

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2022**

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Basheer Jones
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Steve Killpack, MS
Erskine Cade, MBA	Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA
J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW	

ABSENT: Bishara W. Addison, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Olivia Abdlrasul, Joe Arnett, Carole Ballard, Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Ariel Brownlee, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Ryan Gongaware, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Tawanna Pryor, Vicki Roemer, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Dalton Skerlec, Michaele Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Nakia Yukas, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called the General Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No audience input on agenda items was received.

3. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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

[Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, entered the Zoom meeting.]

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Jake A. Elliott, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division, from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Basheer Jones.

Rev. Gohlstin and Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, welcomed Mr. Jones to the Board and shared that they look forward to working with Mr. Jones in the future.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 27, 2022 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin shared that he was able to visit with Mr. William M. Denihan, former Chief Executive Officer of the ADAMHS Board, prior to his passing.

Rev. Gohlstin also shared that he recently had a telephone interview with Mr. Resmaa Menakem, who is an American author and psychotherapist specializing in the effects of trauma on the human body and the relationship between trauma and racism in America. He stated that Mr. Menakem is the author of "My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies," which was published in September 2017, and strongly recommended this book to anyone who cares about people. Rev. Gohlstin reported that Mr. Menakem may be coming to Cleveland, Ohio for a two day workshop.

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., called J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., to be presiding Chair and left the Zoom meeting.]

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj entered the Zoom meeting.]

7. **PRESENTATION**

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES OVERVIEW

Ms. Allison Schaefer, MSW, LSW, Adult Behavioral Specialist II (Residential), presented on *Housing: Class 1 & Class 2 Residential Facilities*, which are licensed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). Ms. Schaefer reported that a number of terms and acronyms are utilized interchangeably in the housing arena and shared the following:

- ACF/Adult Care Facility/Class 2 Residential Facility/Group Home: Eligible living arrangement for individual with Residential Assistance Program (RAP) / Residential State Supplement (RSS) funds
- ADAMHS Contracted ACF/Adult Care Facility/Class 2 Residential Facility/Group Home: An OhioMHAS licensed facility that the ADAMHS Board contracts with, in order to accept RAP clients and receive RAP funds. These providers are required to be in good standing with OhioMHAS. Receive Peer/ADAMHS Board Staff Inspections. RFP process.
- RAP: ADAMHS Board Residential Assistance Program
- OhioMHAS: Licensing body of Class 1 & 2 Residential Facilities, oversight of the RSS program.
- RCF/Class 1 Residential Facility: Highest level of MH housing in community. Coordinated via ADAMHS Board through the Coordinated Adult Residential Referral (CARR) process.

Ms. Schaefer provided a brief overview of the licensure and certification process for Class 1 and Class 2 Residential Facilities. The Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5122-30 is the licensing of Residential Facilities. All Class 1 and Class 2 Residential Facilities are licensed by OhioMHAS; and each facility is assigned an OhioMHAS surveyor, who conducts initial and renewal inspections and serves as a liaison between the operator of the facility and OhioMHAS, etc. OhioMHAS conducts an initial survey and reviews whether the facility is in compliance with OAC 5122-30. Ms. Schaefer reported that Class 1 licenses are valid for three years and Class 2 licenses are valid for two years. The ADAMHS Board receives the OhioMHAS survey Plan of Corrections and copies of the facility license for every facility that the Board contracts with. Staff follow up with each operator to provide technical assistance and ensure compliance, in addition to following up with the state to make sure all information is provided for compliance.

Ms. Schaefer reported that OAC 5122-30 is a lengthy document; and highlighted a few important sections of the Code as follows:

- Outlines licensure and application process for Class 1 & Class 2 Residential Facilities
- Outlines maximum resident & household capacity
- Sets requirements around:
 - Safety
 - Nutrition
 - Sleeping/living space
 - Housekeeping/maintenance
 - Provision of Personal Care Services
 - Provision of Mental Health Services (Class 1's)
 - Medication
 - Documentation
 - Resident Rights
 - Staffing requirements/training/documentation

Class 1 Residential Facilities are the highest level of MH Residential Care in the community. These facilities are licensed by OhioMHAS; and must be owned and operated by a Behavioral Health Agency. The Class 1 provider collaborates with the primary agency to establish an Individualized Treatment Plan (ITP). These facilities are required to have 24/7 staff, and are shorter term than a Class 2: 3–24-month length of stay. Potential Class 1 Residential Facility residents must meet the appropriate level of care. The goal is for the resident to build needed skills to transition to a lower level of care (independent, Class 2, etc.). The resident must meet the level of care to remain in a Class 1 Residential Facility.

Ms. Schaefer referenced that there are two groups of ADAMHS Board funded Class 1 Residential Facilities: 1) Cuyahoga Class 1 Facilities coordinated via the CARR process and 2) Other Class 1 Facilities in Cuyahoga; and are identified as follows:

- Cuyahoga Class 1 Facilities Coordinated Via CARR Process
 - Northcoast Behavioral Health (NBH)/Community Support Network (CSN)

- 6 sites in Cuyahoga County (2 east/4 west), 62 beds
- Murtis Taylor Human Services System – Buckeye Therapeutic Community (TC)
 - 1 site (east), 14 beds
- Signature Health – Roberto Flores
 - 1 site (east), 8 beds
 - In process of transition from FrontLine Service to Signature Health/OhioMHAS survey
 - Unique Class 1; specifically tailored for individuals with a severe mental illness (SMI) as well as a substance use disorder
- Other Class 1 Facilities in Cuyahoga County that are not coordinated through the CARR process due to the unique populations that they serve:
 - Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) – University House. Residents need to have a mental health diagnosis, developmental disability and be deaf
 - FrontLine Service – Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)
 - Oriana House – Diversion Center

Ms. Schaefer shared a flowchart of the CARR process. The client is linked with an ADAMHS Board Contracted Provider receiving Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST)/Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). The Primary Agency, typically the CPST worker, fills out (completely) the CARR form, which is located on ADAMHS website>Information for Providers>Residential Forms. The CARR form is submitted (following instructions on form); and ADAMHS Board staff receives the CARR form, verifies residency and reviews eligibility criteria. Once this process is completed, staff contact the Primary Agency for more detailed information – advises on approval/denial/next steps. If approved, ADAMHS Board staff sends the CARR form to the Class 1 Residential Provider, who will then reach out to the Primary Agency for next steps. Ms. Schaefer noted that the Class 1 Facility is determined based on bed availability and client unique needs.

