of ATP clients served by each court. It is estimated up to 500 clients may receive ATP services through these courts in SFY22.

Per OhioMHAS, these funds may be utilized at the court's discretion. The funds are intended to assist courts in serving more clients and covering staff time for collaboration with other agencies involved in the ATP, notifying Managed Care Plans, paperwork, and other responsibilities related to serving ATP clients.

- i. The Metanoia Project Homelessness Supports (Special Projects) - \$25,000

The Metanoia Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to combating the vicious cycle of homelessness in Cleveland. Since 2007, they have provided overnight hospitality including: sleeping accommodations, showers, meals, clothing and medical care to unsheltered homeless in Cleveland. The goal of the organization is to combat homelessness by creating supportive and healing community environments and access to resources. The primary overall goal is harm reduction and relationship building. The Metanoia Project conducts weekly educational sessions on mental health and substance use disorder management for participants; and the Operations Facilitator and Outreach Specialist actively connect and link to other supports and treatment providers.

This season, The Metanoia Project will start with two locations: one confirmed at Franklin Circle Church; second location is to be determined. The Metanoia Project also plans to expand and offer day programming during the summer of 2022.

- j. AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) Renewal Funding
  - The Center for Community Solutions (Fiscal Sponsor of the AFC) - \$150,000

The mission of the AFC is to strengthen the community's response to HIV/AIDS, as a public/private partnership providing coordination, leadership, advocacy, and funding in Greater Cleveland. The AFC is a funding partnership that includes private philanthropic funders, government agencies, medical professionals, community organizations, and people living with HIV/AIDS. AFC funding partners include: ADAMHS Board; Cuyahoga County; Cleveland Department of Public Health; The Cleveland Foundation; The George Gund Foundation; and The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation.

Since its inception in 1994, the AFC has leveraged and invested over \$13 million to support HIV/AIDS-related prevention efforts, care and services, training and evaluation activities in Greater Cleveland. The ADAMHS Board has been a funding partner of the AFC since 2006 - leveraging funds to amplify results related to strategic HIV prevention and care including services for mental health, addiction and harm reduction strategies related to intravenous drug use, in addition to transportation, housing, and employment support. The ADAMHS Board's presence and expertise as a collaborative partner promotes the critical need for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The ADAMHS Board has two votes in decision-making, with both a Board member and a staff member sitting on the AFC Advisory Committee.

- k. Suicide Prevention Coalition Advertising Campaign
  - Fox 8 WJW - \$50,400

A suicide prevention advertising campaign was approved as a priority item in the request to Cuyahoga County Council for the \$4.1 Million addition to the ADAMHS Board's ongoing base allocation. The Cuyahoga County Suicide Prevention Coalition's Campaign Committee partnered with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation to run the "Life is Better With You Here" campaign targeted to African-American and Black youth and adults, in the timeframe of May until September of this year. As part of the "Life is Better With You Here" suicide prevention campaign, the ADAMHS Board ran television advertising with Fox 8 from June 1 to September 30, 2021. Fox 8 produced eight strong testimonial commercials featuring members of our community, including Pastor Kyle Earley, Archie Green of NAMI Greater Cleveland, and Charde' Hollins from staff, who is also Chair of the Suicide Prevention Coalition. The advertising package also included a live interview on New Day Cleveland. Because of the success of the first phase of advertising, the ADAMHS Board would like to continue Fox 8 advertising from November 2021 to May 2022.

**Motion to recommend approval of Contracts (as listed above) to the full Board.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: B. Addison, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: M. Rodas / **Motion passed.**

## 8. **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

- a. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-09-06, Specialized Docket Support – SFY2022 – \$535,000
  - Cleveland Municipal Court - \$200,000
  - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - \$210,000
  - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court-Juvenile Division - \$80,000
  - South Euclid Municipal Court - \$45,000

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. This amendment is necessary to include an additional Specialized Docket identified by OhioMHAS and to include the amount for that docket. The primary legislative intent of these funds is to assist courts with their payroll costs for specialized docket staff.

