

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2022

PRESENT: Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Board Vice Chair, Ashwani Bhardwaj, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Basheer Jones, Daniel Kelly, Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Steve Killpack, MS, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA

ABSENT: Bishara W. Addison, Erskine Cade, MBA, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Board Vice Chair, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus requested that the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County Board of Directors, staff and presenters speak directly into the microphone to ensure that participants viewing the meeting via livestream can hear.

Ms. James-Stewart read into the record the definition of Committee of the Whole for purposes of the ADAMHS Board: "A meeting in which Committees meet together with all Committee members up to and including the entire board. Motions are moved to the General Meeting – just like any committee meeting – for approval and passage of resolutions by the full Board."

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Kelli K. Perk, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division, from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, administered the Oath of Office to Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.

Dr. Boehm indicated that he is very appreciative of the opportunity to serve on the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County for a second term; and shared that he looks forward to contributing his expertise – in the interest of integrating and expanding services for addiction treatment and mental health.

Ms. James-Stewart thanked Dr. Boehm for his tenure on the ADAMHS Board.

4. **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (OHIOMHAS) COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND PLAN (CAP) LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that 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 have completed and submitted the first requirement of the plan by the due date of Friday, October 7, 2022. This portion of the CAP addresses legislative and statutorily required information.

Mr. Osiecki reported that 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. As required by the legislation, OhioMHAS is requesting ADAMH Boards to use the CAP to complete and submit the required information regarding the use of the State General Revenue Funds (GRF) for these purposes. Because of that, OhioMHAS designed this year's CAP legislative requirements survey to focus on crisis services and the crisis continuum.

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, have taken the lead on the project and have been 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

J. Robert Fowler, Board Chair, requested clarity regarding the word “involved” in a sentence in the CAP, which states that “the ADAMHS Board remains involved with Applewood, Juvenile Court and local police departments for Project CALM as part of the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice (BHJJ) continuum of early intervention and diversion services for youth offenders with mental health needs to divert away from system involvement.” Ms. Rosser reported that the specific actions and ways that the Board is involved are specified as a part of this section of the CAP, however there are different levels of partnership and involvement with and across multi systems and agencies; and includes different levels of leadership, authority and funding, which is why this word was chosen. Mr. Henderson shared that the involvement stretches throughout every provider within the statement in question and is used to summarize as succinctly as possible. Dr. Fowler suggested that fund and monitor might be used as alternative words.

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch inquired with Mr. Osiecki as to whether the Board of Directors will be able to meet Kathryn A. Burns, M.D., M.P.H., who will provide consulting services related to changes occurring in Cuyahoga County’s Crisis Continuum of Care, including an analysis of the impact of St. Vincent’s closure announcement. 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. Mr. Osiecki shared that Dr. Burns resides in Columbus, Ohio, and has already toured a number of facilities located in Cuyahoga County with Board staff; and that a Zoom introductory meeting can be arranged.

5. NEW POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, presented the following new policy statement:

➤ Medication Assisted Treatment in Recovery Housing Policy

Mr. Jun reported that the Medication Assisted Treatment in Recovery Housing Policy is to ensure that recovery housing providers in Cuyahoga County provide a sober, safe, and healthy living environment to individuals with substance use disorder, including individuals utilizing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Recovery housing is housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorder that provides an alcohol and drug-free living environment, assistance with obtaining substance use disorder services, and other recovery assistance, and may also include peer support.

One of the most effective and life-saving treatments for substance use disorder is MAT. MAT is the use of prescribed medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral health therapies, to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorder. Medications used in MAT are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and MAT programs are clinically driven and tailored to meet each client’s need.

However, some traditional, abstinence-based recovery housing providers require abstinence of all drugs, including prescribed medications such as Methadone, Buprenorphine, Naltrexone, etc., and will not take individuals utilizing MAT. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects individuals with substance use disorder who are in treatment or recovery, including individuals utilizing MAT, and thus, recovery housing providers denying individuals access to MAT may be in violation of the ADA. It is the policy of the ADAMHS Board to ensure that individuals have access to various evidence-based treatment options, including MAT, and that recovery housing providers that receive funding from the ADAMHS Board (directly or indirectly) will accept individuals utilizing MAT.