Ms. Schaefer reported that there are a few different pathways to Class 2 Residential Facilities in Cuyahoga County, which were identified as RSS, RAP and Private Pay. For RSS and RAP an income threshold of \$1,300 monthly is used. If the resident's monthly income is over \$1,300 a month, the resident would pay the \$1,100 monthly fee. Ms. Schaefer stated that RAP is an ADAMHS Board funded program that is intended to provide financial rental assistance to adults with a diagnosed mental illness, who are receiving CPST/TBS services from an ADAMHS Board contracted agency. RAP targets individuals who are discharge ready from an institutional environment such as hospital, CSU, jail, Cuyahoga County Diversion Center or nursing home. RAP transitions individuals from the institutional setting to Class 2 Residential Facility (also referred to as an ACF or group home).

RAP is important because housing is a basic need and decreases the likelihood of psychiatric hospitalizations and institutionalization for individuals who experience SMI. Individuals can benefit from the structure and support provided by Class 2 Residential Facilities in the community. RAP serves as a housing bridge, while waiting for approval of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)/Residential State Supplement (RSS). RAP also provides a Personal Spending Allowance (PSA) of \$200.00 a month.

RAP provides financial rental assistance for individuals to reside in a Class 2 Residential Facility. Class 2 Residential Facilities provide living accommodations and personal care services (i.e.: medication assistance/prompting, meals, laundry, assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's)). The ADAMHS Board Adult Behavioral Residential Specialist sends the list of ADAMHS contracted Class 2 Residential Facilities to ADAMHS contracted Behavioral Health Providers on a quarterly basis (each ADAMHS contracted Behavioral Health Provider providing CPST services for adults has identified a "housing liaison" who receives all housing communication from the ADAMHS Board and shares information to necessary parties at their agency). ADAMHS Contracted Class 2 Residential Facilities also receive a "Peer Seal of Quality" – Peers conduct a facility walkthrough and utilize a checklist to assess for items including cleanliness, safety concerns, sufficient food, etc. The ADAMHS Board currently contracts with 69 Class 2 Residential Facilities (493 beds).

Ms. Schaefer shared a flowchart of the RAP process. The individual is linked with an ADAMHS Board Contracted Provider receiving CPST/TBS. The Primary Agency locates a Class 2 Residential Facility. The Primary Agency and individual fill out the RAP application in entirety and the CPST submits the documentation to the ADAMHS Board. The application is reviewed by the ADAMHS Board and once the completed application is approved, the ADAMHS Board Resource Specialist will draft a notification and send to the CPST, Class 2 Residential Facility Operator, Primary Agency Housing Liaison, etc. The individual moves from an institutional setting to the identified Class 2 Residential Facility.

Ms. Schaefer responded to questions from Board members. Mr. Harvey Snider inquired with Ms. Schaefer regarding nutrition and clarification around ensuring healthy meal planning. Ms. Schaefer shared when staff review meal planning with the residence in question, they review whether their menus are provided by the residence a week in advance; in addition to evidence of a supply of food. Mr. Jones inquired as to the process utilized to ensure that the goals of the ADAMHS Board are achieved with the institutions. Ms. Schaefer noted that the primary goal of the ADAMHS Board is to ensure a safe, clean and nice environment for residents. She also noted that input and/or comments from family members is received. Mr. Jones also requested to receive all marketing materials regarding the 24-hour Suicide Prevention, Mental Health/Addiction Crisis, Information and Referral Hotline that is operated by FrontLine Service: (216) 623-6888. This is also the number to call for the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. Dr. Fowler thanked Ms. Schaefer for her thorough presentation. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj left the Zoom meeting.]

8. POLICY STATEMENT RENEWAL – 2nd of 2 Readings

Mr. Woo Jun, Esq., Director of Risk Management, highlighted the policy statement up for renewal, Waiting List Management Policy.

Given no further discussion regarding the policy statement renewal proposed, a call for a motion was entertained.

Motion to approve the renewal of Policy Statement labeled Waiting List Management Policy. MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. NEW POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW – 2nd of 2 Readings

Mr. Jun presented the second of two readings regarding a new policy statement, Recipients of Federal Funding Policy, to ensure that the ADAMHS Board and its providers are complying with the applicable standards of cost principles as recipients of federal grant funding in determining the allowability of costs consistent with Uniform Guidance – 2 CFR Subpart E. Cost Principles.

Given no further discussion regarding the new policy statement review proposed, a call for a motion was entertained.

Motion to approve the new Policy Statement labeled Recipients of Federal Funding Policy. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj entered the Zoom meeting.]

10. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE UPDATE

Mr. Osiecki provided an update on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Planning. He reported that the DEI in Behavioral Health Care Work Group met on Monday, May 2, 2022. During the meeting, the group finalized its discussion on its name; and the group officially selected Eliminating Structural Racism Advisory Group to the ADAMHS Board. The group aligned on a sub-group structure, meeting schedule, and a statement describing their purpose:

- The Eliminating Structural Racism Advisory Group to the ADAMHS Board will serve as a partner to the Board. Their role will be to identify and address structural inequities with a focus on racism in the areas of workforce, health equity and data and research in the local mental health, addiction, and recovery network. Additionally, the group will advise the Board on the implementation of key strategies and actions of the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan.

Mr. Osiecki reported that the meeting also included two DEI learning topics led by Rice Education Consulting (REdCon), including metrics to help organizations prioritize DEI, and hiring practices to encourage diversity. Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief of Strategic Initiatives, Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, and Mr. Osiecki met with REdCon to discuss the development of a one-page description of the goals and vision of the plan; how everyone might work together to further the implementation of the plan and how results will be measured.

An updated draft of the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan is expected this week and the ADAMHS Board requested community feedback on the draft by distributing a survey between Friday, May 6, 2022, through Sunday, May 15, 2022. 14 individuals responded.

Ms. Rosser and Ms. Sizemore previously conducted a focus group with people with lived experience at the Life Exchange Center to gather input on the draft plan. Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, and Mr. Osiecki met with REdCon on Thursday, May 12, 2022, to discuss their electronic training capability and the development of education and training modules that Board staff and providers would use to gain a baseline understanding of DEI, in addition to a tailored training specific to the Board's DEI plan.

