

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

### ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.                 | Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW |
| Ashwani Bhardwaj                        | Basheer Jones                      |
| Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.                 | Daniel Kelly                       |
| Erskine Cade, MBA                       | Steve Killpack, MS                 |
| Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS | Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA              |
| Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstein, Sr.         | Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA              |
| Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA          | Harvey A. Snider, Esq.             |

**ABSENT:** Bishara W. Addison, Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Tami Fischer, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Linda Lamp, Mark Onusko, Clare Rosser, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

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

Board Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., 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.

*[Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., and Mr. Erskine Cade, MBA, arrived.]*

### **3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Due to the absence of Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., the Oath of Office will be administered at a later date.

### **4. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: SEPTEMBER 2022**

Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, highlighted the work produced through the art therapy program at Jewish Family Service Association and introduced the representative in attendance – Ms. Zsuzsa Csepanyi, Art Psychotherapist, who was awarded a Certificate of Participation for their impressive artwork display.

Ms. Csepanyi thanked the Board for their support of the art programs and stated that she has been coming to the ADAMHS Board for the last 20 years during which time the clients have been generating artwork. She reported that she has approximately 35 clients that are like an extended family; and described how they utilized collage as a medium. A collage is a piece of art made by attaching various materials, including paper, fabric, or feathers to backing material such as a piece of paper or canvas. She also stated that they focused on family within their artwork. Ms. Csepanyi reported that they also had a student intern from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), who is a musician, and implemented music during each art session.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### **6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Fowler reported that members of the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff attended the Women's Recovery Center's Miracles of Recovery Breakfast on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at Windows on the River; whereby, they heard testimonies from several women in recovery.

Dr. Fowler also reported that members of the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff attended an awards brunch on Thursday, September 22, 2022, to honor Ms. Maggie Tolbert, RN, C, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, who was chosen as Cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer's recipient of the specialty Nurse Innovator Award for her work with the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center.

Cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer's top nurses program honors and celebrates nurses who have dedicated their lives to tirelessly and selflessly taking care of others. A voting board reviewed over 165 nominations and chose Ms. Tolbert as one of the 10 Top Nurses 2022 in Northeast Ohio.

Dr. Fowler presented Ms. Tolbert with a Proclamation in recognition and appreciation of her distinguished service. He stated that the mission of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is to enhance the quality of life for our community through a commitment to excellence in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services coordinated through a person-centered network of community supports. Ms. Tolbert has devoted and continues to devote her career to improving the lives of individuals living with mental illness and/or addiction, as well as improving the community system of care. Ms. Tolbert has held positions of significance with the ADAMHS Board for over 20 years, including her current role as Assistant Chief Clinical Officer. In furtherance of her devotion to improving the crisis system of care, Ms. Tolbert served as Project Manager for the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center during its first year of operation and her natural authority and hard-earned expertise made her indispensable in the development of the Diversion Center. In recognition of her achievements, Cleveland.com, the Greater Cleveland Nurses Association and the Ohio League of Nurses selected Ms. Tolbert for the 2022 Top Nurses Award in the Innovation category. Ms. Tolbert spends every day creating life-changing opportunities for individuals living with mental illness and/or addictions. Now, therefore, be it resolved, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County acknowledges and extends its gratitude to Ms. Tolbert for her distinguished service to the community and her lasting contributions to the ADAMHS Board and its mission.

Ms. Tolbert shared that this has been a wonderful opportunity; and emphasized that she was very appreciative of Mr. Osiecki for nominating her for this award, as well as providing the opportunity for her through her position at the Board.

*[Mr. Basheer Jones arrived.]*

## **7. NEW POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, presented the second reading regarding the following two new policy statements:

- Compliance Assessment Policy; and
- Funding Requests for New Programs Made Outside of Request for Proposal Period Policy

Mr. Jun reported that the Compliance Assessment Policy is to ensure that providers funded by the ADAMHS Board are in compliance with their Core Contract. The ADAMHS Board enters into Core Contracts with providers to deliver mental health, addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery support services for Cuyahoga County residents. It is the policy of the ADAMHS Board that providers with a Core Contract have Annual Compliance Assessments to ensure compliance with the terms of their contract. All programs within the Core Contract will be subject to these Assessments. However, new programs will be subject to a Condensed Compliance Assessment to provide feedback during the probationary period for new providers and/or new programs.

The Funding Requests for New Programs Made Outside of Request for Proposal Period Policy is to ensure that programs funded by the ADAMHS Board are considered in a fair and efficient manner; and to provide a clearly defined process and time period for consideration of funding. Periodically or when the need arises, the ADAMHS Board conducts a Request for Proposal (RFP) for mental health, addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery support services. It is the policy of the ADAMHS Board that only proposals submitted, reviewed, and awarded during the Board's advertised and stated submission window of time shall be considered for funding. Requests for funding for new programs that are outside of this window will not be considered unless the requestor can satisfy the following criteria:

- The proposed program must fill an identified service gap within the ADAMHS Board's funding priorities.
- The proposed program must have a clearly defined number of expected clients to be served and a concrete plan to reach that number.
- The proposed program and the organization must show evidence that it has been up and running for at least 12 months.
- The proposed program must be provided in a location within Cuyahoga County identified as an underserved location.
- The proposed program must be current with its licensing and/or certification requirements with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

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

**Motion to approve the two new Policy Statements labeled Compliance Assessment Policy and Funding Requests for New Programs Made Outside of Request For Proposal Period Policy.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, D. Kelly, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## **8. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Chair, reported on the Community Relations & Advocacy (CR&A) Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- The CR&A Committee accepted funds in the amount of \$11,879.14 from OhioMHAS SOR 2.0 carryover funding for Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month activities. Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, informed the committee that this was a quick turnaround grant. The Board used these funds to purchase signage and do social media promotion of several overdose awareness day events. Board staff also relaunched the overdose recognition and mail order naloxone campaign. Hundreds of individuals attended the events and over 300 naloxone kits were distributed in person and via mail order.
- Ms. Greenspan requested that the committee accept mini-grant funds from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) for Week of Appreciation activities. The amount approved by the committee was \$1,500, but staff notified the committee that funding might increase, which would be shared at the Finance & Operations (F&O) Committee meeting. The committee accepted the funds and approved the purchase of candles and affirmation/self-care cards to celebrate frontline behavioral health workers.
- The committee approved the ratification of the subscription renewal for MindWise Online Mental Health Screening in the amount of \$1,500 after learning that over 9,000 screenings have been completed since the board began using it in 2014.
- Harm Reduction Pilot Program: In July 2022, the Board approved acceptance of nearly \$1.2 million in SOR 2.0 carryover funds for a Harm Reduction Pilot Program that included naloxone vending machines, naloxone emergency cabinets (Naloxoboxes), overdose sensors and buttons and localizing the Brave Application.
  - The funding would not allow for the program administration fees past September 2022. The ADAMHS Board would like to pay The MetroHealth System, Murtis Taylor Human Services System and Circle Health Services for program administration of the vending machines and naloxone emergency access cabinets in an amount not to exceed \$82,200.
  - The committee approved the request.
- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus provided an update, in addition to sharing several images from phases one and two of the 2022 Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Anti-stigma Campaign Update:
  - Phase one of the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Campaign, which was focused on prevention, was completed in July and was very successful. Bus, radio, television, print and social media ads reached millions of people and the campaign website was visited nearly 1,700 times.
  - Phase two – Connection to treatment started on Friday, July 15, 2022; and alongside the launch of 988. This portion of the campaign runs into October 2022.
  - Phase 3 will focus on Reducing Stigma, including stigma surrounding medication assisted treatment. It starts in October and runs through December 2022.
  - Phase 4 will Celebrate Recovery and run January through March 2023.
- Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, provided a legislative update that highlighted several bills currently being considered. He reported that the Ohio Legislature is currently on recess, and they do not expect movement on any bills at this time. Of special interest was:
  - Meetings were held with legislators regarding House Bill (HB) 523, which includes language changes for the modernization of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 340, the statute that ADAMHS Boards operate under; and,
  - A meeting with Senator Matt Dolan regarding the language in Senate Bill (SB) 357, which he introduced related to gun violence and public safety. State Senator Dolan is hoping to garner support from the behavioral health community. Mr. Osiecki reported that OACBHA will be discussing this bill at the next scheduled membership

meeting.

- Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, provided an update on the Roads to Recovery Conference: *The Culture of Recovery 2022*, which will be held at the Wyndham Cleveland Airport Hotel on Monday, October 17, 2022. She explained that there is a wide range of topics that embody this year's theme and shared information about the keynote and plenary speakers. Ms. Ballard also stated that registration was going well and that the Education and Training Department, along with the External Affairs Department, have been working together on the conference planning and promotion.
- Ms. Ballard shared with the group that for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Education and Training and External Affairs were working together to host a QPR-A-Thon. Question, Persuade, Refer – or QPR – is a suicide prevention training that is offered free to the public. Ms. Ballard noted that trainings had been held with four agencies with 126 individuals trained. Three virtual public trainings were scheduled for September 14, 27 and 29, 2022. She also noted that QPR training is provided to law enforcement officers as part of CIT training.
- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus shared the media tracking report:
  - From Tuesday, May 3, 2022 through Sunday, September 4, 2022, there were 187 media mentions; of those, 175 were positive, 12 neutral and no negative media.
  - Highlights during this timeframe were related to the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center, the launch of 988, the overdose spike in July 2022, Mr. William M. Denihan's passing, Care Response Teams, workforce shortages and their impact on services, and Overdose Awareness Day.
  - For the year that takes the Board to 266 mentions, of which 226 were positive and 40 neutral. There has been no negative media this year.
- Ms. Greenspan shared the social media and website tracking reports:
  - From Wednesday, May 4, 2022, through Tuesday, September 6, 2022, social media posts had over 3 million impressions and over 13,000 engagements.
  - The board has 465 new followers on social media. Since May 4, 2022, the website had been visited over 46,000 times.

Dr. Fowler reported that he neglected to mention during the Chair's report that he has decided to create an ad hoc committee, which is generally understood to be temporary in nature, to review the ADAMHS Board's Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board for the purpose of updating them. Dr. Fowler shared that Ms. James-Stewart will chair this committee; and additional Board members will include Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Ms. Sadigoh Galloway and Mr. Harvey Snider.

Dr. Fowler also reminded Board members that a Board of Directors mandatory retreat/training has been scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2022, in the Ohio Conference Room at the Board administrative offices.

## **9. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

In the absence of Ms. Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight (P&O) Committee Chair, Dr. Fowler reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Committee members heard the following items of discussion:

- A presentation was had from Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN) regarding Behavioral Health Systems Housing Developments for people facing the challenges of housing insecurities and homelessness. Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Emma Petrie-Barcelona, said there are 4,000 rental units and 1,000 housing units providing safe, sanitary, appropriate and good options to call home. Mr. Richard Carr, Director of Real Estate Development & Construction, discussed EDEN portfolio expansion, Phase 1, with a total development cost of \$2,650,000. Landbank acquisitions will provide scattered east and west side affordable housing. This construction should be completed in October 2022. Then, Ms. Jalisa Neal, Development Project Manager, spoke of Expansion Phases 2 and 3. Total development costs are projected to be approximately \$2,939,583 and \$5,000,000, respectively. Mr. Carr concluded by sharing plans for Cuyahoga Transition Age Youth (TAY) and Elderly Permanent Supportive Housing Development.

Following the presentation, committee members discussed the following action items:

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- Community Transition Program

- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), FFY2023 Case Services Contract
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Implementation Plan Consultative and Training Services
- Identification Crisis Collaborative (IDCC)
- The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support
- Youth-Led Prevention Funding for the Teen Institute Program
- ADAMHS Board support of State Capital Assistance Applications for Cleveland Christian Home renovation project (MH-1274) and Cornerstone of Hope campus expansion project (MH-1165)

All action items were approved and forwarded to the respective committees.

Also, Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, provided a New Provider/New Program 8-month Review.

Under New Business, Mr. Osiecki shared the following:

- Discussed an announcement by St. Vincent Charity Medical Center to close inpatient and surgical services with implications for Psychiatry, Detoxification and Rosary Hall programs, in addition to the Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED).
- Received written correspondence from Judge David Matia who feels that all Sober Homes should provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and not discriminate. ADAMHS staff has compiled metrics and rationale from agencies in their decisions to include or exclude MAT clients in their treatment programs.
- Discussed the difference between Care Responder Teams (i.e., Non-police individuals) versus Co-Responder Teams (police and mental health professional).
- Shared an update regarding the status of the Board's involvement in the collaborative effort with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
- He concluded by pointing out a new agenda item: "Follow-up."

- **New Provider/New Program Review (8-Month)**

Mr. Jun reported on the New Provider/New Program Review. He stated that during the April and June 2022 Board cycles, he gave a presentation regarding the progress of our new providers/new programs pursuant to the Probationary Period for New Providers/New Programs Policy. This presentation is the 8-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 September 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 Calendar Year (CY) 2022, 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 (CAP) 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 that a management recommendation at the 2-month review could consist of maintaining monitoring schedule and/or a letter along with a copy of the Review and CAP to the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer for programs that need improvement. The management recommendation at the 5-month review could consist of the removal of the probationary status, extending probation 90 days, or terminate the program (management to discuss) and make recommendation to the Board of Directors. The 8-month review (if probation was extended) could consist of removal of probationary status or terminate the program (management to discuss and make recommendation to the Board of Directors).

Mr. Jun reported that the results of the 5-month review were shared at the June 2022 General Meeting. The Board has 25 programs (92.5%) that successfully completed probationary periods and two programs (7.5%) 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 8-month review results of the programs that were rated “remove probationary status.” These two providers and their program names were Friendly Inn – Behavioral Health Center and NEO Neighborhood (NEON) Health Services – BEST.

Mr. Jun stated that Friendly Inn had an issue during the 5-month review regarding their certification, which lapsed, however they are in the process of getting this matter rectified. He also shared that NEON Health Services had a problem with meeting their goals, which were set too high. As a result, the Board realigned their goals. Mr. Jun stated that in their program, they utilized retired National Basketball Association (NBA) players to get the children involved, however, the NBA did not want to participate in the program. As a result, the Board tried to follow up with the retired NBA players, but were unsuccessful in meeting with them. On the other hand, NEON Health Services was able to hire some individuals to continue this portion of the program. Therefore, a notice will be forwarded to their Executive Directors/Chief Executive Officers that Board staff will be removing their probationary status and will be considered a regular Core Contract for CY2022.

Mr. Jun update Board of Directors regarding the status of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Ohio. He reported that the Board entered into the New Provider and/or New Program Contract with VNA of Ohio on a 6-month probationary status as a new provider to operate the CARE Program. The CARE Program was designed to bridge the gap in services of behavioral health clients discharged from hospitals that were awaiting an appointment with their outpatient treating provider by:

- o Assisting in obtaining mental health medications;
- o Providing education on health-related topics; and
- o Providing education related to the importance of following their medication regimen.

Additionally, VNA was to provide MAT services to eligible clients utilizing Vivitrol. Services were to be provided in the clients' homes and out in the community with the goal to lower readmission rates and emergency room visits, along with providing education related to behavioral health. During the 6-month probationary period, issues with staffing and other issues were noted, but the probationary status was removed as VNA was moved to pooled funding where it had to bill for services provided. However, on Friday, September 2, 2022, VNA of Ohio sent notice to the ADAMHS Board its intent to terminate its CARE Program due to staffing issues. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

- Mr. Jun shared that ADAMHS Board support must be provided for State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications from Cuyahoga County providers. Services provided include, but are not limited to, the full array of community behavioral healthcare and residential treatment services for children and adolescents. Mr. Jun reported that the State of Ohio Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to 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 of Cuyahoga County to 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 of Cuyahoga County to reaffirm and provide support for the following project:

- a) PROJECT MH-1274, Cleveland Christian Home, Inc. Renovation Project will bring the facility up to current requirements and provide a more therapeutic environment that is trauma focused and respectful of clients.