The Board requested to amend Resolution No. 21-09-06 to add an additional Specialized Docket identified by OhioMHAS in the amount of \$75,000, and to approve agreements with the above-named courts for Specialized Docket support in the amounts designated for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Mr. Harvey Snider reported that there are a number of Municipal Courts throughout Cuyahoga County and only four Municipal Courts are receiving OhioMHAS funding for Specialized Docket support. As a result, he inquired as to whether Board staff is reaching out to other Municipal Courts to see whether they can have or implement specialized dockets. Mr. Osiecki responded that OhioMHAS determines which Municipal Courts receive funding for Specialized Dockets. He stated that there is a process that Municipal Courts must follow in order to be certified; and each of the courts make their own decision regarding this matter.

Rev. Gohstin suggested that Mr. Snider, Ms. Bishara Addison and identified Board staff discuss this matter further to determine whether an educational aspect is needed to advise Municipal Courts that these funds are available.

- b. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-07-03, OhioMHAS Crisis Funding – \$547,141
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau and Applewood - \$26,481 (pooled)
  - OhioGuidestone - \$486,160
  - Cornell University/RCCP - \$34,500

OhioMHAS provided Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds to the Board starting in July 2019 to enhance the Board's crisis continuum. Crisis funds were allocated to the ADAMHS 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.

The Board requested to amend Resolution No. 21-07-03 to include OhioMHAS approved carryover in the amount of \$21,957 and to add a vendor for crisis training for a total of \$547,141 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and to contract with the providers identified. The total includes ADAMHS Board funding of \$12,543 for the Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) Training.

Dr. Fowler inquired as to why Cornell University was selected to provide this training. Ms. Harrison responded that Cornell University is the only university that provides the specific type of training that the Board was interested in.

- c. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-09-04, OhioMHAS: Addiction Treatment Program – Pass Through Funds – \$604,850.06 (Carryover – Pooled)
- Catholic Charities-Matt Talbot for Men and Women
  - Cleveland Treatment Center
  - Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
  - Hitchcock Center for Women
  - MetroHealth System
  - Moore Counseling
  - Recovery Resources
  - The Salvation Army
  - Stella Maris
  - Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC)

ATP provides treatment and recovery support services to individuals who are eligible to participate in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Drug Court as a result of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both. Clients will receive SUD treatment and recovery support services, as necessary. Clients will be enrolled by Drug Court staff and services will be provided by ADAMHS Board contracted agencies certified by OhioMHAS. The ADAMHS Board will act as a fiscal agent to draw down funds in the OhioMHAS grant system and pass the funds to the contracted providers for services rendered. OhioMHAS approved use of carryover funds for SFY2021 in the amount of \$805,012.35. There was no SFY2022 allocation, but OhioMHAS approved \$604,850.06 in carryover funds for SFY2022.

The Board is requested to amend to Resolution No. 20-09-04 to extend the time period of the ATP through June 30, 2022 and utilize OhioMHAS approved carryover funds in the amount of \$604,850.06 for contracts with the listed providers.

**Motion to recommend approval of Contract Amendments (as listed above) to the full Board.** MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: B. Addison, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

## **9. IDENTIFY CONSENT AGENDA**

Rev. Gohlstin identified the following elements to include into the Consent Agenda: Acceptance of the September 2021 Finance Reports, Contracts and Contract Amendments.

## **10. CY2022-2023 COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Osiecki reported that Cuyahoga County Council is preparing to review the County Executive's recommended 2022-2023 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvements Program. As part of the review of the County Executive's recommended budget, County Council will be holding departmental budget hearings over the next couple of months. He reported that the ADAMHS Board's presentation is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 and shared a preview of his PowerPoint presentation. He stated that the County Executive has recommended the ADAMHS Board's allocation of \$43,463,659 for CY2022-2023 to cover the following:

- Mental health & substance use disorder treatments for people not covered by Medicaid
- Mental health crisis services
- Substance use disorder crisis services
- Peer Support
- Prevention
- Residential/Housing