Ms. Rosser, Ms. Sizemore and Mr. Osiecki met with REdCon on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to review the results of the survey and community feedback. Mr. Osiecki highlighted that REdCon will thoroughly review the results and comments and make edits to the draft plan as appropriate. A final plan is expected by the end of the week of Monday, May 30, 2022.

11. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Chair, reported on the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting held on May 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- Mr. Osiecki highlighted several legislative bills that are currently being considered.
 - MHAC Advocacy Week / meeting with Rep. Kent Smith
Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Rosser joined Ms. Joan Englund, Executive Director, and Ms. Megan Burke, State Program and Policy Director of the Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC), in a meeting with Ohio House Representative Kent Smith on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, as part of the MHAC's Advocacy Week. Rep. Smith received updates from the ADAMHS Board and MHAC staff about efforts including workforce development, addressing racial disparities in mental health and addiction care, crisis response and diversion and preparing for a national three-digit suicide and mental health crisis hotline.
 - Senate Bill 296
On Friday, March 18, 2022, the ADAMHS Board submitted a letter of support to the Ohio Senate Health Committee regarding Senate Bill 296, which would more clearly authorize the use of narcotic testing products, including fentanyl test strips, and would deregulate naloxone. The Board was an early leader in promoting harm reduction for individuals and families living with addiction and substance use disorders. Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board has been a vocal advocate for fentanyl test strips and naloxone/Narcan distribution. In addition to the Board's letter of support, the MHAC provided proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill 296. The bill is currently in committee in the Senate.
 - Senate Bill 215
Mr. Osiecki reported that Senate Bill 215, the concealed carry bill, was signed into law. Ohio's new gun law will take effect on Monday, June 13, 2022. This legislation changes two basic tenets of Ohio's concealed firearms law. First, a qualified adult will no longer be required to obtain a concealed handgun license to carry a concealed handgun in the state. Under Ohio's current law, a person is required to complete minimum educational requirements that include eight hours of training with a minimum of two hours of in-person range time and live-fire training. Ohio's new law effectively gives the right of a qualifying adult to carry a concealed handgun in the same manner as if the person were a licensee and does not require training.

Second, a qualified adult who is stopped for a law enforcement purpose and is carrying a concealed handgun does not need to promptly notify law enforcement of the presence of the firearm, although the individual must disclose that information if asked. This change in the law is an opportunity to continue our suicide prevention education about safe storage of firearms, access to lethal means and identifying the warning signs of suicide. The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation's (OSPF) *Life Side Ohio* Campaign promotes safe storage to keep people from harming themselves with firearms in an effort to reduce the number of firearm related suicides in the state.

- **2022 Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Anti-Stigma Campaign Update**
Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, reported that in January 2022, the Board granted staff permission to build a substance use prevention, treatment and anti-stigma campaign. The campaign will run in four phases, beginning in May 2022 and running through March 2023. She reported that the four phases are as follows:
 - Prevention (May, June and July 2022)
 - Connection to treatment (August, September and October 2022)

- Stigma reduction, including stigma related to Medication-Assisted Treatment for alcohol and opioid use disorders
- Celebrating Recovery

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that the campaign is very broad and includes digital apps like Spotify and Pandora; and social media – the ADAMHS Board is also in partnership with some media vendors, television and television streaming apps, radio, print – including local publications, billboards, bus ads, and printed materials.

▪ **HEALing Community Study Public Awareness Partnership Update**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reminded committee members that the HEALing Communities Study had some funds that they needed to use very quickly for public awareness. As a result, they partnered with the Board to help get out fentanyl awareness, naloxone awareness and how to recognize an overdose. There were two separate spends totaling \$22,500. The first was in the amount of \$15,000 and included the following:

- Advance Ohio print and digital - \$8,000
- Call & Post print ads - \$2,237.19
- iHeart Radio Streaming Ads - \$1,800
- Lakewood Observer - \$960
- Social media - \$1,000 (approximately \$166.66 per site, per campaign toolkit)
- Spotify - \$1002.81

The campaign only ran for two weeks and received over one million impressions – times people saw the ads. The digital ads resulted in over 900 click links, which went to a naloxone training. Eight people even ordered naloxone via mail order after completing the training. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that overall, this was a very successful campaign. The idea was shared at the statewide harm reduction meeting and they have asked Board staff to share the idea to see if they can implement something similar statewide.

The second part of the campaign was in the amount of \$7,500. This set of funds was invoiced directly through the study. However, they used a similar strategy as the first round, just two different vendors, which included:

- Parma Observer - \$1,344
- La Mega Hispanic Radio, Newspaper and social media - \$2,656
- Advance Ohio – digital only - \$3,500

This portion of the campaign runs through June 2022. As a result of the timeline, final outcomes cannot be identified yet.

▪ **Roads to Recovery Conference: The Culture of Recovery 2022 Update**

Ms. Ballard reported that the Roads to Recovery Conference has been successfully held in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019. Based on the tremendous success of these eight conferences, the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee and staff agreed that it is a worthwhile endeavor that should be held every other year. Due to unforeseen issues related to COVID-19 and the pandemic, the 2021 Roads to Recovery Conference was postponed. The purpose of the Roads to Recovery Conference is to educate clients, family members, providers, mental health professionals, alcohol and other drug addiction professionals, media and legislators that personal recovery from mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction is possible.

The Recovery Conference illustrates the Board's commitment to recovery and that the Board has fully embraced the concept of personal recovery from mental illness and alcohol and other drugs. Staff recommend that Monday, October 17, 2022, would be the best day to hold the conference because it does not interfere with any religious or national holidays, and is the similar week that prior conferences have been held. Due to ongoing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the planning for the Roads to Recovery Conference is challenging as it relates to how to facilitate the conference. Staff recommend hosting a smaller in-person event to serve no more than 200 with the option of virtual if needed. This model would satisfy issues associated with social distancing, masking and decreasing ultimately the continued spread of the virus. Staff is in the process of identifying conference venue options with accessibility, quality meeting space and services, free parking and competitive pricing.