Before entering into a contract with recovery housing providers directly or through a contract with a provider overseeing a recovery housing network, the ADAMHS Board will verify that the recovery housing provider accepts individuals utilizing MAT. To comply with this Policy, recovery housing providers must accept at least one prescribed medication used in MAT.

During the term of the contract, if the ADAMHS Board substantiates the claim that a recovery housing provider does not accept at least one prescribed medication used in MAT, the ADAMHS Board may recommend termination of the contract to its Board of Directors subject to the “Appeal of Board Decision” Policy.

Mr. Osiecki provided a brief update on correspondence received from Judge David Matia, who wrote about Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and the ADA. Judge Matia stated that many recovery facilities and sober houses in our community do not accept individuals suffering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) who are on MAT. This practice is illegal and violates the ADA. Judge Matia has recommended that the ADAMHS Board should not be financially supporting organizations that violate the ADA.; and has asked the Board to adopt a policy requiring any financial recipient of ADAMHS Board funds to be in compliance with the ADA. in regard to MAT.

Mr. Jun reported that he has researched this issue; and that Mr. Osiecki has spoken with Ms. Lori Criss, Director of OhioMHAS, 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.

Rev. Max Rodas inquired with Mr. Jun regarding the reaction and/or response from providers. Mr. Jun reported that Board staff completed a survey of the recovery facilities and sober houses in Cuyahoga County and identified that most accept individuals who are on MAT. Rev. Rodas shared that some individuals are committed to the abstinence based modality to the exclusion of harm reduction. Dr. Boehm responded that when reviewing the long term treatment of MAT, about 30% to 40% end up pursuing total abstinence, so this is an evolving program; and is harm reduction at the beginning, but many do embrace abstinence. There is room for all. Once the individual's health care is stabilized, and employment and housing – they are able to pursue other forms, including abstinence.

Mr. Steve Killpack inquired with Dr. Boehm as to once individuals have evolved to abstinence, would it be helpful to them to be in a recovery house that is abstinence based. Dr. Boehm indicated that the support of fellowship and social network is to support such, but not to judge. He shared that most of the individuals in recovery are on medications unrelated to MAT and if stopped, their health would be severely affected, if not fatal; whether it be diabetes, seizures, heart, asthma, etc. He shared that some individuals could graduate off insulin due to diet and exercise, but many do not. Dr. Boehm also stated that individuals in recovery are taught to be tolerant and patient of everyone. Everyone is on their own journey and that there is a lot in common in terms of behaviors and emotions, but everyone is on their own individual journey.

Given this is a new policy statement being reviewed, a reading at two Board Meetings is required prior to an official vote for adoption.

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2022 was \$7,374,726.62 and for August Actual YTD 2022, the total expenses were \$4,746,728.73; that is roughly 64% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first eight months. Ms. Harrison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for August 2022, the expenses appear normal.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, August 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 August 2022, the Board has received \$65,369,844.44. 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. Harrison reported that 89% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in August 2022, the Board received revenues of \$3,353,060.94. As a result, the Total Revenues By Source By Month is \$65,369,844.44.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2022 reflect that August YTD Actual is \$49,404,554.29 that is roughly 59% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Harrison noted that the Diversion Center's expenditures are reflected on this report.

Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month January through August 2022 includes administrative accounts as well as grant accounts. The total expenditures for August 2022 is \$4,925,921.68; bringing the total expenditures for Calendar Year 2022 to \$49,404,554.29. 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, August 2022 YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the OOD Grant, Other Grants and SOR Grant. The total revenue for grants YTD is \$2,903,722.04. The total expenditures for grants YTD is \$3,185,353.84.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD August 2022 YTD reflects that the total revenue YTD is \$2,992,985.39 and the total operating expenses is \$3,382,164.54.

