

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 22, 2022**

**ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.	Basheer Jones
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.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, Gregory X. Boehm, M.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, Cheryl Fratalonie, Ryan Gongaware, Madison Greenspan, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, June Hudson, Woo Jun, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Samantha Maloy, Tawanna Pryor, Vicki Roemer, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Dalton Skerlec, Michael Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Thomas Williams, 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 4:01 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.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 25, 2022 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Rev. Gohlstin shared that with this being his last General Meeting to preside over as Board Chair, he wanted to share an old hymn titled *A Charge to Keep I Have*, for which the lyrics make a statement that he echoes, and are as follows:

"A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage  
To do my Master's will!"

Rev. Gohlstin emphasized that this has been the basis of his existence with serving our community. This has been his personal legend and his life's spiritual purpose, his passion, his awakening to serve something greater than himself. This personal legend is not of his own but grows out of his self-agency, which has been a blessing from the creative brooding of the Holy Spirit. Most of his thoughts and actions have been a gift that he has shared with this Board and community. As he is relinquishing the role of Board Chair, he thanked everyone for allowing him to give direction on behalf of the ADAMHS Board. He thanked everyone for embracing

change and allowing the ADAMHS Board to continue to grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and for standing on the core value of serving people with compassion and dignity and for continuing the fight against stigma. It is his prayer that everyone will continue this good work and become a louder voice and a stronger champion for those who have no voice or mic. He noted that as you look over the Board and examine its makeup, you see people of all walks of life, politics, political persuasions, ethnicities, economic status, education, careers and faiths working together for the common good of the behavioral health community. Unfortunately, this kind of togetherness does not transfer to the greater community. Rev. Gohlstin, Sr., emphasized that he will continue to be a creative voice on the ADAMHS Board during the remainder of his tenure.

Rev. Gohlstin also wanted to share that a group of ministers, community leaders and himself, met with the new Interim Sheriff, Steven Hammett, on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, whereby he utilized this opportunity to share that later this month, Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, and he would like to meet to discuss collaborative efforts relative to maximizing quality services for all.

On behalf of Board members and staff, Mr. Osiecki thanked Rev. Gohlstin for his dedicated service as Board Chair; and recognized his efforts with a crystal clock; and on a more personal level, Mr. Osiecki thanked Rev. Gohlstin for his leadership and guidance during his tenure as Chief Executive Officer.

*[Mr. Basheer Jones entered the Zoom meeting.]*

## **6. COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Mr. Anthony Henderson, Chief Compliance Officer, provided a Compliance Department update. Mr. Henderson reported that the goal of the ADAMHS Board Compliance Department is to ensure that providers awarded Board funding are utilizing that funding within the standards of the ADAMHS Board. The Compliance Department will seek to achieve this goal by completing annual assessments on each provider/program that receives contracts for Board funding. The Compliance Department conducts site visits and engages in communication with provider management and staff to ensure that these standards are being upheld. The Compliance Department works with financial, program, and other Board staff to identify any potential and lingering issues that might be present with provider contract compliance.

The Compliance Department's annual assessments will be completed throughout the course of the year (different phases will be completed in each quarter of the year). Each assessment section will work in conjunction to create the Annual Compliance File for the provider. The assessment phases were identified as 1) Financial, 2) Client Records, 3) Staffing, 4) Provider Site and Organizational Structure and 5) a Condensed Assessment for New Programs/Providers. Mr. Henderson noted that assessments will only take place on programs that are contracted with ADAMHS Board funding. Annual assessments will be geared to not ask for anything outside of what an entity such as the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) requests, but Board annual assessments are independent of those reviews.

Mr. Henderson reported on the progress of the 2022 annual assessments. He shared that the following is completed:

- Provider Site Compliance
- Organizational Structure Compliance
- Staffing Compliance, and
- Condensed Assessments

However, the Financial Compliance and Client Records Compliance are yet to be completed.

Typically, the Provider Site and Organizational Structure Assessments will be completed within a particular quarter of the year selected by the Compliance Department (1st Quarter 2022). This section will be assessed by reviewing whether the Provider has these elements in place (as per the signed contract). This assessment will be a "Pass/Fail" basis, and will focus on

- Hazard Preparedness Plan & Emergency Contact Information
- Records Retention Policy
- IT security in place (firewall, antivirus, personal firewall, password protection)
- Business Continuity Plan
- Adequate Insurance for Liabilities (General, Professional, Property Insurance, Worker's Compensation, etc.)
- Completed Program Outcome Narrative
- Annual Report (with ADAMHS Logo as a contract provider) and/or Budget Plan
- Submission of Provider Service Plan

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)/Affirmative Action Plan in place for the provider

The Staffing Records Assessments will be completed within a particular quarter of the year selected by the Compliance Department (2nd Quarter 2022). Records will be assessed by reviewing the qualifications and certifications of staff working on the Board funded programs during the year. This assessment will be dependent on the type of program/facility being assessed and will focus on the following:

- Clearly identified financial person/staff
- Providers have proper certification/licensing
- Staff possess required licenses, certifications, etc.
- Staff have completed criminal background checks on file
- Verification of completed trainings (i.e., employment/client safety, population served, cultural diversity, HIPAA, etc.)

Mr. Henderson reported that the existing compliance status regarding overall provider compliance (excluding new providers) is 93%. Overall program compliance (excluding new providers) is 97%. He also shared the results by provider and by program relative to Staffing Compliance, Provider Site Compliance and Organizational Compliance. The results are as follows:

	By Provider	By Program
➤ Staffing Compliance	97%	98%
➤ Provider Compliance	91%	96%
➤ Organizational Structure Compliance	91%	96%

Condensed Assessments will be completed within a particular quarter of the year selected by the Compliance Department (2nd Quarter 2022). These assessments focus solely on new providers or new programs for existing providers with the intent to provide a very speedy review of these programs. This assessment will combine elements of all assessment phases in an abbreviated capacity to ensure that core assessment aspects are being upheld. Staff will review the following:

- Documentation from the Provider Site and Organizational Structure Assessment
- Providers/staff have proper certification/licensing
- Submission of completed financial audits
- Current and projected spending of funding
- Proper storage and documentation of client records

The compliance percentage for new providers and/or programs was reported as 96%.