- **Sponsorships**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus highlighted the four sponsorships recommended by Board staff to the CR&A Committee and referenced the details provided in the individual agenda process sheets for the following:

- Removing the Stigma's *Bowl to Remove Stigma* Event (May 22, 2022) - \$500
- *Pride in the CLE* (June 4, 2022) - \$1,000
- NAMI Walks Cleveland (September 24, 2022) - \$2,500
- *Cuyahoga County Teen Mental Health Summit* (October 2022) - \$1,000

- **Media Tracking Report**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that the ADAMHS Board had a total of 25 media mentions between Wednesday, March 2, 2022 and Tuesday, May 3, 2022. 15 of these mentions were positive and ten were neutral. She stated that this brings this year's total to 79 media mentions, of which 51 were positive and 28 were neutral. Some highlights shared included Mr. Osiecki representing the statewide Beat the Stigma campaign on Radio One, and stories about filling Board vacancies. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus and Ms. Charde' Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, were also on Tea and Honey with Dr. Gwen Jarvis to discuss Suicide prevention. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus stated that this reporting period also included stories about local Boards and their role in public mental health and addiction treatment services and stories about the Board's discussion about transparency.

On Tuesday, May 3, 2022, the Board hosted and participated in the Ohio Suicide Prevention's Life Side Ohio Campaign kickoff. This event was live streamed on social media and shared by the Cleveland Documenters. Media unfortunately did not attend, likely because it was primary elections day. Board staff will be following up with media to see if they will pick the story up during the month. Mr. Osiecki will also be submitting a letter to the editor or Op-ed related to the campaign.

- **Social Media and Website Tracking Reports**

- **Social Media Report**

- Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, provided committee members with an overview of the social media statistics. She reported that for the timeframe Wednesday, March 2, 2022, to Tuesday, May 3, 2022, the Board had 107,103 impressions, 3,180 engagements (likes, comments, retweets, mentions, etc.), gained 135 new followers and 701 post link clicks. Board staff posted 193 times and had 319 video views on the Board's social media accounts. Posts that did well this reporting period included a promotion of the Board's OhioMHAS board member vacancy on Twitter, on Facebook, the April episode of the Our Stories, Our Healing video series and posts about how to recognize signs of an overdose and Alcohol Awareness Month posts did well on Instagram

- **Website**

- Ms. Greenspan reported that 12,487 people have visited the Board's website since Wednesday, March 2, 2022, for a total of 17,504 times. There were 48,962 page views and 69% of users came to the site from google searches, 22% came to the site directly meaning they typed it in and the remainder (9%) from social media/referral from another page or email.

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in Behavioral Health Care Update**

Mr. Osiecki provided an update on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Planning process.

- **New Business**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that Ms. Samantha Maloy, the Board's AmeriCorps VISTA Worker, who started on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, will be completing her tenure at the Board on Friday, July 1, 2022. Ms. Maloy, who brought six years of experience in business and marketing, was excited to have been able to be involved with the Board.

12. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Erskine Cade, Nominating Committee Chair, reported on the Nominating Committee meeting held on May 11, 2022; and noted that some committee members also participated in a Board Member Candidate Interview Session on May 18, 2022. He reported that during the May 11, 2022, meeting of the Nominating Committee, Committee members met in "Executive Session" for the purpose of

discussing and considering the appointment of ADAMHS Board Slate of Officers and discussed a recommendation of candidate for OhioMHAS appointment. The discussion focused on the goals of

- 1) Presenting a recommended Slate of Officers for a 2-year term (FY2023-FY2024); and
- 2) Next steps for interviewing candidates for appointment to the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy

The Nominating Committee meeting resulted in the following Slate of Board Officers for FY2023-FY2024 that is subsequently being recommended to the full Board:

- Chairperson: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
- Vice Chair:
- Second Vice Chair: Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S

Rev. Gohlstin asked for nominations from the floor. Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch nominated Ms. Patricia James-Stewart for the Vice Chair vacancy. As a result, the ADAMHS Board Office is to receive the completed form of intent by Tuesday, May 31, 2022. It was noted further that the election of Board Officers is scheduled for the June General Meeting in compliance with the ADAMHS Board Bylaws.

Motion to approve the recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2023-FY2024. MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, G. Boehm, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Presently, our Board has one OhioMHAS appointment vacancy. As a result, several committee members participated in a Board Member Candidate Interview Session on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, with a few qualified candidates. Nominating Committee members will be meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. to discuss and bring forward a recommendation for the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy at the June 22, 2022 General Meeting.

[Mr. Steve Killpack left the Zoom meeting.]

Motion to bring forward a recommendation for the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy at the June 22, 2022 General Meeting. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, G. Boehm, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

13. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on May 11, 2022. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

▪ **Presentations:**

Providence House Crisis Nursery / Agency Overview:

Ms. Erin George, LISW-S, Family Services Manager, Providence House, provided a presentation regarding Providence House. Providence House protects at-risk children and supports families through crisis, strengthening communities to end child abuse and neglect. Providence House is Ohio's first and one of the nation's largest and longest operating Crisis Nurseries, which includes a 30 bed campus (Crisis Nursery, Pediatric Crisis Nursery and Family Center). They were founded in 1981 and licensed since 1990 as a Children's Crisis Care Facility by Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services and licensed as a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP), with nearly 10,000 children being served over the past 40 years. Providence House is a licensed, accredited, evaluated national model for child abuse prevention and family preservation through intervention, education and advocacy. Voluntary services for children ages birth-12 include the following:

- Stay for up to 60-90 days while parents/guardians go through various crises (homelessness, lack of childcare/employment, inpatient medical, substance use, or mental health services, domestic violence, etc.)
- Work with the parent/guardian while children receive emergency shelter and support to achieve goals.

The ADAMHS Board contracted with Providence House for their Emergency Shelter Program for families with children birth to 12 where the parent/guardian is seeking inpatient behavioral health or substance use treatment for up to 90 consecutive days. The Emergency Shelter is trauma-informed, voluntary, and provided at no cost to parents/guardians. They offer direct 24/7 care of children 0-12, developmental screenings and assessments as well as yoga, field trips and music therapy opportunities. Parents/guardians are provided with case management, referrals and an opportunity to visit with their

children, plus a 12-month voluntary wrap-around program. The services are provided through on-site and virtual service delivery methods to allow for engagement even while inpatient.

The services provided by Providence House include protecting children by providing for their physical, emotional, developmental and educational needs through the following:

- The Children's Emergency Shelter includes licensed, home-like settings in two houses supporting up to 30 children, aged newborn through 12 for up to 60 days, 90 in some circumstances.
- Children's medical care and monitoring is provided through the contracted nursing staff from MetroHealth Medical Center, which provide well-child exams and support care for children with medical needs.
- Children's direct care and services utilize an assigned childcare model that provides individual nurturing and developmental support.
- Public agency partnerships include emergency placement and children's shelter programs for children birth through five years of age.

