

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2022

Committee Members Present: Erskine Cade, MBA, Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S / **Absent:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalone, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Anthony Henderson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Clare Rosser, Starlette Sizemore-Rice, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. Call to Order

Mr. Erskine Cade, Nominating Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.

3. Board Member Attendance Roll Call

Due to the current public health orders surrounding COVID-19, and the Board's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of our Board members, staff, partners, and stakeholders, the Nominating Committee meeting was held via Zoom. To assure a quorum, Ms. Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant, completed the Board member attendance roll call.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2022 Nominating Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Board Member Candidate Application Update

Mr. Cade reported that as of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022, which was the deadline for applications, 18 applications for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) vacant board position were received. Of the 18 applications received, five had a conflict of interest or were otherwise not qualified for consideration. 13 applications will be reviewed in Executive Session.

The ADAMHS Board promoted the OhioMHAS vacancy in the following ways:

- Information about the vacancy was posted to the Board's website, shared in the Board's Recovery in Action Newsletter and on the Board's social media sites.
- Paid advertising was utilized in the Call and Post, Cleveland Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com, La Mega Newspapers and on La Mega radio station.
- Radio spots also ran as part of the Board's WOJU and Voice It Radio contracts.
- An eblast was sent to the public, partners and media, which resulted in news stories about applying for the vacant position in the News Herald and Cleveland.com.
- Staff announced and shared a link to more information at the Latino Mental Health Network Meeting and the ADAMHS Board's Addiction Recovery Advocacy Meeting.

6. Executive Session

Mr. Cade announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering the appointment of a public official.

Motion to enter into Executive Session. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

Motion to exit the Executive Session and resume the business of the Nominating Committee Meeting. MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

7. Next Steps for Interviewing Candidates for Appointment to OhioMHAS Appointment Vacancy

Discussion followed on next steps to fill the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy. Consideration will be given to following the Policy Statement regarding Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors.

Motion to contact the candidates for the public official position in order to gather additional information.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

8. Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., Reappointment Recommendation for Cuyahoga County Appointment

Based upon the Nominating Committee's review of the requirements per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §340.02; which stipulates that at least one Board member shall fill each of the six categories listed:

- A clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services
- At least one person who has received or is receiving mental health services
- At least one person who is a parent or other relative of a person has received or is receiving mental health services
- A clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services
- At least one person who has received or is receiving addiction services
- At least one person who is a parent or other relative of a person has received or is receiving addiction services

Mr. Cade referenced that Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., fills the requirement per ORC §340.02 of a clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services. He also reported that the ADAMHS Board may recommend a Board member candidate for reappointment through Cuyahoga County, however, it is up to the County Executive to make the appointment; and there is no guarantee that the individual will get reappointed.

Based upon the Nominating Committee's review of the ADAMHS Board of Director Appointment Term Roster, Nominating Committee members reached consensus to recommend Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., for Cuyahoga County reappointment consideration. The Nominating Committee requests authorization from the full Board to submit for consideration the reappointment recommendation of Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., for Cuyahoga County appointment.

Motion for reappointment recommendation for Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., be forwarded as a suggestion of Board candidate for Cuyahoga County appointment consideration to the full Board.

MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

9. New Business

Based upon the Nominating Committee's timeframe for next steps for interviewing candidates for appointment to the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy, in addition to consideration regarding potential candidates for two residents of the service district who are not members of the Board but are qualified, pursuant to ORC §340.02 to serve as members of the Planning & Oversight Committee, an additional Nominating Committee meeting will be scheduled for June 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

10. Public Comment Period

Ms. Rosie Palfy, an advocate, shared that she is a little bit confused about the process for the Cuyahoga County nominations because she saw the packet for the Cuyahoga County Council meeting that transpired on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, whereby Basheer Jones was named as a possible candidate for Cuyahoga County appointment to the ADAMHS Board. Ms. Palfy reported that she appreciated the information provided and inquired about the upcoming Cuyahoga County applicant. She reported that one of the concerns she had was that in the County Council packet, a letter from the County Executive to Cuyahoga County Council containing Mr. Jones' biography was present, however, there was no information regarding his interest with this position. Rev. Gohlstin stated that the ADAMHS Board of Directors is comprised of ten Cuyahoga County (County) appointments and eight OhioMHAS (State) appointments, for which two different processes are utilized to vet the applicants. He further stated that County appointments are not in the Board's wheelhouse; and sometimes they will allow the ADAMHS Board to make recommendations, but they reserve the right to select candidates for these Board member vacancies.

11. Upcoming April and May Board Meetings:

- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: April 13, 2022
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: April 20, 2022
- General Meeting: April 27, 2022
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: May 4, 2022
- Nominating Committee Meeting: May 11, 2022
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: May 11, 2022
- Annual Meeting: May 16, 2022
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: May 18, 2022
- General Meeting: May 25, 2022

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Erskine Cade, MBA, Nominating Committee Chair