Mr. Henderson shared that main drivers for non-compliance determinations were as follows:

**Existing Providers (Provider Site (PS) and Organizational Structure (OS) Assessments)**

- Certificates of Insurance did not list out some levels of insurance specified in the contract (Majority of the non-compliance tags)
- Business Continuity Plan was still in the process of being constructed (would be completed this summer)
- Proof of IT security was not provided

**New Providers/Programs (Condensed Assessments)**

- Certificate of Insurance did not list out some levels of insurance specified in the contract
- Financial audits had not yet been submitted (Majority of non-compliance tags)
- Many of these instances were due to financial audits not being available as of assessment date, will follow-up on these during the current month
- Providers expended less than expected at time of assessment or did not have plans to expend full amount of Board funding

In closing, Mr. Henderson shared a number of instances whereby staff provided technical assistance to provider agencies. He also shared some examples of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) issued, as well as recommendations given by staff. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

**7. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Gwendolyn Howard, LSW, MSSA, Faith-based Outreach Committee Chair, reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on June 1, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- **DEI Strategic Implementation Plan**

Mr. Osiecki provided an update on the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan. He reported that staff met with the Board's consultant, REdCon, to discuss the description of the goals and vision of the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan, Plan implementation; as well as how results will be measured. From Friday, May 6, 2022, through Sunday, May 15, 2022, an electronic draft survey was available for public review and comments; whereby 14 responses were received from the survey. On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, REdCon shared the results with Board staff.

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, met with REdCon regarding electronic training capabilities and the development of education training modules for staff and providers that would be used to gain a baseline for better understanding DEI.

- **Faith-Based Outreach Program Progress Report**

Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, reported that the First Quarter Report contains 11 pages of in-depth analysis of information that includes measurements for all eight providers individually, plus combined data; along with observations about outcomes. The full report is available on the ADAMHS Board's website.

Mr. Thomas Williams, Evaluation and Research Officer, stated that this report includes cumulative data trends and provider program highlights spanning the First Quarter 2022. He reported that there is a variety of providers that worked with the Board over the past year on the faith-based initiative; and due to the program differences and ages of program participants, several measurement instruments were utilized. Also, the outcomes of 207 individuals using the Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) Outcomes and Devereux Adult Resilience Survey (DARS) Outcomes were reviewed.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is designed to teach individuals how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental illness and provide help on a first aid basis. Individuals who are participating in a MHFA training provided by a faith-based program provider are expected to successfully complete the course evaluation/quiz and score at least 60% based on the following topics: Helpful Things to Say; Myths and Facts-Suicide and Self-Injury; Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors; Panic Attacks; Traumatic Events; Auditory Hallucinations; Psychosis; and Substance Use Disorders. No one participated in a MHFA program during the first Quarter of 2022.

The Awareness & Education programs are designed to present a variety of mental health and substance use knowledge to raise their level of education and awareness. These programs are being done by the Far West Bridges Program, NAMI Greater Cleveland/Naaleh Cleveland, NAMI Greater Cleveland and the Galilean Theological Center (GTC). Presently, there are no new clients for 2022.

Ms. Sizemore reported on a variety of current highlights from each the eight faith-based providers.

- **Program Provider Presentations**

- **99Treasures Arts & Culture – Project Community Empowerment Holistic Solutions for Holistic Programs**

Representatives of 99Treasures Arts & Culture, Mr. Khalid Samad, Chief Executive Officer/Co-founder, Ms. Raj Roberson, Project Director, and Ms. Ruth Standiford, Staff Social Worker, presented on Project Community Empowerment Holistic Solutions for Holistic Programs. Information was shared regarding youth and families being served through programming that is trauma informed, intergenerational and culturally specific, including wrap around services for families, mentoring and substance misuse education.

- **Far West Center (FWC) – Bridges Program**

Mr. Bob Piovarchy, Clinical Manager of Far West Center, reported that the Bridges Program is a way of bridging clergy and congregations to mental health awareness. Various ways to bridge spirituality and mental health include, but are not limited to, developing relationships with clergy as well as congregations, providing mental health awareness through a four session educational program and providing mental health awareness through the provision of MHFA sessions.

- **Community Non-Board Member Discussion**

Mr. Osiecki reported that per the ADAMHS Board bylaws, the Faith-based Outreach Committee and the Planning & Oversight Committee may consist of both board members and not more than two residents of the service district who are not members of the Board but who are qualified to serve as members of the Board. These two Non-Board Members shall be appointed by the Board to four-year terms of office as committee members and may be reappointed to not more than one subsequent term of office. These two Non-Board Members have a right to vote on matters presented to the Faith-based Outreach Committee and Planning & Oversight Committee; however, they do not have a right to vote at any General Meetings.

The two current Community Non-Board Members serving on the Faith-based Outreach Committee and their terms are listed below:

- Rev. Brenda M. Ware-Abrams, 4-year term, November 2016 through October 2020.
- Ms. Mary Warr, 4 year-term, February 2018 through January 2022.

Although, the terms of Ms. Ware-Abrams and Ms. Warr have expired, they continued to remain as Non-Board Members. They are both eligible for the completion of a second four-year term from the date that their terms expired, and both have expressed interest in continuing as Non-Board Members. Once reappointed, the terms would be as follows:

- Rev. Brenda M. Ware-Abrams for a term, November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2024.
- Ms. Mary R. Warr for a term, February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2026.

▪ Public Comment Period

Dr. Deborah Watson shared that she is honored to participate in the Board's Faith-based Outreach program and thanked the presenters for increasing an awareness and understanding of mental health/addiction in the faith community. She also congratulated Ms. Ware-Abrams and Ms. Warr on their appointments as Non-Board Members to the Faith-based Outreach Committee.