Families seek Providence House services from approximately 30 zip codes throughout the Greater Cleveland area. While most of the families that they serve are single, female headed households, 27% of families served had co-parents and five co-parents were engaged in their family preservation services. 88% of families supported live at or below the federal poverty line. The average annual income of the families utilizing their services is less than \$10,000 a year. 29% of the families served last year reported not having received any cash income in the previous month.

Typically, Providence House is able to support nearly 350 children on their 30 bed campus, but out of the 184 children that came, 40% had families who lacked resources to meet basic needs. 33% were from families seeking respite care (78% of respite admission had an overwhelmed parent and 19% of respite admissions were served to address family mental health needs). 31% were homeless or had unsafe housing. 23% had a family member with a medical crisis. 10% were victims of or witness to violence. These percentages do not add up to 100% due to families arriving at Providence House with multiple needs.

Ms. George referenced Providence House's East Side expansion; and responded to questions from committee members.

▪ **Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) / Care Alliance Agency Overview**

Ms. Anita Bradley, President and Chief Executive Officer, NORA, and Dr. Claude Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer, Care Alliance, presented on NORA/Care Alliance. NORA, which was founded in 2004, empowers individuals, families and communities to support lifestyles of recovery. Their values include integrity, excellence, self-care, social justice and teamwork. NORA's vision is to establish innovative care to support continued recovery of the communities they serve.

Ms. Bradley shared that the ADAMHS Board funding streams currently include State Opioid Response (SOR) Peer Recovery Support, SOR Women Recovery Housing and pooled funding for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Outpatient Services. She also shared that the services provided by NORA include:

- Recovery Housing
- Intensive Outpatient Services
- Non-intensive Outpatient and Aftercare
- Peer Recovery Support Services
- Women's Residential Treatment (Additional)
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) (Additional)

Dr. Jones, an Internist by training, stated that Ms. Bradley and he have had the opportunity to work together to collaborate – to provide the integration of mental health and physical health services – for the provision of a warm hand-off on either side to change outcomes. Through the intake process and partnership with Care Alliance, the following services are provided:

- Primary Health Screening
- Assessment
- Treatment Plan
- MAT Services
- Group, Individual, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Transportation

➤ Care Alliance Wrap Around Health Care

Ms. Bradley shared various statistics regarding gender enrollment, MAT compliance, client sobriety, ethnicity relapse rate, and drugs of choice for relapse; and reported on their highlights and barriers, which included the following:

1. They have met their client target each year and are currently at 45 – clients six months
2. Funding has allowed the organization to purchase two facilities
3. Funding has allowed for greater wrap around and ancillary services
4. In spite of COVID-19, the agency was able to continue service delivery
5. The Board's Grants Department, Clinical Team and Finance are efficient
6. The Board displayed great leadership over the last several years
7. Barrier: Client data shows clients are in need of job skills training
8. Barrier: Men are in need of treatment beds, for which they are working on

▪ **Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Training**

Ms. Charde' Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, reported that the goal of the Cuyahoga County Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program is to ensure children's optimal development and future success by addressing their early emotional, social, and behavioral concerns. The Cuyahoga County ECMH Program seeks to improve the health of young children and their families by expanding the practice capacity for 50 Early Childhood clinicians by offering a free training and supervision opportunity in CPP Certification. CPP is an intervention model for children aged birth-5 who have experienced traumatic events and/or are experiencing mental health, attachment, and/or behavioral problems.

▪ **Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS) Treatment Foster Care/Kinship Care Pilot Contract Extension**

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist, reported that CCDCFS identified a critical need to expand its current foster care programming to include treatment foster homes, and the provision of timely individualized behavioral health interventions with children/youth stepping down from a residential placement or placed with a relative/kinship caregiver. The Treatment Foster Care Pilot is a pilot program that provides intensive home-based services using the Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) model, an evidenced based and trauma-informed intervention and parenting model for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas. Due to the limited number of homes identified, in addition to the delay in service provision, CCDCFS requested a contract extension to fully execute services to demonstrate the program's effectiveness. CCDCFS set a goal to license five treatment foster families by December 2022 through utilizing online training for recruitment. The original contract amount was \$251,000 and the balance of the contract is currently \$93,880. Approximately 25 clients will be served. Funding will be used to provide intensive clinical and supportive services.

▪ **Strategic Assessment of Youth Residential Resources**

Mr. Osiecki reported that as a part of Ohio Medicaid's effort to launch the next generation of Medicaid, the Ohio Department of Medicaid will implement OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence), a specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs. In preparation for OhioRISE, Cuyahoga County, on behalf of its Division of Children and Family Services and Children First Council, ADAMHS Board, Juvenile Court, and Board of Developmental Disabilities will contract with Educational Services Center (ESC) of Northeast Ohio to provide a strategic assessment of youth residential resources in Cuyahoga County. ESC of Northeast Ohio will assess the youth residential capacity and develop an action plan to improve and increase capacity. There will be two contracts. A contract between Cuyahoga County, ADAMHS Board, Juvenile Court, and Board of Developmental Disabilities with ESC of Northeast Ohio, which outlines the amounts each county entity will pay - Cuyahoga County to pay \$20,000, ADAMHS Board to pay \$10,000, Juvenile Court to pay \$10,000 and Board of Developmental Disabilities to pay \$10,000. Also, a contract between the ADAMHS Board and ESC of Northeast Ohio for the \$10,000. Funding will be used to assess the youth residential capacity and develop an action plan to improve and increase capacity in preparation of OhioRISE.

▪ **Thrive Behavioral Class 2 Residential Facility Peer Seal of Quality Program**

Ms. Schaefer reported that in 2018, the ADAMHS Board implemented the Peer Seal of Quality Program to conduct home visits of the ACF's that have been awarded contracts to provide housing to individuals with mental illness funded through the Board's RAP. The Peer Seal of Quality Program was temporarily put on hold during Calendar Year (CY) 2020 and CY2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ADAMHS Staff temporarily conducted ACF visits during this time. Based on the

success of the initial two years of the Peer Seal of Quality Program, and improving COVID-19 conditions, the ADAMHS Board is continuing the program. Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. Peers will perform the home visits.

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in Behavioral Health Care Update**
Mr. Osiecki provided an update on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Planning process.

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj left the Zoom meeting.]

14. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on May 18, 2022, and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 22-05-02 through 22-05-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-02**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING MARCH 2022 AND APRIL 2022

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for CY2022 was \$7,043,861, and for March Actual YTD 2022, the total expenses were \$1,844,479.57; that is roughly 26% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first three months.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, March 2022, 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 \$73,853,249; and through the end of March 2022, the Board has received \$52,035,656.74. The bulk of these funds consists of the Board's annual amount from the County levy subsidy of \$43,463,659 and includes the increase of \$4.1 million from Cuyahoga County starting in 2021. Ms. Rosenbaum reported that 70% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in March 2022, the Board received revenues of \$2,891,423.32. As a result, the Total Revenues By Source By Month is \$52,035,656.74.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2022 reflect that March YTD Actual is \$19,466,654.06 that is roughly 23% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Rosenbaum noted that the Diversion Center's expenditures are reflected on this report.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January through March 2022 includes administrative accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for March 2022 is \$7,404,376.92; bringing the total expenditures for CY2022 to 19,466,654.06. This total includes the ADAMHS Board's Administration, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant, the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant and Other Grants.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, March 2022 YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the OOD Grant, Other Grants and SOR Grant. The total expenditures for grants YTD is \$1,427,101.64.

The Cash Flow Report, March 2022 shows the 2020 Actual, 2021 Actual and YTD thru March 2022. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through March 2022 is \$74,159,115.90 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout 2022.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD March 2022 YTD reflects a total of \$1,298,544.94. Revenue of \$916,433.86 was received during March 2022.

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that for April Actual YTD 2022, the total expenses were \$2,324,243.80; that is roughly 33% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first four months. Ms. Rosenbaum highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for April 2022, the expense were considered typical.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, April 2022, reflects that the Board has received \$55,364,886.29. Ms. Rosenbaum reported that 75% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in April 2022, the Board received revenues of \$3,329,229.55. As a result, the Total Revenues By Source By Month is \$55,364,886.29.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2022 reflect that April YTD Actual is \$24,679,770.29 that is roughly 29% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January through April 2022 reflects that the total expenditures for April 2022 is \$5,213,116.23; bringing the total expenditures for CY2022 to 24,679,770.29.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, April 2022 YTD reflects that the total expenditures for grants YTD is \$1,779,407.89.

The available ending balance on the Cash Flow Report through April 2022 is \$72,275,229.22.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD April 2022 YTD reflects a total of \$1,337,048.58.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

1. Strategic Assessment of Youth Residential Resources with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio – \$50,000 (\$10,000 ADAMHS Board's Portion)
 - Cuyahoga County
 - Juvenile Court of Cuyahoga County
 - Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that this is a contract between Cuyahoga County, ADAMHS Board, Juvenile Court, and Board of Developmental Disabilities with ESC of Northeast Ohio which outlines the amounts each county entity will pay - Cuyahoga County to pay \$20,000, ADAMHS Board to pay \$10,000, Juvenile Court to pay \$10,000 and Board of Developmental Disabilities to pay \$10,000. Also, a contract between the ADAMHS Board and ESC of Northeast Ohio for \$10,000. Funding will be used to assess the youth residential capacity and develop an action plan to improve and increase capacity in preparation of OhioRISE. The term of this contract is for June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.

2. Sponsorships:
 - Removing the Stigma's *Bowl to Remove Stigma* Event, May 22, 2022 - \$500
 - Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Removing the Stigma's *Bowl to Remove Stigma* event is being held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at the Lanes, 21400 Southgate Park Boulevard, Maple Heights.
 - *Pride in the CLE*, June 4, 2022 - \$1,000
 - Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Board staff is requesting to sponsor *Pride in the CLE*, a march and festival, being held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Malls B and C in Cleveland.
 - NAMIWalks Cleveland, September 24, 2022 - \$2,500
 - The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland's NAMIWalks will celebrate its 20th anniversary in Greater Cleveland on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Edgewater Park (Kite Field). This year's theme is, *Mental Health for All*, and will be held in-person following any required COVID-19 guidelines.
 - *Cuyahoga County Teen Mental Health Summit*, October 2022 - \$1,000
 - Parma City School District in collaboration with Cleveland State University and the ESC of Northeast Ohio would like to present a *Cuyahoga County Teen Mental Health Summit* in October 2022.

3. Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) FY2023 Membership Dues – \$19,000

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-05-04, Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS) Treatment Foster Care/Kinship Care Pilot Contract Extension
 - Catholic Charities - \$93,880

The Treatment Foster Care Pilot is a pilot program that provides intensive home-based services using the Trust Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) model, an evidenced based and trauma-informed intervention and parenting model for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas. CCDCFS requested a contract extension to fully execute services to demonstrate the program's effectiveness. CCDCFS set a goal to license five treatment foster families by December 2022 through utilizing online training for recruitment. The original contract amount was \$251,000 and the balance of the contract is currently \$93,880. Approximately 25 clients will be served. Funding will be used to provide intensive clinical and supportive services. The term of this contract is for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-11-07, Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. Class 2 Residential Facility Peer Seal of Quality Program – Not to Exceed \$3,000

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. Peers will perform the home visits. During the home visits the Peers will perform a walk through and visual assessment of the residence, take photos, complete a checklist and provide a recommendation of a "Peer Seal of Approval." The home visit is not a licensing inspection – all of the homes will already be licensed by OhioMHAS. The Peers will be looking for cleanliness, upkeep of the property (carpets, floors, cabinets, appliances, visual leaks, utensils, etc.), supply, availability and quality of food, clean sheets and towels, adequate toiletries, etc.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-01-04, 2022 Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Anti-stigma Campaign – Not to Exceed \$750,000
 - Lamar Billboards - \$110,200
 - Lamar Bus (GCRTA) Ads - \$97,480
 - iHeart - \$70,000
 - Audacy - \$50,000
 - Radio One - \$71,965
 - Fox 8 - \$50,000
 - Spectrum - \$95,000
 - Advance Ohio - \$30,000
 - Call and Post - \$30,000
 - Parma Observer - \$8,064
 - Lakewood Observer - \$8,160
 - Other local publications - \$30,000
 - Social Media/Digital (Spotify) - \$15,700
 - Direct Mailing/Print Materials - \$83,431

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that this amendment identifies the vendors that will be utilized for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Anti-Stigma Campaign that was originally approved in January 2022.