The Cash Flow Report, August 2022 shows the 2020 Actual, 2021 Actual and YTD thru August 2022. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through August 2022 is \$57,555,403.37 and includes the County levy funds, which will be spent down throughout 2022.

Motion to recommend approval of the Board Voucher and Expenditure Reports for August 2022 to the full Board. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, D. Kelly, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. CONTRACTS

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

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

Ms. Harrison reported that the CDC has awarded the CCBH an OD2A grant. OD2A is a 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 CCBH 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 CCBH 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 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. Where COVID-19 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 4, the ADAMHS Board will continue to provide education on OUD and community resources for public safety personnel during scheduled Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings. The Board of Directors was requested to accept funding from the CCBH in the amount of \$84,782 to meet the scope of work described above for the OD2A Grant in Project Year 4 for the term of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

- b. Mental Health Court Program (MHCP)
 - South Euclid Municipal Court - \$9,000

In June of 2020, OhioMHAS announced a Request for Information (RFI) for \$150,000 in MHCP funds, available to a total of 31 eligible Certified Mental Health dockets throughout the state. The award for each docket was to be \$5,000 to \$10,000, based on the number of awardees. Both eligible Mental Health Courts in Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Municipal Court and South Euclid Municipal Court, were awarded funds of \$5,172.50 in 2020. South Euclid Municipal Court has continued to receive funding from OhioMHAS for their Specialized Docket each year since 2020. The South

Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court has been Ohio Supreme Court certified since 2019. The South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court Judge is The Honorable Harry Fields.

The MHCP funds behavioral health treatment and recovery support services to clients that are involved with selected Mental Health dockets. Awarded funds will be allocated to the ADAMHS Boards and passed through to the Mental Health Court to finance treatment and recovery support services for eligible clients. Treatment for MHCP clients is provided by a community behavioral health services provider certified by OhioMHAS. South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court (F.R.E.E. Docket) anticipates serving 15 clients. The Board of Directors was requested to accept OhioMHAS funding for the MHCP in the amount of \$9,000 and to contract with South Euclid Municipal Court for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

- c. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC): Parole Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
 - Recovery Resources - \$275,000

PACT is based on the evidence based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model. ODRC started PACT as a pilot program, and it has now developed into an ongoing program to meet the needs of this population. The program was established to develop a specialized system of care and treatment for clients suffering from severe mental illness who are on parole or post release control. Clinical interventions include psychopharmacologic treatment, individual supportive therapy, crisis intervention, housing support, activities of daily living, social and interpersonal relationships, assistance with entitlements and benefits and if needed, sex offender services.

The PACT Program operated by Recovery Resources provides comprehensive community treatment and wrap around services for mentally ill individuals being released from Prison on Parole or Post Release Control. The PACT Program maintains an active caseload for up to 50 people at any given time. The program provides intensive community support services, assistance with housing and other supports. Collaboration is a key component of this program, and a designated Officer from Adult Parole Authority (APA) is assigned to the team in order to assist and support the team. The Board of Directors was requested to accept the amount of \$275,000 from ODRC and contract with Recovery Resources for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the PACT Program.

- d. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP), Enhanced Data for Improved Substance Use Surveillance, Prevention, and Recovery on Reentry in Cuyahoga County – \$1,568,760
 - Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) - \$735,000
 - Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. - \$451,599
 - Cuyahoga County Board of Health - \$108,450

Cuyahoga County has one of the highest overdose death rates in the country (per 100,000) with 675 overdose deaths in 2021. COSSAP provides resources to respond to illicit substance use and misuse; reduce overdose deaths; promote public safety; and support access to prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and recovery services in the community and justice system. In 2018, the ADAMHS Board received funding from BJA for the Northern District of Ohio Opioid Data Sharing Action Plan, a Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP), in partnership with CWRU and this grant funding will expand on COAP.