This project will update and renovate the 98-year-old building units and common areas to bring the facility up to current requirements and to improve the therapeutic environment located at 11401 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. The renovations are client centered improvements that promote a therapeutic environment that is trauma focused and respectful of clients. Total project cost is \$2,780,349 with a \$700,000 request from the State of Ohio. The number of individuals to be served is 450 annually.

- b) PROJECT MH-1165, Cornerstone of Hope, Inc. Campus Expansion will allow for additional grief-specific support groups and longer-term support, along with bereavement and trauma training in the meeting and community room.

This project will demolish an outdated building located at 5901 Brecksville Road in Independence and construct a new building for additional individual and group therapy spaces, workspace for staff, and meeting and community

room space. This building will be connected to the main campus located at 5905 Brecksville Road. Additionally, 5887 Brecksville Road will be used to expand the parking facilities needed in conjunction with the overall expansion. Total project cost is \$3,600,000 with a \$750,000 request from the State of Ohio. The number of individuals to be served is 3,000 to 4,000 annually.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-09-01**  
**APPROVAL OF STATE LEGISLATURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME, INC. RENOVATION PROJECT (MH-1274)**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-09-02**  
**APPROVAL OF STATE LEGISLATURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR CORNERSTONE OF HOME, INC. CAMPUS EXPANSION (MH-1165)**

**Motion to approve Resolution Nos. 22-09-01 through 22-09-02.** MOTION: D. Kelly / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, D. Kelly, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## **10. FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, F&O Committee Chair, reported on the F&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, and highlighted Resolution No. 22-09-03 Approval of Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center (CCADC) One-Year Funding and Contract Extensions, the Vouchers, Contracts and Amendments as listed below.

Cuyahoga County selected the ADAMHS Board through an RFP process for the establishment and oversight of the CCADC, 24/7 Screening Hotline and the expanded provision of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training in November of 2020. The ADAMHS Board entered into a two-year contract with Cuyahoga County from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. In turn, the ADAMHS Board entered into two-year contracts with FrontLine Service for the operation of the 24/7 Screening Hotline and Oriana House for the operation of the CCADC located at 1804 E. 55th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as well as hired three CIT Training Officers with the grant funding.

Ms. Rosenbaum shared that this is an extension of the original two-year contract by one year for the continued oversight of the CCADC, 24/7 Screening Hotline and provision of CIT training. The ADAMHS Board has continuously worked with Cuyahoga County, Oriana House and FrontLine Service through the original contract period to improve usage at the Diversion Center and have agreed on the following to be included in this one-year contract extension:

- Oriana House's budget to reflect staff and services at 25 beds, rather than 50, based on usage over the existing contract.
- Hold one 40-hour CIT Training each month especially for law enforcement, with each class size allowing up to 30 individuals in each class, up to a total of 360 officers.
- Hold one 40-hour CIT Training each month for other non-certified law enforcement or partners that work with law enforcement that would make referrals to the Diversion Center such as, County Protective Services, libraries, private security firms, colleges, etc., with the anticipation of providing the training to about 200 people through outreach to 15 organizations, in addition to other groups or agencies named by the County.
- Expansion of CIT Training Officers duties to dedicate non-classroom time to recruiting additional law enforcement participants for training through targeted outreach and marketing. Training Officers would make a special effort to outreach to departments that have not sent officers to the training to encourage participation (and usage of the Diversion Center), although outreach will also target sending additional officers from agencies who have staff that have already received the CIT training previously, as well as to provide Mental Health, De-escalation and Diversion Center trainings/presentations to grassroots and community groups/agencies/organizations, including churches, that interact with people who may benefit from using the Diversion Center to over 25 organizations.
- The CIT Training Officers will provide the County with detailed time and effort sheets to include the time and effort provided for CIT trainings and include the required effort outside of CIT training for outreach and program use expansion to ensure appropriate outreach for the Diversion Center, particularly targeted Law Enforcement outreach.

The ADAMHS Board will enter into a one year contract extension with FrontLine for the operation of the 24/7 Screening Hotline and Oriana House for the operation of the CCADC located at located at 1804 E. 55th Street, as well as maintain employment with the three CIT Training Officers with the grant funding. The contract with Oriana House will contain the following additions to the contract:

- If Oriana House draws down the entire \$3,828,338 in County funding, the ADAMHS Board will provide funding up to \$600,000.
  - Oriana House will provide verification of submitted billing to Medicaid on a timely basis, as well as the amount of funding received from Medicaid.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-09-03**  
**APPROVAL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY ASSESSMENT AND DIVERSION CENTER ONE-YEAR FUNDING AND CONTRACT EXTENSIONS**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-09-03.** MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, D. Kelly, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Resolution Nos. 22-09-04 through 22-09-06

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-09-04**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JULY 2022**

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for CY2022 was \$7,374,726.62 and for July Actual YTD 2022, the total expenses were \$4,166,625.71; that is roughly 56% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first seven months.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, July 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 \$73,548,249; and through the end of July 2022, the Board has received \$62,016,783.50. 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 84% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in July 2022, the Board received revenues of \$3,292,174.31. As a result, the Total Revenues By Source By Month is \$62,016,783.50.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2022 reflect that July YTD Actual is \$44,478,632.61 that is roughly 53% 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 July 2022 includes administrative accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for July 2022 were \$7,104,429.02; bringing the total expenditures for Calendar Year 2022 to \$44,478,632.61. 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, July 2022 YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the OOD Grant, Other Grants and SOR Grant. The total expenditures for grants YTD are \$2,861,557.90.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD July 2022 YTD reflects a total of \$3,360,096.35. Ms. Rosenbaum provided some background relative to the Diversion Center expenses. She reported that prior to approving any Diversion Center expenses for reimbursement, the Contract Monitor for Cuyahoga County reviews each invoice to ensure accuracy. As a result, expenses will be shown first, prior to the revenue.



The Cash Flow Report, July 2022 shows the 2020 Actual, 2021 Actual and YTD thru July 2022. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through July 2022 is \$59,128,264.11 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout 2022.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-09-05 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program
  - FrontLine Service - \$461,993.44

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that the PATH program goal is a harm reduction approach for the provision of support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, connecting the individual to housing, behavioral health services, and community resources. Federal requirements for the PATH program stipulate that its purpose is to transition individuals by being a short-term outreach and engagement initiative. Once a client agrees to be linked or referred to services, the client becomes enrolled. Once the referral is made to a community mental health agency, the client begins to receive services from the agency provider. Outreach services are conducted in the streets, under bridges, in parks or abandoned cars and buildings in Cuyahoga County. Once stabilized, the enrolled client is transitioned to community mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction provider agencies for ongoing services and community reintegration. FrontLine Service, the ADAMHS Board provider of homeless services, is the only PATH provider in Cuyahoga County, and has annually received PATH pass-through dollars since 1993. Board staff are requesting the Board of Directors approve funding for the PATH Program to FrontLine Service in the amount of \$461,993.44 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

2. Community Transition Program (CTP) Funding
  - FrontLine Service - \$762,144.19

The CTP connects individuals with behavioral health diagnoses that are being released from prison to behavioral health services in the community. This program provides support and assistance to improve each person's ability to successfully reintegrate back into the community and provides direct treatment services prior to (in-reach) and upon release. In-reach is recommended when possible as it increases engagement post-release. This program also provides recovery supports that help eliminate barriers to treatment and reentry and are specific to the participant's needs. A recovery support is a form of assistance intended to help an individual with mental health needs, or a member of the family of such an individual, to initiate and sustain the individual's recovery. Common recovery supports might include, but are not limited to housing, employment services, peer recovery support, transportation, life skills, spiritual support, and other reentry needs. This program provides a variety of SUD treatment and recovery services. FrontLine Service is the sole provider of the CTP, formerly referred to as the Mental Health Prison Reentry, for the adult prison population who are returning to Cuyahoga County. CTP started as a Pilot program with FrontLine Service in July 2018 and expanded to include referrals to those in need of SUD treatment and services in 2019. OhioMHAS approved carryover funds from the SFY22 allocation of \$12,144.19 to be used in conjunction with the SFY23 allocation of \$750,000 for the program for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

3. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Agency – FFY2023 Case Services Contract – \$1,215,502.83
  - Recovery Resources - \$443,302.83
  - Pooled Funds Managed by OOD - \$772,200

The purpose of the OOD contract is to help adults and transitional youth ages 16-22 with mental illness and alcohol/drug dependence obtain and maintain employment. The OOD contract will serve clients in Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board will subcontract with Recovery Resources to provide case management activities to clients in need of vocational rehabilitation services. Recovery Resources has years of experience providing vocational rehabilitation services to the target population. This fiscal year the number of subcontractors was decreased because OOD right sized the contract to include four caseloads instead of the seven that were in the previous fiscal year. The funding provided supports the following full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing:

- Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinators – 4 FTEs
- Supervisor – 0.67 FTE

- Support Staff – 1 FTE
- Total Staffing – 5.67 FTEs

Board staff is recommending approval of the agreement with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities for the OOD case services contract in the amount of \$1,215,502.83 which includes \$998,375.20 of OOD funds plus the required ADAMHS Board match totaling \$217,127.63. Approval of the distribution of the OOD funding and ADAMHS Board match funding for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in the following manner:

- Contract with Recovery Resources in the amount of \$443,302.83.
- Pooled fund managed by OOD for case services budgeted costs in the amount of \$772,200.00 to be paid directly to the provider agency.
- ADAMHS Board match totaling \$217,127.63 provided to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

4. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Implementation Plan Consultative and Training Services
  - Rice Education Consulting, LLC (REdCon) - \$180,750

Ms. Rosenbaum reported that starting in October of 2021, Rice Education Consulting, LLC (REdCon) worked with the ADAMHS Board to develop a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Implementation Plan, which was unanimously adopted at the June 22, 2022, General Meeting via Resolution 22-06-08. The plan was developed with the input of clients, community members, system partners, the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff. The DEI Strategic Implementation Plan is an overlay to the ADAMHS Board 2021-2025 Strategic Plan with 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. Board staff are requesting approval of the Board of Directors to contract with REdCon in the amount of \$180,750 for ongoing consultative and training services to implement the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

5. Identification Crisis Collaborative (IDCC)
  - Bridge Foundation - \$101,000

The IDCC consists of 37 agencies, shelters, treatment facilities, neighborhood outreach centers, churches, shelters, etc., in Cuyahoga County, providing assistance with essential identification documents for individuals with low income and who are homeless. The IDCC also provides advocacy and help navigating systems when expensive and hard-to-obtain documents are required for basic needs and services. The IDCC will provide bus tickets to enable the people served to travel to the locations necessary to obtain documents or an ID (Cleveland Vital Statistics at City Hall, five area Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), etc.). The IDCC will train providers throughout the year on new State and Federal rules regarding IDs such as Real ID, and new BMV rules. Due to this year's funding from the ADAMHS Board, the Community West Foundation funded a part-time Training Specialist and the IDCC was able to expand their list of service sites by adding the following locations:

- Blessed Trinity Parish
- Life Exchange Center
- Spanish American Committee
- Zelma George Family Center

The Bridge Foundation continues to serve as the Fiscal Sponsor while the IDCC works to register its own IRS designation as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. Through July of 2022, IDCC provided 525 documents to 473 individuals with low income. They also trained 32 volunteers/staff and will distribute bus tickets during the second half of the year. The IDCC is on pace to meet their 2022 goal of serving 2,745 individuals. In 2023, IDCC will explore expanding services to more sites, depending on expenditures and budget. Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors approve funding in the amount of \$101,000 to the Bridge Foundation - Identification Crisis Collaborative for the time period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

6. The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support (Special Projects) – \$25,000

The Metanoia Project has provided overnight hospitality such as sleeping accommodations, showers, meals, clothing, and medical care consistently to over 100 unique unsheltered homeless guests in Cleveland. Last season, they assisted 175 guests that stayed at least one night and provided 2,843 hot meals. The goal is to support the unsheltered homeless and help them prepare to move into stable, permanent housing, secure the skills needed to financially support themselves, improve their mental and physical well-being, and ultimately not return to homelessness. The staff at the hospitality centers not only keep the environment calm and free of trauma, but they also form meaningful relationships with the guests to assist them as they begin to take the steps to end their cycle of homelessness. Last season, Metanoia expanded meal offerings with a new breakfast program, provided continual art therapy, utilized a local shower bus for weekly showers, and expanded their substance use support services through weekly support meetings and provided NARCAN, testing strips, and other important resources. The Metanoia Project also provides regular access to MetroHealth's Docs on the Street (DOTS) outreach workers to assist with housing applications, employment, healthcare, and connection to outside services including the Veterans Administration, substance use support through community outreach groups, and mental health needs. Current sites are Franklin Circle Church and Bethany Presbyterian.

The Metanoia Project will operate two overnight hospitality centers on the west side of Cleveland that will provide a safe, peer-supported approach that will focus on the physical, mental, and emotional well-being to the homeless population. The Project will provide meals, overnight stays, art therapy, showers, weekly substance use support services, NARCAN, testing strips and assistance with retrieving IDs/necessary documents and additional resources. Services will also include two evidence-based service models: Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Relational Model. They are planning to also provide trauma-informed yoga. Board staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve funding in the amount of \$25,000 for The Metanoia Project for the term of November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

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

Since 1981, Recovery Resources' Teen Institute's overall goal encourages students from Cuyahoga County to participate in training opportunities throughout the year in order to learn how to effectively implement prevention programs. These trainings are highly effective; as students engage in activities that increase Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) knowledge and as mentioned above, learn leadership skills to become positive peer role models in their schools and communities. 30 Peer Led Leaders to be served through direct prevention and up to 500 youth will be served through indirect prevention services. Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors accept the amount of \$22,474 for the Teen Institute Program and contract with Recovery Resources for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

8. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 Carryover Funding for Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month Activities – \$11,879.14

OhioMHAS has offered up to \$12,000 to each Board for Overdose Awareness Events and Celebrating Recovery Month. Ms. Rosenbaum stated that this was a very quick turnaround request made while the ADAMHS Board of Directors were on break. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County applied for and received funding in the amount of \$11,879.14, which is from SOR 2.0 carryover funds. This funding must be completely spent by Thursday, September 29, 2022. The ADAMHS Board received this grant funding in the amount of \$11,879.14 for the following activities:

- Overdose Awareness Day event signage
- Overdose Awareness Day event promotion on social media
- Overdose awareness, naloxone training and mail order naloxone education campaign through September for Recovery Month.

ADAMHS Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors accept OhioMHAS SOR 2.0 carryover funding in the amount of \$11,89.14 to support activities and events for Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month for the term of September 30, 2021 through September 29, 2022.

9. Acceptance of Week of Appreciation Mini-Grant Funding from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) – \$2,675
  - Happy Thoughts Candle Co. - \$2,400
  - Brothers Printing - \$275

OACBHA will provide the ADAMHS Board with \$2,675 in mini-grant funding from OhioMHAS to support and recognize local first responders and those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders during the 2022 Week of Appreciation which will take place from September 18, 2022, to September 24, 2022. Funding will be used to purchase candles from Happy Thoughts Candle Co. and each candle will have a label with words of encouragement and appreciation. A small card will be included with each candle. Provider agencies will be asked to nominate two staff members to be recognized for their work directly with individuals with substance use disorders. Nominated staff members will receive a Week of Appreciation candle in recognition of their hard work and dedication. Also, first responders and those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders may experience burnout or secondary trauma. It is important to recognize their hard work and show appreciation for their dedication.

Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors accept OACBHA Week of Appreciation funding in the amount of \$2,675 and contract with the vendors identified for the term of September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

10. Online Mental Health Screening Subscription Renewal
  - MindWise Innovations - \$1,500

MindWise Innovations provides large-scale mental health screening for the public, innovative mental health and substance abuse resources, and links individuals in need with quality treatment options. Their programs, offered online and in-person, educate, raise awareness, and screen individuals for common mental and behavioral health disorders, and suicide. The screenings are offered in Spanish and English. The ADAMHS Board has been utilizing the online screenings since 2014, which has resulted in 9,076 completed screenings. This contract in the amount of \$1,500 is for the term of September 28, 2022 through September 15, 2023.