**Motion to reappoint Ms. Brenda M. Ware-Abrams and Ms. Mary R. Warr for their second four-year terms as Community Non-Board Members of the Faith-based Outreach Committee (as identified above).** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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.**

**8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Erskine Cade, Nominating Committee Chair, reported on the Nominating Committee meeting held on June 8, 2022. He reported that 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: Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW
- Second Vice Chair: Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S

**Motion to elect the recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2023-FY2024.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: G. Howard / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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.**

Based upon the Nominating Committee member's interview process of prospective candidates for the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy, Nominating Committee members reached consensus to recommend Ms. Sadigoh Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, for Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) appointment consideration.

Consequently, the Nominating Committee requests approval from the full Board to submit for consideration the appointment recommendation of Ms. Sadigoh Galloway to the Director of OhioMHAS.

**Motion to recommend Ms. Sadigoh Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, for Board member appointment to the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: A.

Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, reported on the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting held on June 8, 2022. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

### ▪ **Presentations:**

#### **Healthy Families / Children of Incarcerated Parents**

Mr. Joe Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), introduced Ms. Heather Roper, Program Manager, Oriana House, and Mr. Aaron Rentrope, LSW, Program Coordinator, FrontLine Service. Ms. Roper reported that as the Program Manager of Oriana House, she assists with monitoring and facilitating Healthy Families Build Stronger Communities; and work in partnership with the ADAMHS Board. She stated that parental incarceration has been identified as an adverse childhood experience. On any given day 2.7 million children are estimated to have at least one incarcerated parent in America (Rutgers, 2014). 50% of these children lived with their incarcerated parent when they were removed from the home (Pew Charitable Trust, 2010). Approximately 50% of these children are under 10 years old (Rutgers, 2014); and 20% of African American children involved with child welfare have a justice involved parent. 25% of children live with their fathers when a mother goes to prison and 90% of children remain with their mothers when their fathers are incarcerated (Rutgers, 2014). 50% of children with an incarcerated mother live with their grandmother. Caregivers experience challenges with the following: stigma, shame, increased financial strain, physical and emotional stress and lack of external resources (Rutgers, 2014).

Ms. Roper shared some background information regarding a need for this program. She reported that in 2019 the ADAMHS Board provided funds to assist with creating the Healthy Families Build Strong Communities Program within the Oriana House McDonnell Center. In 2021 additional funding was obtained through the Department of Justice in coordination with the ADAMHS board to broaden services to females being housed in the halfway house programs at Salvation Army and the Oriana House Community Corrections Treatment Center.

The Healthy Families program is a partnership between Oriana House Inc., Salvation Army, Healthy Fathering Collaborative, and FrontLine Service Inc. FrontLine Service provides trauma-informed services to residents, caregivers, and children. Oriana House and Salvation Army assist with providing services to fathers and mothers sentenced to the Community Behavioral Correctional Facility (CBCF) and halfway house programs. Cleveland Mediation Center, a program of FrontLine Service, provides mediation services to bring the incarcerated parents and the families together with the goal to develop a family reentry plan. The Reconnection Programs, part of the Healthy Fathering Collaborative, provides parental development courses, which include different levels of parenting, money and management and how to budget.

#### **Clubhouse / Employment Model**

Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, introduced Ms. Angel Chapin, LISW-S-S, Chief Clinical Officer, Magnolia Clubhouse. Ms. Chapin reported that Magnolia Clubhouse has been in existence for more than 50 years and was initially part of Hill House, but is now a free standing organization. She highlighted that Magnolia Clubhouse is a valuable resource for men and women with mental illness (over 18) who want to build a better life, find employment, or continue their education. Members of this club retain their membership for life and can visit as frequently as they wish. Ms. Chapin noted that they are not a drop in center, but are very work focused; whereby members and staff work alongside each other to accomplish the responsibilities of the Clubhouse. Whether that is to assist with lunch preparation, pay bills and/or data entry, Magnolia Clubhouse members may get involved in any aspect of the work that transpires at the Clubhouse. She reported that they do not have therapy groups and/or arts and crafts, but is work focused. Magnolia Clubhouse utilizes evidence-based practices and all of the Clubhouses collect and share data with each other. They are one of more than 300 Clubhouses around the world and are one of three in the State of Ohio. Recently seven other organizations were given grants by the State of Ohio to start new Clubhouses. As a result, within the next year, there should be ten Clubhouses in the State of Ohio.

Ms. Chapin stated that all of the Clubhouses are based on the same 37 standards, which all align with the recovery model. She clarified that they align with the recovery model rather than follow due to the standards being in existence prior to the idea of the recovery model. However, the idea that the Clubhouse is consumer driven, includes peer and family supports, professional support, assistance with getting and maintaining stable housing for participants, and helping individuals to

have access to community resources. The main goal of Magnolia Clubhouse is to allow individuals to have a sense of community and a sense of purpose in the community.

- **CY2023 Board Funding Priorities Discussion**

Mr. Osiecki reported on the CY2023 Board Funding Priorities and highlighted that priorities are set with the overarching objective for the ADAMHS Board to contract for quality, collaborative, culturally competent, culturally appropriate, evidence-based, best practice, trauma informed, and diverse behavioral health treatment, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County across the lifespan for children, transitional youth, adolescents, adults, older adults and special populations.

- **Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CY2023 Board Funded Mental Health, Addiction, Prevention and Recovery Support Services**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the ADAMHS Board utilizes RFPs to solicit proposals from mental health, addiction, prevention and recovery support providers as one of its options to provide needed services to the residents of Cuyahoga County. The RFP process allows the staff and Board to review programmatic, clinical, performance outcomes, financial information and diversity and cultural competence strategies of each provider that submits a response to the RFP. Mr. Osiecki noted that the Board's DEI Consultant, REdCon, will be assisting with the development on the RFP to ensure that critical questions are included in the RFP around DEI. He also shared the anticipated timeline of the RFP process from approval of priorities and authorization of release of RFP to final recommendation and Board of Directors approval of CY2023 contract funding at the November 2022 General Meeting.