Mr. Jones inquired as to whether a demographics breakdown exists relative to the Board's contracts to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion. Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Finance Officer, reported that an official analysis of the Board's contracts has not been done, however, the Board has looked at DEI initiatives and policies to ensure that provider agencies include DEI in their day to day business. Mr. Jones inquired with staff as to whether an official analysis of demographics breakdown of the Board's contracts can be completed. Dr. Fowler requested that Mr. Jones meet with Mr. Osiecki to discuss this matter in detail to implement Mr. Jones' concerns. Rev. Max Rodas commended Mr. Jones for his advocacy and shared that the Board is committed to the DEI process as well. Ms. Rosenbaum invited Mr. Jones to meet monthly with Ms. Harrison and Ms. Danielle Clark, Director of Finance, to discuss the Board's finances in detail.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 22-05-02 through 22-05-04). MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: B. Jones / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Osiecki welcomed Mr. Jones to the Board; and informed the Board that the Executive Team met with Mr. Jones last Thursday, May 19, 2022, for a Board member orientation session. Mr. Osiecki ensured Mr. Jones that staff will review the Board's purchasing policy and existing contracts to provide a demographic breakdown for the next scheduled General Meeting.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted the Board's Annual Meeting Brunch, Awards Ceremony and Client Art Show, which transpired on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the Cleveland Marriott East, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122. He reported that Resolution No. 22-05-01 Accepting the CY2021 Annual Report was approved during this meeting. As a result, the Board's CY2021 Annual Report was distributed to the community via email and is posted on the Board's website. Also, this year's Client Art Show focused on Future Directions, Jewish Family Service Association and Far West Center. There were 75 pieces of art in the show and the top two winners were from Future Directions; and third place was from Jewish Family Service Association.

Mr. Osiecki also noted that during the Annual Meeting Brunch, Awards Ceremony and Client Art Show, the Helping Hands Awards were given. He reported that something new this year was utilized - video highlights of each recipient that was awarded this accolade. He reported that these videos are also on the Board's website for viewing and were forwarded to the community as well. The following were recipients of these awards:

- Robert J. Ronis, MD, MPH, Lifetime Achievement Award
- Chief Deirdre R. Jones, MPA, Helping Hands Award
- Ja'Vae Williams-Hunt and Joy Williams, Helping Hands Award
- Pastor Kyle Earley, Helping Hands Award
- Delores Collins (Ms. Dee), Helping Hands Award

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

- **Diversion Center Update:**
 - The Diversion Center temporarily slowed down admissions for community referrals for a 24 hour period; from Wednesday, May 18, 2022, to Thursday, May 19, 2022. Referrals for law enforcement remained open and clients that called the hotline from the community still received a screening and were connected to other services. FrontLine Service reported that only one individual during this timeframe – from the community – requested services from the Diversion Center – and this call was from Detoxification Services – and were referred to another provider.
 - The reason for Oriana House's temporary slowdown was due to the loss of six or seven staff members. To keep everyone safe in the Diversion Center, this decision was made.
- **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Summit:**
 - The DCFS Summit was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Board staff in attendance included Dr. Leslie Koblentz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, Ms. DiVincenzo, Ms. Hollins, and Mr. Osiecki. This summit was held to address the shortage of residential placements for children in crisis. Board staff developed and presented a definition of crisis from the behavioral health perspective for discussion. An additional summit will be held to tackle this ongoing problem.
 - Cuyahoga County released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency Placement Services and Ms. DiVincenzo is on the RFP Review Committee, which has previously met to discuss what options are available through this RFP process.
- **Community Behavioral Correctional Facility (CBCF):**
 - Mr. Osiecki reported that he has been reappointed by Cuyahoga County to serve on the CBCF Governing Board for another two year term - through December 31, 2024.

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., entered the Zoom meeting.]

- **Mental Health Month:**

- The Board has been busy hosting events to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month with various partners throughout May.
- In addition to the May 16, 2022 Annual Meeting Brunch, the Board launched the *Life Side Ohio* Firearm and Suicide Prevention Campaign
- The ADAMHS Board was one of three locations participating in a statewide launch of the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation's (OSPF) new Suicide Prevention Campaign, *Life Side Ohio*.
- The campaign is a dedicated outreach campaign to help educate the firearms community statewide about reducing suicide deaths by firearms. Similar campaigns have been successful in other states.
- The Media Event took place at the ADAMHS Board on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 5:30 pm. In addition to Mr. Tony Coder from OSPF, Mr. Osiecki spoke alongside Ms. Hollins and Mr. Rick Oliver, FrontLine Service, and other campaign representatives from across Ohio. Two additional media events occurred on May 3rd in Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio. This event was livestreamed on Facebook and remains on the Board's Facebook page.
- Several County Law enforcement agency representatives (Cleveland Division of Police, Cleveland Metroparks Police, Euclid Police, Strongsville Police and the Westshore Enforcement Bureau) also came to stand in support of the campaign.
- Mr. Osiecki was a guest speaker at the Hospital Consortium Meeting to discuss the Diversion Center. This meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.
- The Board launched *Talk. They Hear You* Substance Use Prevention Campaign as part of Mental Health Awareness Month's Prevention Week. Parents and caregivers have a significant influence on their children's decisions about using alcohol and other drugs. *Talk. They Hear You.* campaign resources can be found on the Board's website to help individuals start talking with children about these issues at a young age.
- Mr. Osiecki participated in a Channel 5 interview regarding this campaign, which included the deaths and overdoses at Ohio University. This interview transpired on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.
- Mr. Osiecki was also interviewed on May 10, 2022 by Spectrum News regarding several topics, including impact of the pandemic on youth as well as promoting the campaign.
- The Board sponsored the *Mentally Mangled Conference for Faith Leaders*, which was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
- The Board co-hosted a United Way Community Conversation, *The Impact of the Pandemic on Mental Health, Substance Use, Access to Care and Treatment*, which was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Mr. Osiecki was a panelist along with Mr. Lovell Custard, Chief Executive Officer of Murtis Taylor Human Services System, Mr. Archie Green, Peel Them Layers Back and NAMI Greater Cleveland, and Ms. Brittain Paul, Chief Operating Officer of Ravenwood Health in Geauga County. This event was moderated by Ms. Marlene Harris-Taylor, who is the Managing Producer of the Health Team at Ideastream Public Media.
- The Board released *Our Stories, Our Healing* video series showcasing mental health on Friday, May 20, 2022.
- The Board sponsored the *Removing the Stigma's Bowl to Remove Stigma* event, which was held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at the Lanes, 21400 Southgate Park Boulevard, Maple Heights. Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs participated in this event.
- Several Board staff attended the NAMI Greater Cleveland's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.
- At the suggestion of Mr. Thom Craig, the Director of Mental Health Program of Peg's Foundation, staff contacted the Terminal Tower to request that the Terminal Tower be lit in Green on May 24, 2022 in honor of mental health awareness.