11. Harm Reduction Pilot Program – Not to exceed \$82,800
  - The MetroHealth System - \$51,300
  - Circle Health Services - \$23,400
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$8,100

The ADAMHS Board is implementing a nearly \$1.2 million dollar Harm Reduction Pilot Program using SOR 2.0 funds. The grant did not include program administration/maintenance fees to ensure restocking and tracking of kits for the following:

- Naloxone emergency cabinets to be placed in the community for rapid access and bystander rescue.
- Naloxone vending machines to make free kits available to the community as a preventive measure.

MetroHealth has agreed to administer the entire emergency naloxone cabinet program and one vending machine, Circle Health Services will administer three of the vending machines and Murtis Taylor Human Services Center will administer services for one vending machine. Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors approve program administration fees for the Harm Reduction Pilot Program in the amount not to exceed \$82,800 for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

12. Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion – \$2,055,650.54
- Windsor Laurelwood - \$50,000
  - Stella Maris - \$150,000
  - Geauga County MHARS Board - \$85,000
  - Lake County ADAMHS Board - \$266,050
  - Lorain County MHARS Board - \$70,000
  - Applewood (Cuyahoga County) - \$485,312
  - Applewood (Lorain County) - \$485,312
  - Ravenwood - \$213,976.54
  - Silver Maple Recovery Center - \$100,000
  - Each ADAMHS Board in NEO Collaborative - \$25,000 (\$150,000 Total)

As part of the SFY2018/19 State Budget, OhioMHAS allocated funding by region to expand the availability of Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis Stabilization services. The Northeast Ohio Regional Collaborative includes the Boards of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula and Summit Counties. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County was selected to serve as the fiscal agent for the Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis expansion for the Collaborative. OhioMHAS once again allocated regional funding for SFY2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County was requested to continue to serve as the fiscal agent. Each of the ADAMHS Boards in the NEO Collaborative will receive \$25,000 for system management.

13. OhioMHAS: Psychotropic Drug Grant Funds
- Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$23,972

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 Psychotropic medications in the jail in the amount of \$23,972 for the term of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

14. OhioMHAS: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement Program
- Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$9,305

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. These funds are reimbursement of costs for medications distributed to inmates in the Cuyahoga County jail by the Sheriff's Department; and covers the cost of MAT by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department in the jail for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$9,305.

15. Recovery Housing Initiative
- 12 Step Life/Ethel Hardy House - \$9,234

The Recovery Housing Initiative funding has been issued to the ADAMHS Board on an annual basis. For SFY2023 the ADAMHS Board was awarded \$45,900 for rental assistance for Recovery Housing residents in need. This request represents additional funding for the Recovery Housing Initiative.

The ADAMHS Board was approved by OhioMHAS for additional Recovery Housing Initiative funds for SFY2023. The additional funding is to be used for Ohio Recovery Housing certification, rent, operations, and minor repairs. 12 Step Life/Ethel Hardy House is the recipient of this allocation for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

The mission of the AFC is to strengthen the community's response to HIV/AIDS, as a public/private partnership providing coordination, leadership, advocacy, and funding in Greater Cleveland. The AFC is a funding partnership that

includes private philanthropic funders, government agencies, medical professionals, community organizations, and people living with HIV/AIDS. AFC funding partners include: ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County; Cuyahoga County; Cleveland Department of Public Health; The Cleveland Foundation; The George Gund Foundation and The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation.

Since its inception in 1994, the AFC has leveraged and invested over \$13 million to support HIV/AIDS-related prevention efforts, care and services, training and evaluation activities in Greater Cleveland. The ADAMHS Board has been a funding partner of the AFC since 2006 - leveraging funds to amplify results related to strategic HIV prevention and care including services for mental health, addiction and harm reduction strategies related to intravenous drug use, in addition to transportation, housing, and employment support. The ADAMHS Board's presence and expertise as a collaborative partner promotes the critical need for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The ADAMHS Board has two votes in decision-making, with both a Board member (Max Rodas) and a staff member (Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin) sitting on the AFC Advisory Committee. ADAMHS Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors approve the allocation of funds to the Center for Community Solutions-AFC in the amount of \$150,000 for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

17. Contract for Consulting on Crisis Continuum of Care
  - Kathryn A. Burns, M.D., M.P.H. - \$150 per hour not to exceed \$150,000

St. Vincent Charity Hospital has notified the community of its intent to no longer provide inpatient services, including behavioral health services, as of Tuesday, November 15, 2022. The future of the psychiatric emergency department is unknown beyond November 15, 2022. St. Vincent's intent is to provide outpatient behavioral health services through Rosary Hall. Dr. Burns previously served as Chief Clinical Officer and interim Chief Clinical Officer Consultant for the ADAMHS Board. Dr. Burns is a Board-certified Forensic Psychiatrist with extensive experience in both clinical and forensic psychiatry, history with the psychiatric emergency department, and is well known in the community. Kathryn A. Burns, M.D., M.P.H., will provide consulting services related to changes occurring in the Cuyahoga County's Crisis Continuum of Care, including an analysis of the impact of St. Vincent's closure announcement. This contract is being requested in the amount of \$150 per hour not to exceed \$150,000 for the term of September 20, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-09-06 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-01-04, 2022, Opioid Awareness and Response Initiative – Not to exceed \$299,500
  - The MetroHealth System (Emergency Access Naloxone Cabinets Program Administration) - \$15,000
  - Media and Digital Campaign (Spotify, Radio One, La Mega, iHeart, Brothers Printing, and other vendors TBD) - \$150,000
  - BTNX (Fentanyl Test Strips) - \$100,500
  - Illinois Supply Company (Indoor and Outdoor Emergency Access Naloxone Cabinets) - \$18,020
  - TBD - \$15,980

After two years of decreased deaths related to overdose fatalities driven by fentanyl, 2021 proved to be one of our deadliest years with more than 700 fatalities. The pandemic as well as a more lethal drug supply that is seeing new synthetic opioids, as well as fentanyl and fentanyl analogs in the entire illicit drug supply including heroin, cocaine, meth and pressed pills, has continued to devastate our community and its residents. A collaborative approach to addressing education and supporting harm reduction efforts is needed to help save lives. This plan will include the following goals: 1) NaloxBox Expansion - purchase 30 more NaloxBoxes for indoor locations, purchase 30 temperature controlled medication cabinets, similar to NaloxBoxes, to get this medication in outdoor locations, and contract with MetroHealth for the installation and management of the additional boxes; 2) Fentanyl Awareness Campaign Expansion - during high incidence overdose times and expand harm reduction messaging between those times by increasing media and streaming buys and adding neighborhood and grassroots partner publications; 3) Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution Expansion - purchase an additional 10,000 fentanyl test strips per quarter (25,000 per quarter) for grassroots distribution. Strips will be distributed in high incidence overdose areas based on medical examiner data. This initiative is for the term of January 7, 2022 to January 30, 2023. Board staff are requesting that the Board of Directors amend

Resolution No. 22-01-04 to remove RidMat as a vendor and add Illinois Supply Company as a vendor with no time or funding changes.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-11-07, Termination of CY2022 Contract for Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Ohio

The ADAMHS Board entered into the New Provider and/or New Program Contract with VNA on a 6-month probationary status as a new provider to operate the CARE Program. The CARE Program was designed to bridge the gap in services of behavioral health clients discharged from hospitals that were awaiting an appointment with their outpatient treating provider by:

- o Assisting in obtaining mental health medications;
- o Providing education on health-related topics; and
- o Providing education related to the importance of following their medication regimen.