- **Support of House Bill (HB) 523: Changes to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 340**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and its member Boards support passage of House Bill 523: Changes to ORC Chapter 340. This section of code, which is the statutory operating authority for ADAMHS Boards, has seen minor revisions in recent years, but it is largely unchanged from when it was initially enacted in the late 80s. On May 30, 2022, OACBHA passed a resolution in support of HB 523 and asked its member Boards to do the same on the local level. HB 523 will modernize the ORC Chapter 340 regarding several areas, including contracting, exchange of Medicaid recipient data, governing board appointments, composition and size, and provide for consideration of additional information related to certification of providers.

- **Support of State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications**

Mr. Woo Jun, Esq., Director of Risk Management, shared that ADAMHS Board support must be provided for State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications from Cuyahoga County providers. Services provided include the full array of community behavioral healthcare and residential treatment services for children. Mr. Jun reported that the State of Ohio Assurance Statement requires that the ADAMHS Board assure the building will be used for the purpose described in the Application unless written authorization is obtained from the State. The State of Ohio 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. No ADAMHS Board funding is required. Third-party and State of Ohio funding to be used for renovation. The State of Ohio requests a board resolution from the ADAMHS Board to reaffirm and provide support for the State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications.

- **Three-year DEI Strategic Implementation Plan**

Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief of Strategic Initiatives, thoroughly reviewed each section of the draft three-year DEI Strategic Implementation Plan and responded to questions as they arose.

- **Community Non-Board Member Discussion**

Currently, there are no Non-Board Members serving on the Planning & Oversight Committee. Both of the previous Non-Board Members were recommended and selected by the appointing authority to become regular Board Members. Ms. Kern-Pilch reported that the Nominating Committee completed a Board member candidate interview session; whereby Ms. Elaine Schleiffer was suggested to fill one of the two Non-Board Member positions on the Planning & Oversight Committee.

- **New Provider/New Program Review (5-Month)**

Mr. Jun reported on the New Provider/New Program Review. He stated that during the April Board cycle, he gave a presentation regarding the progress of our new providers/new programs pursuant to the Probationary Period for New Providers/New Programs Policy around the half-way point of the probationary period. This presentation is the 5-month review of our new providers/new programs. Mr. Jun reported that the board passed the “Probationary Period for New Providers/New Programs” policy in Sept 2021 to ensure successful implementation of our new providers/new programs. The summary of the policy is that all new providers/new programs are placed on a 6-month probationary period in order to allow more frequent and careful monitoring. At the end of the 6-month probationary period, The Board has the option to 1) remove probation; 2) extend probation 90-days; or 3) terminate the program. In CY2022, the Board has 27 new programs of which are run by 8 new providers and these new providers/new programs were placed on a 6-month probation.

In order to implement the Probationary Period Policy, Board staff developed a document titled New Provider/New Program Review; whereby the applicable time period of the review can be selected and various questions answered regarding the programs to determine successful program implementation. Additionally, staff can place a provider on a corrective action plan for any question that needs improvement to ensure that issues are fully documented. Based on the nine questions, management will make a recommendation regarding the program, such as removing or extending the probationary period or terminating the program. Mr. Jun shared the results of the 2-month review. The Board had 22 (81%) programs progressing sufficiently and only five programs that needed improvement. These are five programs whereby the Board thought there were some concerns that needed to be addressed: the Centers – Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH), Friendly Inn – Behavioral Health Center, NEO Health Services - Best, Serenity – AXIOS, and Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) – CARE. Most of the issues were difficulty in hiring and getting the program up and running. The Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of these respective programs received correspondence from the Board so that the areas of concern may be addressed.

The results of the 5-month review were shared. The Board has 25 programs (92%) that successfully completed probationary periods and two programs where they made some progress and will have their probationary periods extended 90 days due to concerns. The 22 programs that were progressing sufficiently at the 2-month review did not have new concerns at the 5-month review. As a result, Mr. Jun shared the 5-month review results of the programs that were rated “needs improvement.” The Board is removing the probationary status to the three programs: the Centers – ECMH, Serenity – AXIOS and VNA – CARE. The Centers is now beginning to hire recent graduates and will start seeing clients. Since the ECMH program is funded through pooled funding, there is minimal risk; and Invest In Children, who funds the program agrees with that assessment. Serenity and VNA received a CY2022 allocation for startup funding, but now will be billing from pooled funding; whereby provider agencies can only bill for clients served. VNA will be billing through pooled funding for name services already allocated for CY2022. The Board will need to come up with an appropriate allocation for Serenity for pooled funding in July to be in line with other prevention programs. Also, the Board will be extending the probationary period for another 90 days for Friendly Inn and NEON. Friendly Inn has made some progress in hiring staff and started seeing clients, but an issue arose with their OhioMHAS certification for behavioral health. NEON has addressed each area of concern during the 2-month review, but the Board wants to monitor the number of clients served since it has only served 25 clients when its goal was 720. Staff will work with NEON to come up with a more appropriate goal for the remainder of the year.

- **New Business**

Mr. Jones shared information regarding a conference titled *Time to Heal*, which is scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2022 at the Huntington Convention Center.

- **Public Comment Period**

Ms. Rosie Palfy, a Veterans and Homeless Advocate; and a member of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC), shared her disappointment with participating in some DEI committee meetings and/or focus groups; and shared that her lack of responding to the DEI survey was due to raised concerns not being addressed.