- **House Bill (HB) 523:**

- Mr. Osiecki provided proponent testimony to HB 523 to the Ohio House Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports Committee. Representative Shayla Davis, from District 11 in Cuyahoga County, is a member of this Committee.
- Ms. Bishara Addison is a temporary Representative that has been assigned to this Committee.
- HB 523 provides needed updates to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 340 to modernize how Boards can continue to ensure that needed mental health, addiction, prevention and recovery services are available to individuals and families in Ohio. Mr. Osiecki's testimony focused on two areas of the Bill, data sharing and contracting.
- HB 523 will allow the Board to have access to important data about treatment services provided by Medicaid to our clients and our community; to have a deeper understanding of the continuum of care for better planning for the

- residents of Cuyahoga County; as well as allow local Boards to respond more accurately to the needs of the community.
- The Board is a covered entity with The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and are allowed to have this information to provide recovery support and crisis services.
 - HB 523 also removes an arbitrary 120 day notice requirement that Boards must comply with to end contracts. This notice impedes Boards abilities across the State of Ohio to make changes if it is determined to be in the best interest of our local system of care. This requirement is replaced with a due process for early termination of a contract in a way that a provider may appeal the Board's decision. The Provider Association does not agree with this requirement; however, we are the only governmental entity that is required to provide a 120 notice for ending a contract.
 - Mr. Osiecki attended an OACBHA Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, and the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, whereby a Resolution in support of HB 523 was passed unanimously. A similar Resolution in support of HB 523 will be brought forth for ADAMHS Board approval through the June meeting cycle.
- **Staff Update:**
 - Mr. Osiecki shared the following updates related to recruitment:
 - Director of Adult Behavioral Health (BH) Programs
 - ❖ Effective Monday, May 23, 2022, Ms. Schaefer was promoted to the position of Adult BH Programs.
 - ❖ Effective Monday, May 23, 2022, Ms. DiVincenzo was promoted to the position of Director of Prevention and Children's BH Programs.
 - ❖ Ms. Schaefer's and Ms. DiVincenzo's former positions will be posted in the near future.
 - ❖ Ms. Charde' Hollins, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, resigned from the Board, effective Friday, May 20, 2022.
 - ❖ Ms. Hollin's former position will also be posted in the near future.
 - **Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)**
 - The Crisis Stabilization Unit, which is operated by FrontLine Service, might need to close temporarily for the completion of some sewer work. Board staff will be meeting with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN) and a contractor on Thursday, May 26, 2022, to determine how extensive the repair work will be. Once a final decision is reached regarding the temporary closure of the CSU, referring provider agencies will be notified of this timeframe.

Dr. Fowler inquired around staffing at the Diversion Center. Mr. Osiecki indicated that provider agencies have been dealing with a crisis regarding the current staffing shortage. Also, the Diversion Center contract ends on December 31, 2022, as a result staff may be looking for more permanent positions and/or the position was not what they had anticipated. Mr. Jones inquired as to how the Diversion Center advertises for these vacant positions. Mr. Osiecki indicated that the Diversion Center works with various recruiting agencies, especially for nurses, and posts these positions on their website. The Board also has a website page for BH providers to post vacant positions within their designated agency.

The Board advertises for vacant positions through various means. Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided some examples as follows: 1) Emails are forwarded, 2) The utilization of Indeed, 3) Through a number of community postings, and 4) The Board's website. The Board also utilizes various means to maintain diversity through newspapers and social media platforms. Mr. Jones suggested that staff may utilize a component to reach out directly to Cleveland State University, Central State, Wilberforce and/or Oberlin College – having a dynamic to reach directly to those organizations. Ms. Fischer indicated that the Board also utilizes a service called Handshake, which is actually connected to all the institutions within the area; and complete a direct outreach to ensure that information is posted as well.

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that the Board is on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and a LinkedIn page where these positions are posted. She shared that Mr. Jones will start receiving the Board's weekly emails on Friday, May 27 2022; whereby open provider positions are highlighted.

Mr. Max Rodas commended Mr. Osiecki for his extensive report and thanked him and Board staff for their efforts.

Ms. Kern-Pilch commended staff for their efforts with the informative Board's Annual Meeting. Board members concurred.

16. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was received.

17. AUDIENCE INPUT

Ms. Rosie Palfy, A Veterans and Homeless Advocate, introduced herself and congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment to the Board. She stated that she is a member of the City of Cleveland Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC); and this committee was created as one of the mandates of The Consent Decree and crisis intervention is the only portion of the Decree that does not fall under the Police Commission. The City of Cleveland signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ADAMHS Board in September 2015 to run the committee. She reported that she wanted to provide an update regarding the crisis response policy situation. Ms. Palfy stated that she was interviewed in November 2021 by Ideastream about another version of the response policy on the City of Cleveland's website and that this policy was a different version than the one approved by the Court. This version was missing 17 words about transporting people who were not violent – allowing police to have the option if someone did not want to ride in a car, to call Emergency Medical Services (EMS). After six months, the committee was updating the policy, Deputy Chief Joellen O'Neill added basically one of the seventeen words back, EMS, and reported that they had no intention of putting this language back in the policy. If the committee agrees – should be able to make this recommendation, in writing, and the City of Cleveland has a right to say no. She also reported that committee members have been given various explanations over the last six months by the City of Cleveland and when she asked Deputy Chief O'Neill why this language was not included, she responded by saying it was too wordy.

Mr. Osiecki acknowledged the passing of Mr. Denihan and encouraged everyone to read the numerous stories about Mr. Denihan's career on Cleveland.com. He also shared that the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University is hosting an artistic reception celebrating the life of Mr. Denihan, including a showcase of his art, on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

18. UPCOMING JUNE AND JULY BOARD MEETINGS:

- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: June 1, 2022
- Nominating Committee Meeting: June 8, 2022
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: June 8, 2022
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: June 15, 2022
- General Meeting: June 22, 2022
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: July 20, 2022
- General Meeting: July 27, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Submitted by: *Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant*

Approved by:

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