

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 26, 2022

### ADAMHS BOARD DIRECTORS PRESENT:

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Daniel Kelly
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Steve Killpack, MS
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA
Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
Gwendolyn A. Howard, LSW, MSSA	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW	

**ABSENT:** Bishara W. Addison, Erskine Cade, MBA, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Basheer Jones

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Vince Crowe, Erin DiVincenzo, DeAndre Durr, Tami Fischer, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Anthony Henderson, Jr., Woo Jun, Britany King, Linda Lamp, Mark Onusko, Clare Rosser, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert, Jessica Torres, Tom Williams, 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. Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum read into the record the Board's Mission Statement: *"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."*

### **2. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No audience input on agenda items was received.

### **3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: OCTOBER 2022**

Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, highlighted the work produced through the art therapy program at Far West Center and introduced the representative in attendance – Ms. Denise Ayres, LSW, who was awarded a Certificate of Participation for their impressive artwork display. Ms. Ayres coordinates the AHH! Art Helps and Heals program at Far West Center.

On behalf of Far West Center and the AHH! Art Helps and Heals program, Ms. Ayres thanked the Board for their commitment and support of the art programs. She stated that she asked the clients for input as to what they wanted the Board to know; and in summary, they wanted the Board to know how valuable they find this program as part of their recovery and life. For some, when they participate in this program, this is the only time for themselves. She reported that one of the clients stated that they are living proof that this program is working, because she is sitting here. Ms. Ayres stated that she is sitting here in the art program and not in crisis and/or hospital; and manages a great deal of stress. She also thanked the Board on behalf of the families and the family system because of the impact this program makes. Not only do participating clients manage mental illness, but they also manage many other things, such as hands on caretaking of aging parents and/or parents with Alzheimer's and individuals raising their grandchildren.

*[Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, arrived.]*

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 28, 2022 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

*[Mr. Harvey A. Snider, Esq., arrived.]*

### **5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Fowler reported that the ADAMHS Board of Director's Annual Training/Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ohio Conference Room.

The Roads to Recovery Conference was held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at the Wyndham Cleveland Hotel. There were 273 people in attendance and over 20 sponsorship tables. There were over 30 different workshops at the Conference. Workshop topics covered issues related to Culture, Gender, Developmental Disabilities, Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health, Self Care and Spirituality. The Conference received rave reviews related to the variety of topics, being back in person for training, ease of registration and flow of the conference. Board staff is in the process of finalizing the conference expenditures and distributing conference Continuing Education Credits.

*[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj arrived.]*

## **6. SPECIAL MEETING REPORT**

Dr. Fowler reported that a Special Meeting of the ADAMHS Board was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 3:30 p.m. to discuss St. Vincent Charity Medical Center (SVCMC) Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED). The ADAMHS Board has provided support and funding for the PED at SVCMC for decades; and, the PED is one of two facilities in the state of Ohio that offers psychiatric care 24 hours a day and provides a safety net for over 3,000 patients annually. The PED offers specialized care for those facing a mental health crisis and is a critical component in the crisis continuum of care in Cuyahoga County. Patients at the PED have access to a psychiatrist or licensed practitioner around the clock, as well as nurses, mental health technicians and other dedicated staff who provide services including crisis stabilization, 23-hour observation, assessment and discharge planning.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, SVCMC notified the ADAMHS Board and the community that it will close its inpatient and surgical services as of Tuesday, November 15, 2022, which include the loss of inpatient beds in the psychiatric unit, as well as residential treatment and inpatient detox beds in Rosary Hall. Also, the ADAMHS Board received written notification from SVCMC confirming its commitment to continue providing services in the PED into Calendar Year (CY) 2023. The ADAMHS Board's Chief Executive Officer and staff recommended that the Board of Directors approve funding for the PED at SVCMC for CY2023 in the amount of \$4,447,412 and authorize the ADAMHS Board to enter into any necessary contractual agreements. After a lengthy discussion of this matter, which included a public comment period, the ADAMHS Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 22-10-01 Approval of CY2023 Funding for the SVCMC PED.

## **7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Board Vice Chair, reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting that was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 4:00 p.m.; and no public comment on agenda items was received.

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.

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) 2023-2025 Community Assessment and Plan (CAP) Legislative Requirements. This new portion of the CAP includes a Crisis Services Continuum Report for Cuyahoga County; and was submitted to OhioMHAS on Friday, October 7, 2022.

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, presented the 1st of 2 readings regarding the following new policy statement: Medication Assisted Treatment in Recovery Housing Policy. Given this is a new policy statement being reviewed, a reading at two Board Meetings is required prior to an official vote for adoption.