**Motion to appoint Ms. Elaine Schleiffer for a four-year term as a Community Non-Board Member of the Planning & Oversight Committee.** MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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. Max Rodas made a recommendation for the inclusion of biographical information in future requests for appointments of this nature to assist with decision making efforts.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-01**  
**SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 523: REQUESTING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS HB 523 TO MAKE NEEDED CHANGES TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 340**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-02**  
**APPROVAL OF STATE LEGISLATURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FOR APPLEWOOD CENTERS, INC. JONES HOME CAMPUS RENOVATION (MH-1232) & CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY CAMPUS RENOVATION (MH-1243)**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-03**  
**APPROVAL OF STATE LEGISLATURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR BELLEFAIRE JCB RENOVATION (MH-1241)**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-04**  
**APPROVAL OF STATE LEGISLATURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR BLUESTONE CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL LAUNDRY FACILITY (MH-1247)**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-05**  
**APPROVAL OF STATE LEGISLATURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR LIFEWORKS AUTISM SERVICES RENOVATION (MH-1242)**

**Motion to approve Resolution Nos. 22-06-01 through 22-06-05.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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.**

## **10. FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations Committee Chair, reported on the Finance & Operations Committee meeting held on June 15, 2022, and highlighted the Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Resolution Nos. 22-06-06 through 22-06-07*

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-06 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Consultation on RFP Process
  - Rice Education Consulting, LLC, (REdCon) - \$8,750

Two of the proposed actions in the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan relate to the ADAMHS Board RFP process, under “Strengthening Service Delivery System/System Level Coordination and Planning”:

- Action 1.1.B: Establish and implement DEI metrics for providers
  - Implementation Step 1.1.B.5: Provide training for evaluators of the RFPs
- Action 1.1.C: Establish funding and support processes for DEI metrics
  - Implementation Step 1.1.C.1: Evaluate and standardize the RFP process

This consultation agreement will allow the ADAMHS Board to immediately implement the above recommended DEI approaches, rather than waiting until a future budget cycle. To ensure that diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) principles are strengthened in the CY2023 ADAMHS Board Budget / RFP process, REdCon will provide:

- a review of the RFP document that will be issued by the ADAMHS Board and written suggestions for updates or improvements,
- a scoring rubric for use by the RFP review team, and
- a two-hour in-person training for the RFP review team on Bias and Selection Bias.

This agreement is for the term of June 2022 through December 2022 in the amount of \$8,750.

2. Outpatient Competency Restoration Education
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$74,000

Outpatient Competency Restoration is designed for people with a mental health disorder or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders who are found incompetent to stand trial and are court-ordered to participate in competency restoration treatment. Staff of the Murtis Taylor Human Services System will meet with individuals involved in nonviolent offenses found incompetent to stand trial by the court to provide legal education as part of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process. Staff of the Murtis Taylor Human Services System will meet for one to two hours each week with the individuals for no more than two months to ensure that the clients understand the charges, legal representation and actions of the court. This contract is for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$74,000.

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

The ADAMHS Board was requested to apply on behalf of several partners to OhioMHAS, for the WCM ECMH Grant in 2015. OhioMHAS awarded funding to the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$441,906 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. OhioMHAS has continued funding of this program for SFY2023.

The WCM Initiative is an effort to promote healthy social and emotional development and school readiness among children aged six, now expanded to age eight and younger through OhioMHAS. Services include family focused consultation, training, and early intervention services for children to build social emotional competency to promote resiliency. Family focused consultation services are provided to local home visiting programs, pediatric offices, and early learning environments including pre-schools to fulfill service needs in high-risk communities in partnership with the Lorain County Mental Health Board and the Summit County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. The grant also includes statewide trainings to build capacity and promote professional development regarding early childhood. The ADAMHS Board proposes to contract with the following agencies: Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau, OhioGuidestone and PEP.

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

The System of Care Program is a collaborative effort between OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) to provide care coordination and linkage for youth and young-adults ages 14 to 25 re-entering the community from juvenile correctional institutions or other out-of-home placements. Catholic Charities' ODYS Aftercare program provides behavioral health services and care coordination for youth ages 14 to 21 with substance use disorders who re-enter the community from an ODYS facility. Services provide support for Substance Use Disorder (SUD), vocational, educational, and housing needs. ODYS Aftercare services begin four months prior to their release with a focus on re-entry preparation and planning.

OhioGuidestone's Transitional Age Community Treatment (TACT) program is designed to provide inter-disciplinary support for youth ages 16 to 25 with persistent behavioral symptoms and complex needs who reside within the community or are transitioning from out-of-home placements like hospitals, residential treatment, or juvenile correctional facilities. TACT works to reduce symptoms and progress toward stability and independence by providing employment/vocation, SUD, and peer support services. This contract is for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$215,796.

5. OhioMHAS: Behavioral Health Criminal Justice BH/CJ Linkages Program Funding
  - Recovery Resources - \$83,333

Recovery Resources received BH/CJ funding for SFY 2022 to provide services to inmates diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorders, or co-occurring disorders. This program and funding will continue in SFY2023. Recovery Resources will be awarded \$83,333 to provide the services with OhioMHAS funding through June 30, 2023.

The Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) provides a sentencing option that diverts appropriate male felons from the state prison system. The program aims to aid offenders in making positive behavioral and lifestyle changes to decrease the likelihood of continued criminal behavior. CBCF programs give offenders an opportunity to remain in their community while addressing such issues as mental health needs, substance abuse, thinking and decision-making skills, education, employment, anger management, and other life skills. Funding will be used to dedicate one Bachelor level staff to act as a liaison and provide the following: mental health screenings, provide linkage to community based services, provide educational services in a group setting, and participate in treatment team meetings. This will also include a trauma education group and peer support services.

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

Every year, there are approximately 30 evaluations conducted on defendants who previously were adjudicated as Incompetent to Stand Trial or found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) being served in Cuyahoga County who have been hospitalized at North Coast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH). The Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic provides Second Opinion Evaluations for persons, referred by NBH Forensic Units, who are considered near discharge ready for the community. Once a recommendation for potential conditional release has been made by rendering the Second Opinion Evaluation from the Court Psychiatric Clinic, the report is forwarded to the sentencing judge who will determine if Conditional Release should be granted. Conditional Release must be granted by the Judge giving the NGRI offender permission to live in the community under specific conditions and monitored by the Conditional Release Unit.

Recovery Resources operates the Conditional Release Unit of Cuyahoga County and thus provides the Forensic Monitoring for this population. Forensic Monitoring consists of intensive community support, medication somatic services, referral/linkage to ancillary support as well as facilitation of reports to the Judge and OhioMHAS. Recovery Resources is the primary provider for Conditional Release services. This contract is for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$259,608.