Additionally, VNA was to provide MAT services to eligible clients utilizing Vivitrol. Services were to be provided in the clients' homes and out in the community with the goal to lower readmission rates and emergency room visits, along with providing education related to behavioral health. During the 6-month probationary period, issues with staffing and other issues were noted, but the probationary status was removed as VNA was moved to pooled funding where it had to bill for services provided. On Friday, September 2, 2022, VNA of Ohio sent notice to the ADAMHS Board its intent to terminate its CARE Program due to staffing issues. VNA was allocated \$824,912 for start-up funding to implement the CARE Program during the first 6-months of CY2022 of which VNA invoiced \$372,744.86; however, VNA will be reimbursing the ADAMHS Board \$200,517.68 for Vivitrol that was purchased but subsequently returned unused to its vendor. Thus, the total reimbursement amount for VNA was \$172,227.18, which is 21% of the start-up allocation.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-02-03, The Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI)
  - Northeast Ohio Education Service Center – No-cost Term Extension

The OSWI was designed to explore, implement, and sustain a full continuum of care including prevention, early intervention, and treatment practices for K-12 students within local districts who adopt student assistance programs (SAP), multi-tiered systems of support, and staff wellness frameworks. The cornerstone of the OSWI is the development of an Ohio Model SAP that can serve as a best practice standard for Ohio's K-12 schools. Due to workforce issues the provider was not able to start the program before the end of SFY2022. OhioMHAS has authorized the funding to be utilized until June 30, 2023 and the award amount has been updated to match the allocation received from OhioMHAS.

OhioMHAS has allocated a salaried position for the OSWI called School Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (SBHWC) in the amount of \$72,750 per hire. Cuyahoga County has been approved for two hires, resulting in a total allocation of \$145,500. The SBHWC will provide systematic approaches to support behavioral health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, referral processes, and guided support services for K-12 students who are exhibiting a range of substance use, mental and behavioral health risk factors. The positions will also provide resources, online training, and guidance related to processes within the schools and with continuous improvement strategies for services to students. This amendment is requested to extend the term to June 30, 2023 and increase the funding to \$145,500 for the OSWI contract with Northeast Ohio Education Service Center.

4. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-11-07 and Resolution No. 22-06-06, Name Change from New Directions, Inc. to Crossroads Health by Merger – No New Funding
  - New Directions Inc.
  - Crossroads Health

New Directions has been providing a continuum of quality life-changing behavioral health services to children, adolescents, young adults, adults and families, including specialized treatment for chemically dependent adolescents. New Directions offers a vast array of programs and services that evaluate, educate, strengthen and support thousands of children, adults, and their families each year. Effective Thursday, June 30, 2022, New Directions, Inc. and Crossroads Health merged and is now collectively known as Crossroads Health. New Directions still exists but under the umbrella of Crossroads Health, and all services will be provided by New Directions. Board staff are requesting

Board of Director approval to amend the Core Contract for CY2022 and OhioMHAS Pass-thru Contract for SFY2023 between the ADAMHS Board and New Directions, Inc. to reflect the name change to Crossroads Health by merger.

5. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-06-07, Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) – \$497,641.33
  - Catholic Charities-Matt Talbot for Men and Women
  - Cleveland Treatment Center
  - Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
  - Hitchcock Center for Women
  - The MetroHealth System
  - Moore Counseling
  - Recovery Resources
  - The Salvation Army
  - Stella Maris
  - Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC)
  - Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)

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 supports services, as necessary. Clients will be enrolled by Drug Court staff and services will be provided by ADAMHS Board contracted agencies certified by OhioMHAS. 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. Board staff is requesting the Board of Directors approve the amendment to Resolution No. 22-06-07 to increase funding to include the SFY2023 allocation and the SFY2022 carryover for a total of \$497,641.33 for the ATP for contracts with the listed providers for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

6. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-10-04, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose to Action Grant Funds (OD2A) Year 3
  - Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBOH) - No-cost Term Extension

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

The CCBOH has extended the use of funding through August 31, 2023. The CCBOH selected the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County as a partner to share its expertise in the field of substance abuse and in training community members, specifically public safety forces. The ADAMHS Board will continue to leverage its experience working with persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and families of overdose (OD) victims, through the work of the OD2A OUD Specialist. This individual represents the ADAMHS Board on the Opioid Fatality Review Committee, attending monthly meetings for case review. If COVID restrictions remain, this staff member will conduct interviews with survivors and surviving family members who provide consent, via telephone rather than in person. This aggregated data will assist in prioritizing recommendations, developing solutions, implementing action plans, and monitoring progress in addressing the opioid epidemic locally. Also, in Year 3, the ADAMHS Board will continue to provide education on OUD and community resources for public safety personnel during CIT trainings.

7. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-05-02, Cleveland Division of Police, Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Co-Responder Project – No-cost Term Extension
  - FrontLine Service
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System



Cleveland Police indicated through their data collection that more than half of the clients at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's Emergency Department are brought in by police. 97% of those who are brought in by police are from the Cleveland Division of Police. A BJA study indicates that police spend up to 7% of their time responding to crisis calls. Crisis calls disproportionately consume much of an officer's time, most are not as a result of criminal behavior but an emotional crisis in the community. Across the country, the police departments report that the jails and prisons are the largest de facto mental health facilities in the county.

The BJA granted a six month no-cost extension to spend down the remaining grant funding through March 31, 2023. As a result, the ADAMHS Board will enter into no-cost extensions with FrontLine Service and Murtis Taylor Human Services System through March 31, 2023. In May 2020, this Board approved contracts with FrontLine Service and Murtis Taylor Human Services System for the Co-Responder Program to divert people in crisis to the least restrictive alternative and linkage to services. Cleveland Police Co-Responder Teams respond to crisis calls received via Cleveland Division of Police Dispatch for mental health related crisis in the community. The Co-Responder Teams operate 40 hours per week, second shift. The Crisis Specialist is paired with a CIT Officer in a single car in order to respond to the calls. The Crisis Specialist, in collaboration with the CIT Officer, engages and responds to the person's needs, provides assessment and triage to the least restrictive options in the community. The Co-Responder Teams provide follow-up on crisis calls from other officers within their assigned police district as well as engage high utilizers of service in order to decrease the need for public safety assistance. FrontLine Service is assigned to Districts 1, 2 and 3. Murtis Taylor Human Services System is assigned to Districts 4 and 5. Crisis Specialists along with CIT Officers work collaboratively with other aspects of public safety such as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and dispatch in order to reduce the high utilizers of service by providing ongoing monitoring and support.

8. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-07-02, Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Training Stipends and Cost of Books for Providers – \$340,000
- Ms. Lili Gray, Senior National CPP Trainer - \$50,000
  - Dr. Nicole Tefera, Senior National CPP Trainer - \$50,000
  - OhioGuidestone - \$40,151.11
  - Achievement Centers for Children - \$15,204.36
  - Applewood Centers, Inc. - \$5,078.84
  - Cleveland Rape Crisis Center - \$10,205
  - Beech Brook - \$15,149.52
  - Hope Behavioral Health - \$40,196.61
  - Cuyahoga County Job & Family Services - \$10,000
  - Exodus Clinical Counseling Services - \$5,000
  - Life Enrichment Counseling Services - \$5,000
  - SunWalk Counseling & Consulting Services - \$5,055.37
  - Ascension Counseling & Therapy Services - \$25,081.14
  - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$20,000
  - TBD - \$43,878.05

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 up to 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.