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the Finance Reports, which included the Board Voucher and Expenditure Reports for August 2022.

Ms. Harrison also reported on six contracts and one amendment; and all action items were approved and forwarded for Board approval at today's General Meeting.

Mr. Osiecki presented the CY2023 ADAMHS Board budget for Board of Director review - for final approval at the Wednesday, November 16, 2022, General Meeting. Since there were no New Business, Follow-up or Public Comment received, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Resolution Nos. 22-10-02 through 22-10-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-02  
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING AUGUST 2022**

Ms. James-Stewart, reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for CY2022 was \$7,374,726.62 and for August Actual Year-to-date (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 underbudget.

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.

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 CY2022 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 revenue for August is \$878,360.44; and the total revenue YTD is \$2,992,985.39. The August operating expenses are \$22,068.19; 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.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

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

Ms. James-Stewart 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 Team.

4. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 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), Bureau of Justice Assistance (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 CCBH for \$108,450 for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

5. 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 CPP/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 (MHFA) 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 18 and older. The Board will set aside funding to ensure that all paraprofessionals working in the program are trained in MHFA. 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.

6. 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 Proposal (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 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 Board's 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 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.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT:**

1. 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 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 SFY2022. This amendment includes the approved carryover funding. PEP proposes to use the WCM carryover funding from SFY2022 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 approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 22-10-02 through 22-10-04).** MOTION: S, Rosenbaum / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, S. Galloway, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, D. Kelly, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## **8. 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Mr. Osiecki stated that the ADAMHS Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan positions the Board and its service delivery system for success in a continually changing and increasingly demanding behavioral healthcare environment and includes the following six goals: 1) Strengthening Service Delivery System, 2) Measuring Impact, 3) Maximizing Available Funding, 4) Maintaining a High Performing Organization, 5) Strengthening Behavioral Health Workforce, and 6) Sharing Information. This plan is a living document that will be modified with the ever-changing environment, reviewed and updated as needed with periodic updates provided to the ADAMHS Board of Directors on the goals achieved and progress made on the plan.

Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a detailed review of each of the six goals outlined in the Board's 5-Year Strategic Plan by sharing a few of the activities and progress made on each of the identified goals, in addition to DEI achievements, during the last quarter, which includes Friday, July 1, 2022 through Friday, September 30, 2022. In total, 12 pages of accomplishments were made during the last quarter. (The 5-Year Strategic Plan and DEI in Behavioral Health Care Quarterly Update is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit and can be found on the Board's website.)

## **9. CY2023 ADAMHS BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Osiecki reported that several inquiries were received from Board members based upon their review of the budget material and that questions were answered as they came in. He highlighted that there have not been any formal changes to this working document, thus no additional pages were disseminated to the Board of Directors. Mr. Osiecki reminded all that the CY2023 ADAMHS Board Budget continues to be a draft working document for review and may change prior to a final decision at the Wednesday, November 16, 2022 General Meeting. He reported that next week, Board staff will begin notifying provider agencies who submitted a RFP and are not being recommended for CY2023 funding; in addition to the provider agencies that will receive significant changes to their RFP.

Mr. Steve Killpack shared that he reviews the annual ADAMHS Board budget book to see how many outcome measurement tools are utilized by the provider agencies and has noticed an increase relative to such; and inquired whether it is possible to obtain some aggregate data for Ohio Scales, Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) and Devereux Adult Resilience Survey (DARS). Mr. Anthony Henderson, Jr., Chief Compliance Officer, reported that the Board has received increased outcomes from the provider agencies; and is in the process of looking at various means to aggregate this data. Dr. Fowler commended Board staff for strengthening their efforts with outcomes.

Rev. Max Rodas inquired as to when provider agencies will be notified of their CY2023 funding status. Mr. Osiecki reported that a response will most likely be provided after the November Committee of the Whole Meeting and prior to the November General Meeting; and that most of the RFP responses are positive in nature.

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum inquired about the provider agencies that did not submit RFPs. Mr. Osiecki reported that the provider agencies that did not submit an RFP chose not to provide the selected services during CY2023; while others have sought funding from additional sources and no longer require funding from the ADAMHS Board. Mr. Henderson, Jr., stated that when the Board's RFP for CY2023 Board Funding Mental Health, Addiction, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services commenced, notice was provided to provider agencies. Additionally, the Board's WiseHive System is a user friendly system that allows for users of all walks of life to implement the information and submit applications with ease for Board review.