- Adult care homes
- Sober living
- Employment/Job training

Mr. Osiecki reported on the \$4.1 million allocation for various programs, including the following: 1) Dedicated crisis beds for children, 2) Specialized housing, 3) Expansion of the Housing Assistance Program (HAP), 4) Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and stipend for law enforcement, 5) Suicide/Opioid prevention campaigns, 6) Trauma program, 7) NaloxBox program and 8) Children's residential staffing shortage. He stated that the opioid funding consisted of two-year contracts that will end on February 28, 2022 for Thrive ER, Stella Maris and St. Vincent Charity Medical Center and reported that the ADAMHS Board will continue funding through December 2022.

The landscape of CY2022-2023 involves the continuation of COVID-19, which continues to grow and change. During this timeframe, the ADAMHS Board has proposed funding 203 programs; and continues to collaboratively work with representatives from provider agencies to resolve and/or alleviate the workforce shortage issue. Also, Mr. Osiecki highlighted that if Cuyahoga County Council were entertaining additional funding requests, the ADAMHS Board could utilize an additional \$1 million for Workforce Development. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

#### **11. PRESENTATION OF CY2022 ADAMHS BOARD BUDGET**

Mr. Osiecki acknowledged the hard work and efforts of staff to compile the information contained in the CY2022 ADAMHS Board Budget that was distributed to Board members via hard copy. He summarized the cover letter that identified the content of CY2022 ADAMHS Board budget as a first working draft of the CY2022 funding recommendations that has taken the impact of COVID-19 on our community, including our behavioral health workforce, into consideration. He reported that the draft material was prepared and disseminated to Board members to allow for adequate time to review the recommendations and have questions answered.

Mr. Osiecki reported that the COVID-19 pandemic certainly has changed our lives and the work of our contract agencies in 2021. We have continued to adapt and provide vital services to our community. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, the need for services may continue to increase and change. Individuals who experience traumatic events and severe stressors, such as caring for the sick, losing patients and/or loved ones and experiencing prolonged disruptions are more likely to experience lasting symptoms. Individuals are more likely to develop chronic or severe reactions if they are subject to risk factors, such as financial difficulties, inadequate social supports, lack of food or stable housing, or a history of mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Mr. Osiecki stated that as proposed by the County Executive, we believe that we will continue to receive \$43.4 million in funding from the County in its CY2022-2023 Biennial Budget. This is the same as in CY2021. We will not have a final determination of our allocation until December 2021, when approved by County Council.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted that the Board issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) titled CY2022 Board Funded Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services on Thursday, July 29, 2021, and responses were submitted through the Board's WizeHive data collection system. The original submission deadline was Friday, August 27, 2021, but was extended to Friday, September 3, 2021. Overall, the Board received 260 proposals for review. Board staff also reviewed provider funding usage, service utilization and outcomes to make recommendations for this budget.

Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board's operating budget includes Cuyahoga County levy funding, OhioMHAS funding, federal government funding as well as any grants received. The CY2022 Budget book included recommendations for funding of 25 new programs, increased funding for 47 different programs and decreased funding for seven programs - Six programs were based on provider agency requests for decreased funding, in addition to the billing trends for one provider agency. Also, recommendations were identified for ten programs to not be funded for CY2022 - The provider agency either did not submit an RFP or they did not implement the program in question.

Mr. Osiecki reported that we have included the remaining allocation from the first round of opioid settlement funds from our contract with providers that ends in February 2022. We have also included funding in the CY2022 budget to maintain those programs through CY2022. When additional County, State and/or Federal funding is received, including grants, the ADAMHS Board will issue RFPs and/or select providers for targeted programs and/or services. Mr. Osiecki asked Board members to e-mail or call him directly with

questions or concerns regarding the CY2022 funding recommendations so that answers to questions can be provided before the next Board meeting.

12. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – None.

14. **UPCOMING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:**

- General Meeting: October 27, 2021
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: November 3, 2021
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: November 10, 2021
- General Meeting: November 17, 2021

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.***

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

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