In July 2022, this Board approved contracts with the trainers, Ms. Lili Gray and Dr. Nicole Tefera. This amendment is extending the term of the contracts with Ms. Gray and Dr. Tefera through January 31, 2024 instead of December 31, 2023 to ensure that the CPP Training is the full 18 months. Additionally, this amendment is finalizing the providers receiving stipends and reimbursement for books. The stipend amount will be \$5,000 for each ECMH clinician attending the CPP Training, with \$2,000 going to the clinician and \$3,000 going to the provider. To get reimbursed for books, receipts had to be submitted. CPP training will be available to interested ADAMHS-funded ECMH providers as well as other county professionals looking to amplify their ECMH practice. System leaders, supervisors and direct staff serving

children ages 0-5 will be encouraged to take the training and may apply through an application process. Through the ADAMHS Board, Invest in Children, and other community partner networks, special efforts will be made to market the opportunity to practitioners of color in the region, to increase the diversity of professionals able to address the community's needs. Training will be delivered in one cohort beginning in July 2022; and will be held virtually every six months.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 22-09-04 through 22-09-06).** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Cade / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, D. Kelly, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

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

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

- **St. Vincent Charity Medical Center Update:**
  - Mr. Osiecki thanked the Board of Directors for approving the consulting contract with Dr. Kathy Burns to assist staff in completing an analysis of the impact of St. Vincent's recent closure announcement on our continuum of care.
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that St. Vincent's will close their inpatient and surgical services as of Tuesday, November 15, 2022, which includes the loss of inpatient beds in their psychiatric unit, as well as residential treatment and inpatient detoxification beds in Rosary Hall.
  - The Board knows that Rosary Hall will continue to offer outpatient services and are considering offering ambulatory detoxification.
  - Board staff has been working through the conflicting information that has been received from St. Vincent's regarding the Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED).
  - Since their announcement, Ms. Tolbert, Dr. Leslie Koblentz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, and Mr. Osiecki have been meeting with leadership of St. Vincent's, as well as the leadership of the Sisters of Charity about the future of the PED. The Sisters of Charity plan to offer outpatient services geared toward social determinants of health in an outpatient setting.
  - Ms. Tolbert and Mr. Osiecki met with Ms. Lori Criss, Director of OhioMHAS, and her team; and continue to dialogue around the closure of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center.
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that he recently met with Dr. Moran, the head of Lutheran Hospital.
  - Dr. Burns, Dr. Koblentz, Ms. Tolbert and Mr. Osiecki met with Dr. David Margolius, from the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health.
  - As of the present, the PED remains open until Tuesday, November 15, 2022. They want to honor the Board's contract through the end of the year, but they cannot guarantee a level of service.
  - Mr. Osiecki was on Ideastream on Tuesday, September 25, 2022, along with Dr. Kilbane, who oversees the PED. Dr. Kilbane indicated that there is an intention to keep a standalone PED open, but they are working through various issues.
  - The Board has been a longtime partner and funder of St. Vincent's; and the PED is engrained in our crisis continuum of care, so this is not an easy and quick decision.
  - St. Vincent Medical Center also needs to determine the services that they want to provide.
  - Mr. Osiecki reminded everyone that a number of crisis resources still exist in the community:
    - Hotline (216) 623-6888 or 988
    - Mobile Crisis
    - Crisis Stabilization Unit
    - Cuyahoga County Diversion Center
    - The Centers Behavioral Health Urgent Centers
    - New Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) for youth in crisis
    - New MetroHealth Hospital, which will be opening in October 2022
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Tolbert and he were able to tour MetroHealth's new Psychiatric Hospital.
  - Mr. Osiecki shared that there is a difference between the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center and the PED. The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is not a locked facility; and the PED is a locked facility.
  - Cuyahoga County's Wards of Detention go to St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's PED.
  - St. Vincent Charity Medical Center is facilitating transfer agreements with area hospitals to transport individuals.

- Mr. Osiecki reported that he spoke with Director Criss regarding OhioMHAS' thoughts regarding the creation of a locked unit at the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. Presently, the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is certified as a residential treatment center and is not certified for emergency services. Hence, a meeting will be scheduled with OhioMHAS to discuss this matter, in addition to a number of other concerns, including but not limited to, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's capital projects.

Mr. Basheer Jones shared that he wanted his fellow Board of Directors to understand that what happens on the East Side of Cleveland affects Northeast Ohio; and with these major institutions that are closing - will not lead individuals to go to Cleveland Clinic or University Hospital, but will cause individuals to not seek health care. Mr. Jones also highlighted that two young men over the past couple of days, Mr. Michael Sutton and Mr. Kenny Phillips, who spent the last 15 years in jail for attempted murder, were both found not guilty of all charges in the re-trial, which began September, 20, 2022 in front of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge John O'Donnell. He stated that "Cuyahoga County is one of the most egregious counties in the entire country when it comes to criminalizing Black, Brown and poor individuals. This is important because many families are dealing with things like this and it is literally causing individuals to turn towards alcohol, turn towards drugs, and basically lose their minds. The system plays a part, specifically, the East Side of Cleveland - Black, Brown and poor individuals have lost their minds, we have lost our minds, we do not have access to food, the way that we need to, everywhere we turn, we are being turned away, so we have lost our minds. As a result, we just stay stuck in a perpetual generational poverty." His point was that this only happens on the East Side of Cleveland. Mr. Jones reported that "the Board needs to continue to support programs that help families whose children have been openly criminalized and when they come out - cannot just give them a couple of dollars and think that you are going to deal with the trauma of a family who has lost their fathers and lost their mothers for 15 years. They have missed their childhood and creates generational poverty that continues over and over again and we as the Board, can make that change."

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

- Mr. Osiecki thanked the Board of Directors for accepting the DEI proposal. This proposal will start the Board's next phase of work with REdCon.
- Through the Board's upcoming work with REdCon, staff will begin taking action on more items identified in the Board's DEI Strategic Implementation Plan. The Board also received funding through OACBHA for Health, Equity and Cultural Competency projects and are working to implement those items during the same time frame.
- The Board's Eliminating Structural Racism (ESR) Advisory Group began its new meeting schedule. During September 2022, the three sub-groups met to start work on the plan.
  - o Each sub-group identified 3-5 top priorities from the plan that their group feels should be an immediate emphasis or focus for the Board's DEI initiative.
  - o Each sub-group is weighing in on this question to help determine where the Board needs to dedicate time and resources during the first year of this three-year plan.
  - o The larger ESR group meets on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

- **MAT and Recovery Housing:**

- Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board received correspondence from Judge Matia concerning MAT. Judge Matia stated that sober homes and recovery homes that refuse to accept clients on MAT are in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Judge Matia is recommending that the ADAMHS Board should not be financially supporting organizations that do not accept clients on MAT; and that the Board adopt a policy requiring any financial recipients of the Board's funds to be in compliance with ADA regarding MAT.
- ADAMHS Board staff and the P&O Committee are recommending that the Board adopt a policy regarding this matter.
- Mr. Jun researched this issue; and Mr. Osiecki has spoken with Director Criss regarding MAT. Mr. Osiecki was informed that the ADA clearly outlines that individuals who are taking legally prescribed medication to treat opioid use disorder are protected under the act.
- Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board also has a section in the ADAMHS Board contract that prohibits discrimination based on disabilities.
- Mr. Osiecki reported that of the 21 recovery housing providers that the Board directly contracts with, none refuse clients on MAT, however:
  - o 14 accept all forms of MAT: Methadone, Suboxone and Vivitrol.
  - o 4 accept all but Methadone.
  - o 3 accept only Vivitrol.