The ADAMHS Board was awarded a three-year grant totaling \$1,568,760 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), BJA, as a part of its COSSAP. The ADAMHS Board will use this grant funding in partnership with the Begun Center at CWRU, Thrive Behavioral Health Center, and the CCBH to:

- o Expand comprehensive, regional information gathering, analysis, and dissemination to promote the use of real-time data collection for both comprehensive planning and response to overdose incidents and emerging drug trends through the Cuyahoga County Multijurisdictional (CCMJ) Overdose Surveillance Program and the United States Attorney's Office-Northern District of Ohio (USAO-NDOH) Data Subcommittee.
 - Will expand the membership roster of the Data Subcommittee to include more culturally specific, faith-based, and citizen action organizations.

- o Pilot and evaluate a peer recovery support (PRS) program for criminal-justice involved non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic persons.

The Begun Center at CWRU will serve as the facilitator for comprehensive information gathering and dissemination of lessons learned for use in stakeholder planning and response to overdose incidents and emerging drug trends. Additionally, the Begun Center will evaluate the impact of the PRS pilot program. Thrive Behavioral Health Center will use a peer recovery specialist to coordinate warm handoffs to wraparound services for justice-involved individuals (focusing on non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic) for reentry into the community. CCBH will assist with ongoing quantitative and qualitative data analysis, management, and reporting to inform first responders, identify intervention needs, and maintain CCBH engagement with the Data Subcommittee. The ADAMHS Board will employ a Project Manager to oversee the BJA reporting and coordinate all meeting agenda items and expert presentations with the Data Subcommittee chair. The Board of Directors was requested to accept COSSAP funding from DOJ, BJA in the amount of \$1,568,760 and contract with CWRU for \$735,000, Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. for \$451,599 and Cuyahoga County Board of Health for \$108,450 for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

- e. State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0: Ohio Crisis Assistance and Training Program – \$818,626.62
 - Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) - \$390,000
 - TBD for Public Awareness Campaign - \$403,626.62
 - TBD for Mental Health First Aid Training - \$25,000

In November 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded Ohio's Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) Regular Services Program (RSP) to address the COVID-19 disaster. The CCP RSP program provided resources for Ohioans impacted by COVID-19 including those with physical, intellectual/cognitive, and mental health issues and/ or substance use disorders. At this time, Ohio's constituents with physical, intellectual/cognitive, and mental health issues and/ or substance use disorders are still in need of targeted outreach and referral services due to the difficulties associated with COVID-19. Persons within this population are expected to continue to need ongoing services throughout the next year. OhioMHAS has now provided SOR 2.0 funding to the original ADAMHS Board CCP/RSP partners to develop or continue CCP RSP projects. Programs are to employ paraprofessionals. Staff are expected to be trained in the Mental Health First Aid model. Outcome measures, data collection processes, forms and training are being provided by OhioMHAS.

NORA operates a crisis center and hotline from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This funding will enable the expansion of staffing of the center from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Additionally, NORA is launching a mobile outreach team to make regular visits to Cleveland's east side neighborhoods. Peer supporters and outreach workers on the team will provide referrals for essential needs including medical services, ID services, food, housing, clothing access, vaccination, access, and infectious disease testing to adults eighteen and older. The Board will set aside funding to ensure that all paraprofessionals working in the program are trained in Mental Health First Aid. The ADAMHS Board will conduct a public education awareness campaign related to the crisis continuum of care. Materials will be translated into the most commonly spoken languages in the county, to assist those whose first language is not English. Board staff recommended that the Board of Directors accept the SOR 2.0 funds from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$818,626.62 and contract with NORA in the amount of \$390,000 for the term of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

- f. Security Services Contract
 - Willo Security - \$23.50 Hourly Rate - Annual Estimate for CY2023 - \$171,362

The ADAMHS Board currently contracts with Willo Security for armed security guard services through December 31, 2022. Willo Security is currently paid for services provided on an hourly basis at \$21.89 per hour for regular hours, and \$32.84 per hour on designated holidays. In 2019, the ADAMHS Board of Directors authorized Board staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure bids for security services for CY2020. Willo Security was awarded a one-year security contract for the ADAMHS Board's administrative office and Seasons of Hope building for CY2020, subject to a one-year renewal for CY2021. In 2020, the Board of Directors approved Willo Security's contract renewal for CY2021, which included a one-year renewal for CY2022. In November 2021, the Board of Directors approved Willo Security's contract renewal for CY2022, subject to a one-year renewal for CY2023, recommended by ADAMHS staff due to COVID-