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

Funding from OhioMHAS is to support the continued growth and expansion of prevention and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers in Cuyahoga County. This is accomplished in the following manner:

- Web based learning and educational opportunities for professionals, including probation officers, behavioral health and physical healthcare providers
- Online screening tools to identify problem gambling behavior
- Community awareness and engagement through coalition efforts, including the Problem Gambling Speakers Bureau, Problem Gambling Awareness Month and the Problem Gambling Symposium
- Gambling prevention services to college and universities, Asian communities, youth and SUD clients
- Review applications and workbook for the Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP) applicants

This contract is for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$207,608.

8. OhioMHAS: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement Program
  - Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$25,351.47

The ADAMHS Board received notification from OhioMHAS and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department relative to the award granted to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for the reimbursement of funds expended for MAT in the

jail. Reimbursement of costs for medications distributed to inmates in the Cuyahoga County jails by the Sheriff's Department. These funds cover the cost of MAT by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department in the jail for the period of July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$25,351.47.

9. OhioMHAS: Crisis Funding - Children's Crisis Stabilization and Residential Services – \$512,641
  - OhioGuidestone - \$486,160
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau and Applewood - \$26,481 (pooled)

OhioMHAS provided Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds to the Board starting in July 2019 to enhance the Board's crisis continuum. Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds were allocated to the ADAMHS Board to help meet the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis in the community through the provision of four crisis stabilization residential treatment beds at OhioGuidestone. The remaining funds will be used for residential treatment at Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau and Applewood. This contract is for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$512,641.

10. OhioMHAS: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Services – Pass Through Funds – \$2,524,938
  - Provider Agencies are Listed on Agenda Process Sheet

OhioMHAS issues "Pass-Through" Notice of Awards to the ADAMHS Board for various programs each fiscal year. All listed programs are 100% state/federal funded with the exception of Community Assessment & Treatment (Therapeutic Community) - \$59,019 of the \$157,570 contract amount is ADAMHS Board funded and Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (Drug Court) - \$82,590 of the \$220,500 contract amount is ADAMHS Board funded. This contract is for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$2,524,938.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-07 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-10-04, Changes to Stipend Amounts in the Learning Collaborative Focused on School-based Behavioral Health Services – \$122,500
  - Brookline Center for Community Mental Health - \$100,000
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services - \$5,000
  - Beech Brook - \$5,000
  - Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau - \$2,500
  - OhioGuidestone - \$5,000
  - Family First Health Services - \$5,000

The Board is amending Resolution 21-10-04 to correct the overall budget and update stipend amounts for Murtis Taylor and Beech Brook.

- Decrease overall budget from \$125,000 to \$122,500
- Decrease Murtis Taylors' stipend amount from \$10,000 to \$5,000
- Increase Beech Brook's stipend amount from \$2,500 to \$5,000

Six schools or school districts and their community-based behavioral providers have agreed to participate in the Learning Collaborative facilitated by Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT). In order to compensate the providers for participating in the Learning Collaborative, stipends will be paid at the end of the Learning Collaborative. This contract is for the term of October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$122,500.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-10-05, Addiction Treatment Program – No-cost Term Extension
  - 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)

OhioMHAS approved use of carryover funds for SFY2022 and approved any remaining funds for use moving into SFY2023. The ADAMHS Board acts as the fiscal agent to draw down funds in the OhioMHAS grant system and pass the funds to the contracted providers for services rendered. The Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) provides treatment and recovery support services to individuals who are eligible to participate in 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.

*[Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Harvey A. Snider, Esq., was not able to vote.]*

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 22-06-06 through 22-06-07).** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: G. Howard / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

### **11. THREE-YEAR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the ADAMHS Board is committed to work with its partners to plan immediate, short-term, and long-term goals for eliminating structural racism in the mental health, addiction and recovery support system. On June 24, 2020, the ADAMHS Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 20-06-01 declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis. Pursuant to this resolution, the Board convened the first Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Care Work Group on October 5, 2020. The ADAMHS Board released a Request for Proposals for a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion consultant on July 27, 2021, and received three responses by the deadline. Receiving the top score, REdCon, was chosen in September 2021 to provide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Assessment and Planning Services. The DEI Strategic Implementation Plan was created over seven months through a REdCon guided robust assessment and equity planning process, accomplished through examination of baseline data gathered by multiple sensing mechanisms such as an online survey, virtual one-on-one interviews, and virtual focus groups all representing various stakeholder perspectives, including funders, service providers, community members, individuals with lived experience and ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff, as well as six strategic planning sessions with a smaller diverse group of ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff.

A DEI Strategic Implementation Plan has been created for the ADAMHS Board and its system of providers by REdCon, which was developed utilizing a three-phase planning process. This inclusive process resulted in a plan that includes clearly defined goals and action steps that the ADAMHS Board will use to develop a culturally competent, culturally appropriate, and diverse mental health, addiction and recovery support system that delivers treatment, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the diverse residents of Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board views DEI efforts not as a set-aside but as part of all operations, hence the goals of our DEI Strategic Implementation Plan will be accomplished over a three-year period and is an overlay to the ADAMHS Board 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. The DEI Strategic Implementation Plan was presented and discussed during the June Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committee meetings.

Mr. Rico Rice, President, REdCon, shared his enthusiasm for working collaboratively with the Board and community to create a unique three-year DEI Strategic Implementation Plan. Ms. Lesli Rice, Lead Strategist, REdCon, also shared her enthusiasm regarding the ADAMHS Board's DEI Plan; and highlighted two important factors regarding the compilation of a Strategic Plan, which consist of stakeholder buy-in and clear action steps that can be followed.

Mr. Jones commended the Board and REdCon for their efforts relative to the three-year DEI Strategic Implementation Plan and shared his excitement around this opportunity to make a change.

*[Due to the correction of technical difficulties, Mr. Harvey A. Snider, Esq., was able to vote.]*

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-08**  
**APPROVAL OF THREE-YEAR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-06-08.** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Howard / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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. Osiecki thanked the Board for their approval of the three-year DEI Strategic Implementation Plan.