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

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

- **MetroHealth Behavioral Health Hospital's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:**
  - Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Leslie Koblentz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, Ms. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist I, Ms. Nancy Mundy, Clinical Adult Utilization Review Specialist, and Mr. Osiecki attended the MetroHealth Behavioral Health Hospital's Dedication Ceremony in Cleveland Heights on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.
  - Mr. Osiecki stated that the new building is beautiful.
- **Cleveland City Council - Health, Human Services and the Arts Committee:**

- Cleveland City Councilman Charles J. Slife attended the Board's Special Meeting regarding SVCMC, and he invited ADAMHS Board representatives to participate in the Cleveland City Council - Health, Human Services and the Arts Committee to discuss SVCMC.
- Dr. Fowler, Ms. Tolbert, Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, and Mr. Osiecki attended the meeting. Mr. Osiecki provided an update and answered questions regarding the PED.
- **Town Hall Meeting:**
  - Ms. Tolbert and Mr. Osiecki attended a Town Hall meeting regarding SVCMC on Thursday, October 6, 2022.
  - The meeting was hosted by Cleveland City Councilman Richard Starr.
- **Front Steps Housing and Services *Home for All Ball*:**
  - Ms. Kern Pilch, Ms. James-Stewart, Ms. Regina Spicer, Training Officer, and Mr. Osiecki represented the ADAMHS Board at the Front Steps Housing and Services *Home for All Ball* on Saturday, October 15, 2022.
- **All Provider Meeting:**
  - One of the shortest All Provider Meetings was held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, The meeting lasted for 15 minutes.
  - The agenda included an update on the RFP and Budget process; and a few other items, including an open discussion with two questions.
- **Ohio Room Audio/Video Upgrade:**
  - Mr. Osiecki reported that ADAMHS Board staff will be upgrading the Board's audio system.
- **Staff Update:**
  - Mr. Osiecki shared the following updates related to recruitment:
    - Database Specialist
      - Mr. DeAndre Durr started at the Board on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
      - Mr. Durr is a licensed psychologist with 14 years of clinical experience in diverse work and training settings.
      - In addition to experience specific to computer science, Mr. Durr has knowledge of mental health from previously working directly with individuals with severe mental illnesses.
      - Mr. Durr reports to Ms. Jess Saker, Director of IT.
    - Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice)
      - This position has been filled.
      - Mr. Benjamin Goodwin will be starting at the Board on Monday, October 31, 2022.
      - Mr. Goodwin will be reporting to Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs.

### **11. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was received.

### **12. FOLLOW-UP**

No follow-up was received.

### **13. AUDIENCE INPUT**

Mr. William Tarter, Jr., Fellow, The Center for Community Solutions, and 2nd Vice President on the Executive Committee, Greater Cleveland NAACP, requested to speak as a private citizen and not a representative of his employer. Mr. Tarter, Jr. thanked the Board of Directors for their update on the audio/visual enhancements. He reported that he has communicated to Board staff regarding difficulty with hearing Board meeting discussion during livestreaming and saluted the Board for the improvements made and look forward to when they are put in place.

Mr. Tarter, Jr., also stated that last week he was able to hear that a draft of the CY2023 budget as it was presented; and while he understands the sensitivity of the information presented, suggested that the Board perhaps consider providing a draft budget



summary on the website – not the specifics, but the high level numbers – so the public is able to follow along with the conversation to increase public education.

*[Mr. Daniel Kelly left.]*

**14. UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: November 9, 2022
- General Meeting: November 16, 2022
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: January 4, 2023
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: January 11, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: January 18, 2023
- General Meeting: January 25, 2023

Mr. Osiecki noted that although the Board of Directors does not meet during December, Board staff remain committed to working during this timeframe.

Ms. Kern-Pilch acknowledged the Celebration of Diwali, which is the Indian “festival of lights” – a holiday that celebrates the triumph of good over evil. This year, Diwali was celebrated on Monday, October 24th.

Ms. Gwendolyn Howard commended staff for their efforts with the Board’s 5-Year Strategic Plan; and shared that she is particularly interested in children and what goes on with our youth. She referenced a bullet point in the 5-Year Strategic Plan – *Staff participated in the monthly Child Fatality Review Committee which is facilitated by the CCBH* – and inquired as to how this information is utilized to make a difference in the community.

Ms. Tolbert stated that Board staff can present on the Child Fatality Review Committee and Adult Fatality Review Committee at a Board meeting in the near future. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus stated that there is an Overdose Fatality Review Committee and a Homicide Fatality Review Committee.

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:46p.m.***

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

**Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County***