19. Willo Security has continued to render services in a satisfactory manner, and it is recommended by ADAMHS Board staff that a contract renewal be awarded for CY2023. For CY2023, Willo Security will be paid for services provided on an hourly basis for armed security guard officers at \$23.50 per hour for regular hours, and \$35.25 per hour on designated holidays. Several guards will be staffed to cover the shifts to eliminate the need for overtime.

Armed security guard services will be provided at the ADAMHS Board's administrative office located at 2012 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as the Seasons of Hope building during the hours of 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Saturday. Duties include, but are not limited to, building opening and closing inspections; foot patrol of building, visual surveillance, visitor check-in and physical presence in the ADAMHS's Board entrance during employee arrival/departure times and evening meetings, responding to emergency situations, completing incident reports and participation in workplace violence reduction trainings and procedure drills. The Board of Directors was requested to approve a one-year contract with Willo Security for armed security guard services at the ADAMHS Board's administrative office located at 2012 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as the Seasons of Hope building during the hours of 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Saturday, in an amount of \$23.50 per hour for regular hours and \$35.25 per hour on designated holidays, from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Motion to recommend approval of Contracts (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, D. Kelly, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

- a. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-06-06, Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) – \$510,534.85
- Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau/Applewood (Wingspan) - \$155,972
 - OhioGuidestone - \$168,511
 - Positive Education Program (PEP) - \$186,051.85

The overarching goal of the WCM Initiative is to increase access to ECMH services by reducing expulsions and increasing retention in early learning settings. The Whole Child Matters (WCM) Initiative is an effort to promote healthy social and emotional development and school readiness among children aged eight and younger. The ADAMHS Board contracts with the following agencies: Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau, OhioGuidestone and PEP.

The ADAMHS Board was requested to apply on behalf of several partners to the OhioMHAS, for the WCM ECMH Grant in 2015. OhioMHAS awarded funding to the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$441,906 for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. OhioMHAS recently approved \$68,628.85 in carryover funds from SFY22. This amendment includes the approved carryover funding. PEP proposes to use the WCM carryover funding from SFY22 to support orientation and training of a new WCM Master Trainer.

Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau/Applewood estimates to serve approximately 148 children and families. OhioGuidestone estimates to serve approximately 460 children and families during the contract period. PEP estimates to provide approximately 100 consultation trainings to early childhood professionals annually. The Board of Directors was requested to amend Resolution No. 22-06-06 to include approved carryover funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$68,628.85 and to contract with the following agencies totaling \$510,534.85: Bellefaire JCB/Applewood (Wingspan) in the amount of \$155,972, OhioGuidestone in the amount of \$168,511 and PEP in the amount of \$186,051.85 for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Motion to recommend approval of Contract Amendment (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: D. Kelly / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, D. Kelly, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. **IDENTIFY CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. James-Stewart recommended including the August 2022 Finance Reports, Contracts and Contract Amendment into the Consent Agenda to be recommended for approval to the full Board.

Dr. Fowler shared his appreciation for the manner in which staff have provided full explanations for the use of acronyms, which is an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word.

10. PRESENTATION OF CY2023 ADAMHS BOARD BUDGET

Mr. Osiecki highlighted that the Board issued an RFP titled CY2023 Board Funded Mental Health, Addiction, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Supports on Monday, July 11, 2022, and responses were submitted through the Board's WiseHive data collection system. The submission deadline was Friday, August 19, 2022. Overall, the Board received 255 proposals for review. Board staff also reviewed provider funding usage, service utilization, outcomes and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) material to make recommendations for a total budget of \$92,797,101, which is an increase of approximately \$6,000,000 from the CY2022 budget of \$86,791,972. This budget will allow the Board to fund 76 provider agencies, of which three are new provider agencies, as well as 16 new programs for a total of 221 programs. The Board is also recommending a decrease in funding for eight provider agencies programs for various reasons ranging from provider agency requests for decreased funding, billing trends and/or stoppage of startup funds. Also, 17 provider agencies with 23 programs are not being recommended to receive funding. Mr. Osiecki stated that the majority of these provider agencies did not submit a proposal for CY2023 funding, were no longer providing the services in question and/or serving individuals during CY2022