## **12. CY2023 BOARD FUNDING PRIORITIES DISCUSSION**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the ADAMHS Board sets and approves priorities for funding of behavioral health treatment, prevention and recovery services to ensure that available dollars fund the best and most necessary services to support recovery. Although the Board strives to fund all providers and programs, staff recommends that responses to the CY2023 funding RFP should be reviewed based on the priorities, provider/program metrics from CY2021 and the first six months of CY2022, workforce status, cultural composition of leadership and staff and financial health of the agency. As part of the CY2023 priority setting process and a means of reflecting community input, Board staff reviewed the Board's CY2022 priorities, the Board's Needs Assessment that was completed in May 2020, RecoveryOhio priorities, the OhioMHAS 21-24 Strategic Plan, the Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and information gathered through the DEI Plan development process. The Board's Management Team met to identify and streamline priorities to reflect the responsibilities of the ADAMHS Board and ensure that funded providers utilize Evidenced Based Best Practices for prevention and treatment services and Best Practices for recovery support services.

Mr. Osiecki reported that the recommended priorities were presented and discussed during the Board's June Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committee meetings for final approval during the June General Meeting. He highlighted that priorities are set with the overarching objective for the ADAMHS Board to contract for quality, collaborative, culturally competent, culturally appropriate, evidence based, best practice, trauma informed, and diverse behavioral health treatment, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County across the lifespan for children, transitional youth, adolescents, adults, older adults and special populations. Mr. Osiecki presented the CY2023 recommended Board Provider and Board Funding Priorities in ranked order:

1. 24-hour Crisis services, including Crisis Hotline, Crisis Text, 988, OhioRISE, Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS), Crisis Residential Services, Co-responder and Care Responder Teams.
2. Prevention and early intervention programs and campaigns for mental health and addiction using both traditional and innovative approaches, including communication efforts to reach diverse populations about the availability of services.
3. High Quality Housing including Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) for adults with mental illness, Sober and Recovery Housing for adults that are certified with National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, and Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) that meet State and National Residential Care and Assisted Living Regulations and Policies.
4. Harm reduction efforts and innovative strategies to reduce deaths by overdose and suicide, allowing individuals the chance to seek treatment.
5. Peer Support for mental health and addiction.
6. Removing barriers to treatment, including transportation, stigma and development of a diverse workforce.
7. 24-Hours a Day/Seven Days a Week access for mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services, with in-person services delivered wherever possible
8. Employment Programs for people living in recovery from substance use disorders and mental illness.

Mr. Osiecki noted that over 100,000 Cuyahoga County residents with Behavioral Health Treatment, Recovery and Prevention Services will be served. The impact is to ensure that available dollars fund the best quality and most needed Behavioral Health, Recovery and Prevention Services to support Recovery.

Mr. Osiecki recommended amending Resolution No. 22-06-09 to include WHEREAS, priorities are set with the overarching objective for the ADAMHS Board to contract for quality, collaborative, culturally competent, culturally appropriate, evidence based, best practice, trauma informed, and diverse behavioral health treatment, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County across the lifespan for children, transitional youth, adolescents, adults, older adults and special populations

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-09**  
**APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2023 BOARD FUNDING PRIORITIES**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-06-09 as amended by the Chief Executive Officer.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, 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.**

*[J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., entered the Zoom meeting.]*

*[Mr. Harvey A. Snider, Esq., left the Zoom meeting.]*

Mr. Osiecki reported that the ADAMHS Board utilizes RFPs to solicit proposals from mental health, addiction, prevention and recovery support providers as one of its options to provide needed services to the residents of Cuyahoga County. The RFP process allows the staff and Board to review programmatic, clinical, performance outcomes, financial information and diversity and cultural competence strategies of each provider that submits a response to the RFP. Mr. Osiecki noted that the Board's DEI Consultant, REdCon, will be assisting with the development on the RFP to ensure that critical questions are included in the RFP around DEI. He also shared the anticipated timeline of the RFP process from approval of priorities and authorization of release of RFP to final recommendation and Board of Directors approval of CY2023 contract funding at the November 2022 General Meeting. Staff recommends that the ADAMHS Board only entertain funding requests during the RFP process to ensure that programs funded by the ADAMHS Board are considered in a fair and efficient manner, unless extenuating circumstances arise, such as an identified gap in core services or underserved location. Board staff provide suggestions to the Chief Executive Officer and ultimately to the Board of Directors the recommended providers to deliver the array of services meeting ADAMHS Board priorities and requirements as identified in the RFP to serve the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County. Board staff request that the Board of Directors approve the issuance of the RFP to solicit proposals from local mental health, addiction, prevention and recovery support providers for services beginning in CY2023.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-10**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CY2023 BOARD FUNDED MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-06-10.** MOTION: E. Cade / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

*[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj left the Zoom meeting.]*

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

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

- **Ohio's 2022 Opiate & Other Drugs Conference:**
  - On Monday and Tuesday, June 6 & 7, 2022, several Board staff including, Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, Mr. Joe Arnett, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), Ms. Michaela Smith, OUD Specialist, Ms. Regina Spicer, Training Officer, Ms. Samantha Maloy, AmeriCorps VISTA, and Mr. Osiecki attended the OACBHA Annual Conference.
  - On June 6, 2022, Mr. Michael Randle, from Oriana House, and Mr. Osiecki presented a workshop titled *Community Treatment Instead of Jail or Hospitalization: The Ins and Outs of Ohio's First Diversion Center*.
  - On June 7, 2022, Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus and Ms. Stephanie Shorts, Program Coordinator at The MetroHealth System, provided a workshop titled *NaloxBox Program in Cuyahoga County*.
  - Cuyahoga County's expertise was well represented at the conference. Mr. Osiecki reported that more than 1,000 individuals were in attendance; and both workshops were well attended.
- **Minority Vendor Report:**
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that during last month's General Meeting, a question arose during a presentation regarding the Board's public awareness campaign discussion for funding as to what percentage of Board funding goes to minorities. Mr. Osiecki shared some background information relative to ORC 340, which gives guidance to ADAMHS Boards by recommending setting aside 15% of the Board's operating budget to be awarded to minorities and does not include contracts for behavioral health services because they are specific.