- Of the 8 homes within the Housing Recovery Network that the Board funds with Cleveland Treatment Center (CTC)
    - none refuse clients on MAT, however:
      - o 6 accept all forms of MAT.
      - o 1 accepts all but Methadone.
      - o 1 accepts only Vivitrol.
  - Of the 18 homes with the Recovery Housing Network that the Board funds with Stella Maris:
    - o 2 do not accept clients on MAT.
    - o 2 accept all forms of MAT.
    - o 3 accept all but Methadone.
    - o 11 only accept Vivitrol.
  - Mr. Osiecki recommended that the Board develop a policy regarding MAT and funding.
- **ORCA House Visit:**
    - Ms. Tolbert and Mr. Osiecki had the opportunity to visit the new ORCA House site, which is part of Signature Health. He reported that this is a modern facility that is located on Prospect Avenue and East 30<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - The construction phase is almost complete and should be open at the beginning of the new year.
    - Signature Health took over the operations of ORCA House several years ago, and the original location was bought by Cleveland Clinic.
  - **OhioMHAS CY2023-2025 Community Assessment and Plan (CAP):**
    - Mr. Osiecki reported that the CAP is presently underway.
    - Each Board regularly submits a Community Plan to OhioMHAS. The plan has changed and will include "Assessment" in its name, along with several new components.
    - The new components include a three-year planning timeline, updated continuum of care and special population planning requirements, new standardized assessment requirements and tools, new submission procedures and an increased focus on addressing health equity across the assessment and planning process.
    - Currently, Board clinical, data and fiscal staff are completing the first requirement of the plan, which address legislative and statutorily required information.
    - In the State's 2022-2023 Biennium Budget, the Ohio General Assembly allocated funds to establish Regional Crisis Stabilization Centers and the use of Crisis Flex and Infrastructure funds throughout Ohio. Because of that, OhioMHAS designed this year's CAP legislative requirements survey to focus on crisis services and the crisis continuum. Board staff are working to answer this portion of the CAP by Friday, October 7, 2022. Other deadlines will follow until the submission of the completed plan at the end of January 2023.
    - The CAP is a data and time sensitive undertaking that involves all areas of Board staff. Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief of Strategic Initiatives, and Mr. Anthony Henderson, Chief Compliance Officer, are taking the lead on the project and working with staff to complete each portion of the plan.
    - The entire plan will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval during the January 2023 meeting cycle.
  - **House Bill (HB) 523 Northeast Ohio (NEO) Collaborative Legislative Meeting:**
    - On Monday, September 19, 2022, Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Rosser; along with the Directors and staff of the Boards of the NEO Collaborative of ADAMHS Boards held a virtual meeting educating legislators regarding HB 523 – the modernization of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 340, which governs the Boards.
    - 13 Legislators from Cuyahoga, Lake, Summit, Lorain and Geauga Counties were represented during the meeting, including Senators Matt Dolan, Nickie J. Antonio and Kenny Yuko; and Representatives Shayla Davis, Bishara Addison, Juanita Brent, and Bride Rose Sweeney from Cuyahoga County.
    - HB 523 is currently being considered in the Behavioral Health and Recovery Committee of the House.
  - **City Club:**
    - The Board was a community partner for several City Club events; and Mr. Osiecki reported that he had the opportunity to provide the introduction and ring the bell.
    - Dr. Fowler and Mr. Osiecki attended the County Executive Debate that was sponsored by the City Club.
  - **Care Response Teams Update:**
    - The community and the Board are very interested in adding Care Response Teams to the Board's crisis continuum.

- The Board has been working with Magnolia Clubhouse, R Strategy Group and other interested parties on this project.
  - R Strategy Group indicated that they received grants from local foundations to fund a Care Response approach to make this a reality.
  - Cleveland City Council and the Mayor's office are interested in using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to expand Co-Responder Teams and are showing an interest in Care Response Teams.
  - Ms. Nicole Carlton, City of Cleveland EMS Commissioner, contacted Mr. Osiecki regarding a request that was submitted to the City for the use of ARPA dollars to fund a pilot Care Response Team; and how this could work.
- **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Collaboration:**
    - Board staff have been collaborating with the County, DCFS, the Cuyahoga County Developmental Disabilities Board and the Juvenile Detention Center regarding crisis placement of DCFS children.
    - Part of the solution is that the County is entering into a contract with The Centers for eight beds that will be located at the Cleveland Christian Home. The Centers is in the process of acquiring the Cleveland Christian Home.
    - Each of the systems, including the ADAMHS Board, have agreed to split the cost of the contract for the first year and provide \$1.2 million each. Mr. Osiecki reported that this is the right thing to do since the children are usually involved in all of these systems.
    - The County has provided \$500,000 to The Centers so that they can begin to hire staff.
    - A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and request to the Board will be forthcoming once the County works out all the details.
    - The Centers reported that they should be able to take the first children in two to three months.

Rev. Gohlstin stated that as he raised in the Finance & Operations Committee Meeting, "this is approximately \$6 million for eight children. Therefore, over a year, this may fund fifty children, which means \$6 million to serve 50 children. Yet the Board rejected an agency that served 163 children and denied them an extra \$350,000 for the remainder of CY2022. That does not make sense." Dr. Fowler responded that what does not make sense to him is that children are running around an office building with no facilities to speak of to accommodate them; and hopefully this program will allay this situation to some extent.

Rev. Gohlstin reported that he almost has the same thing for the 163 children that he is referencing. "We are trying to keep them from becoming tier three children. They are on the threshold of joining those other eight children." Mr. Osiecki added that the behavioral health services will be provided by the full complement of staff there. Rev. Gohlstin reported that "the agency he is referencing has a full complement of staff also. That was too many people to serve 163 children. This is part of the enduring, invisible and ubiquitous centrality of Whites that we are continuing to fight."

Mr. Jones inquired as to why funding was cut to The Centers for over 100 children. Dr. Fowler stated that funding was not cut for the Centers; and that Rev. Gohlstin was referencing Serenity. Rev. Gohlstin stated that "yes, they did. The original agreement was \$700,000. The agreement was for \$350,000 for the first six months and when they passed probation, they would be funded the other \$350,000. Because they had a little carryover of \$60,000, they only gave them \$50,000. One, they said they were funding the whole agency. Two, the second reason he was given, was that some of the other agencies complained that they were getting too much money for the contract targeted population. They agreed contractually to serve 25 people and they ended up serving 163 people. Movement of children from D and F students to C and B students. Taking one young lady who was taking cat feces and urine to put on herself to keep her father from raping her. They got her out of the home, got her out of the state to a stable environment. For 163 people - \$700,000 - they had a psychiatrist, they had case managers, they had a full complement of staff – but Black agencies are always told to operate on a shoestring. The agency that they are talking about already has money. We are already funding them. We are talking about the ADAMHS Board giving them a \$1.2 million dollar increase, along with other agencies, which come out to about \$6 million dollars to service possibly eight kids, maybe on a bad day, I hope it never gets to 30 kids, yet we can't spend \$700,000 to save 163 kids. Again, this is the ubiquitous, the invisible, the undermining of White prejudice and biases that we see, and that's what happens on the East Side all the time. Black and Brown people have to operate on a shoestring, when White agencies get everything, all the bells and whistles that they need, and that upsets me greatly."

Rev. Gohlstin reported that "the Chairman called me and asked me to stay on the Board, because I was going to step down, because he did not understand Black people, like we are some kind of two headed monster. He needed me to be around so he could understand Black people. How can he chair the Board if he cannot understand Black people."

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

- **Staff Update:**

- Mr. Osiecki shared the following updates related to recruitment:

- Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist
  - Mr. Mark Onusko started at the Board on Monday, August 1, 2022.
  - Mr. Onusko is a licensed psychologist with 14 years of clinical experience in diverse work and training settings.
  - Mr. Onusko reports to Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children's Behavioral Health Programs.
- Children's Behavioral Health Specialist
  - Ms. Britany King started at the Board on Monday, August 22, 2022.
  - Ms. King has over ten years of experience working in a community behavioral health setting and almost nine combined years serving children and adolescents, especially those of vulnerable populations.
  - Ms. King reports to Ms. DiVincenzo.
- Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Residential)
  - Mr. Vince Crowe started at the Board on Monday, September 19, 2022.
  - Mr. Crowe has worked as a mental health professional for over 12 years, from working in case management, being part of a team operating different day treatment programming, community advocacy and employee mentorship.
  - Mr. Crowe has worked with adults and children with varying severities of mental health illness, as well as different cultural backgrounds.
  - Mr. Crowe reports to Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs.
- Database Specialist
  - This position has been filled.
  - Mr. DeAndre Durr will be starting at the Board on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
  - Mr. Durr will be reporting to Ms. Jess Saker, Director of IT.
- Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice)
  - Board staff have started the recruitment process to fill this position.
  - An offer will be made to an applicant within the next couple of weeks.
  - This position will be reporting to Ms. Schaefer.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Jones shared that he has been on Boards a lot; and asked a question as to how this Board works when it comes to the CEO and the Board members; and the Chair's protocol. "Are Board members able to ask questions about things that are public knowledge." Dr. Fowler responded that Board members are able to ask questions. Mr. Jones responded "so, it is not a practice to have conversations about things offline about public information." Dr. Fowler indicated that Mr. Jones could read past minutes to address his inquiry. He also stated that the Board is not trying to shortchange anyone.

## **13. FOLLOW-UP**

No follow-up was received.

## **14. AUDIENCE INPUT**

No audience input was received.

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

- 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
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: October 19, 2022

- General Meeting: October 26, 2022

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.*

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

**Approved by:**     \_\_\_\_\_

***J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County***