Mr. Osiecki acknowledged the hard work and efforts of staff to compile the information contained in the CY2023 ADAMHS Board Budget that was distributed to Board members via hard copy and/or digitally. He summarized the cover letter that identified the content of CY2023 ADAMHS Board budget as a first working draft of the CY2023 funding recommendations. Mr. Osiecki reported that the draft material was prepared and disseminated to Board members to allow for adequate time to review the recommendations and have questions answered.

The pandemic has raised awareness of mental health and substance use issues and with this awareness comes an increased need for services, education and understanding. The ADAMHS Board has made a commitment to make culturally specific prevention, crisis, treatment, and recovery support services available to the residents of Cuyahoga County. The Board is collaborating with providers and partners to attract and retain motivated, diverse and skilled professionals to staff our system. Ms. Rosser highlighted that a page of this book illustrates demographics across our provider network including clients and staff compared to Cuyahoga County census data. This illustration reveals that the ADAMHS Board serves 175,000 plus individuals annually through a network of 70 provider agencies that employ approximately 20,000 individuals. Ms. Rosser thanked Mr. Henderson and his team for their assistance with providing data for this endeavor; along with Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, for her review of provider agency DEI statements. Ms. James-Stewart commended staff for their DEI efforts.

This first working draft of the CY2023 funding recommendations has taken the increased need for services, the increased cost of care and the impact on the behavioral health workforce, into consideration. Mr. Osiecki reported that the CY2023 ADAMHS Board Budget is being submitted as a proposal, so that Board of Directors have time to review the recommendations and have their questions answered in two other Board meetings before its passage during the November 16, 2022 General Meeting. This binder contains a summary of the ADAMHS Board's entire operational budget and projected revenues. The Provider Information section is arranged in alphabetical order by provider name and details the recommended funding levels, program descriptions, statistics that the Board collected from the first six months of CY2022 and all of 2021, as well as a new page focusing on diversity.

[Mr. Basheer Jones arrived.]

Ms. Harrison highlighted that the proposed CY2023 ADAMHS Board budget is \$92,797,101. The budget is to be used in the following areas based on the anticipated revenues at this time: Board's – Total Budget Summary, CY2023 Provider Direct Services Budget (\$69,639,403), CY2023 Other Behavioral Health Services Budget, CY2023 Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) – Employment Case Services Contract, CY2023 Federal Grants and CY2023 Diversion Center Expenditures. Ms. Harrison also shared the list of projected revenues to be received during CY2023, whether Federal, State or local. The revenues show the amount received in CY2022; and the projected revenue to be received in CY2023. Some revenue increased, while other revenue decreased. The biggest change in the projected revenue is the amount intended to be utilized from the Board's cash balance or

reserve; and in order to meet the budget, \$18,000,000 will be utilized from the Board's reserve. After a brief discussion of the CY2023 ADAMHS Board budget, Ms. Harrison responded to questions from the Board of Directors.

When additional County, State and/or Federal funding is received, including grants, the ADAMHS Board will issue RFPs and/or select providers for targeted programs and/or services. Mr. Osiecki thank the Board of Directors for their time and continued dedication and commitment to our Board and the community. He asked Board members to e-mail or call him directly with questions or concerns regarding the CY2023 funding recommendations so that answers to questions can be provided before the next Board meeting.

Mr. Killpack commended Board staff for their efforts with the CY2023 ADAMHS Board budget.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was received.

12. FOLLOW-UP

No follow-up was received.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was received.

14. UPCOMING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:

- General Meeting: October 26, 2022
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: November 9, 2022
- General Meeting: November 16, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Vice Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County