- Mr. Osiecki shared a spreadsheet that reflects the Board's operating costs from January through April 2022. Each provider was categorized as being a minority owned or operated or both minority and female operated or just female owned and operated. Through the end of April, the Board is 14% total of minority business and female business owned or operated and 13% of minority Board owned.
- Mr. Osiecki shared that when the additional Board approved contracts through June 2022 are included in this report, the Board will be at 16%.
- Mr. Osiecki also reviewed the behavioral health provider contracting with the Board, which include Faith-based providers, provider agencies, and ACFs, the Board is at 13.3% with the actual treatment services. When women are included, the total is 39%.
- **Care Response Teams:**
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board continues to explore piloting Care Response Teams in Cuyahoga County.
  - Care Response Teams consist of a health first non-Police intervention for mental health and addiction crisis.
  - On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, Mr. Osiecki, Ms. Rosser and Ms. Ballard met with representatives of R Strategy Group to discuss their Care Response Teams proposal. As a result, R Strategy Group is revising their proposal from feedback received for Board staff to bring forth to the Board later this year.
  - In early June 2022, Board staff were involved in a Care Response panel discussion with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, Cuyahoga County Council President Pernel Jones, Jr., Dr. Lori D'Angelo, Executive Director of Magnolia Clubhouse, Ms. Donna Marie Randolph, Magnolia Clubhouse member, and Ms. Mary Crawley, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Fountain House in New York.
  - On Friday, June 10, 2022, Ms. Rosser and Mr. Rick Oliver, from FrontLine Service, participated in a conference call from the Cincinnati 911 Emergency Communication Center – Cincinnati is launching a Care Response Program called Alternative Response to Crisis (ARC) and is modeled after a program in Denver, Colorado.
- **Staff Update:**
  - Mr. Osiecki shared the following updates related to recruitment:
    - The Board is currently accepting resumes until the end of the day on Friday, June 24, 2022, for the following positions:
      - ❖ Children's Behavioral Health Specialist
      - ❖ Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist
      - ❖ Adult Behavioral Health Specialist (Residential)
    - All relevant materials regarding these positions; along with instructions as to and how to apply are posted on the Board's website.
    - These positions became available due to retirement and promotions from within the Board.
- **Client Summer Event**
  - Tuesday, June 28, 2022, the ADAMHS Board is providing a chartered bus for 51 clients to attend Ohio's 2022 Recovery Celebration in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Bill Hebble, Client Rights Officer II, Ms. Christina Bohuslawsky-Brown, Clients Rights Officer II, and Ms. Vicki Romer, Administrative Specialist, will be accompanying the clients to the celebration.
  - This celebration is free of charge and is being hosted by OACBHA, OhioMHAS and Peg's Foundation. The celebration with include speakers, food and entertainment throughout the day.
- **ORC 340:**
  - Mr. Osiecki provided public comment on the modernization of ORC 340 during the public comment section that was hosted by OhioMHAS and its committee that is looking at revising ORC. He focused on two areas of the bill that include data sharing as well as contracting.
  - OhioMHAS will also be hosting regional meetings regarding ORC.
- **Woodruff Foundation:**
  - Mr. Osiecki was invited to meet with Board members of the Woodruff Foundation to discuss the Opioid Settlement funds, the Board's priorities, workforce shortage and how everyone can collaborate on projects.



- **New Provider Meeting:**
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that staff met with Cuyahoga County Councilman Martin Sweeney, and a new MAT provider to discuss their efforts in Cuyahoga County.
- **Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU):**
  - The CSU temporarily closed for approximately ten days for sewer repair work to be completed.
- **Client Run Provider Agency Update:**
  - Due to the Board's monitoring, in 2019 Board members were informed of some possible misuse of public funds being provided by the Board to an agency; and the matter was turned over to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.
  - On Wednesday, June 22, 2022, Mr. Jun provided a victim statement to recommend restitution, probation and treatment in lieu of jail time.
  - The final outcome was jail time, probation and restitution of funds to the ADAMHS Board.

*[Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, left the Zoom meeting]*

#### **14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Rev. Gohlstin announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter.

**Motion to enter into Executive Session.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: R. Blue / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

**Motion to exit the Executive Session and resume the business of the General Meeting Agenda.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: G. Howard / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-11 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-03 – APPROVAL OF COMPLETED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW & SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT S. OSIECKI**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-06-11 Amending Resolution No. 21-03-03.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas / NAYS: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **15. NEW BUSINESS**

Due to the expiration of the state's authorization of electronic meetings, Mr. Osiecki reported that commencing July 1, 2022, all ADAMHS Board meetings will be held in-person.

#### **16. AUDIENCE INPUT**

Ms. Palfy raised some concerns about post Executive Session procedures and about the meeting being adjourned abruptly.

Mr. William Tarter, Jr., Fellow, The Center for Community Solutions, and 2nd Vice President on the Executive Committee, Greater Cleveland NAACP, congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment to the ADAMHS Board and inquired about the Board's format for future meetings – livestreaming and being recorded to increase accessibility. Mr. Osiecki responded that future Board meetings will be livestreamed, but will not be recorded. He shared that detailed minutes can be found on the Board's website. Mr. Tarter, Jr., encouraged the Board to consider not just livestreaming, but also recording future meetings. Mr. Osiecki responded that ADAMHS Boards across the State are recommending that due to the sensitivity of clients and family members privacy and participation, Board meetings should not be recorded.

Mr. Jones requested that additional dialogue occur regarding recording Board meetings. Rev. Gohlstin suggested that this matter be discussed in the near future.

#### **17. UPCOMING JULY AND SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: July 20, 2022
- General Meeting: July 27, 2022

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: September 7, 2022
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: September 14, 2022
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: September 21, 2022
- General Meeting: September 28, 2022

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.***

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

***Approved by:***

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