

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

## PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

**Committee Members Present:** Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Committee Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW

**Absent:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Basheer Jones

**Board Staff Present:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Erin DiVincenzo, Madison Greenspan, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Mark Onusko, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

### 1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Ms. Sadigoh C. Galloway read into the record the Committee Mission Statement: *"The Planning & Oversight Committee, in cooperation with all partners, advocates for and monitors programs, policies and practices which are continually improved to meet the needs of clients, their families, and the community."*

### 2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment on agenda items was received.

### 3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Planning & Oversight Committee minutes of June 8, 2022 were approved as submitted.

### 4. **Presentation:**

#### **Behavioral Health System Housing Developments**

Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, reported that Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN, Inc.) is an agency that operates various types of housing programs that serve many different populations, including the behavioral health population. The ADAMHS Board currently funds EDEN, Inc. for the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) and permanent housing, which provide rental assistance for clients, property management for the properties owned by the Board and Consumer Operated Services. She stated that EDEN, Inc. also assisted with the Board's Adult Care Facility (ACF) mini-grants and North Ridge Commons, which is a permanent supported housing site. Ms. Schaefer introduced Ms. Emma Petrie-Barcelona, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Richard Carr, Director of Real Estate Development & Construction; and Ms. Jalisa Neal, Development Project Manager, from EDEN, Inc.

Ms. Petrie-Barcelona shared that EDEN, Inc. has been in existence for over 30 years to help ensure available housing for persons with disabilities and primarily in the behavioral health system. She reported that their mission is to provide housing solutions to people facing the challenges of housing insecurities and homelessness. Ms. Petrie-Barcelona shared that EDEN Inc.'s vision recognizes that housing is a basic right of all people, and the first step in helping those vulnerable and disadvantaged transform their lives. EDEN, Inc. envisions that, through their efforts, homelessness will be brief and rare; and every family will have a safe, secure place to call home. Also, EDEN, Inc. believes housing serves as a foundation to build stable lives, advance independence and fulfill aspirations.

EDEN, Inc.'s approach to housing development includes an ongoing assessment of their current portfolio – rehabilitation versus divest versus new construction, a review of the needs/gaps of the behavioral health and homeless systems and a review of funding availability and options for site control. Ms. Petrie-Barcelona reported that EDEN, Inc. has two major areas of operations. They have over 4,000 rental subsidies in the private marketplace and have over 1,000 affordable housing units. Many of these housing units are part of the partnership whereby EDEN, Inc. owns, manages and maintains. These units range from large apartment buildings that were brought online within the last 15 years and others are structures and properties that have been in Northeast Ohio for well over 100 years.

Mr. Carr shared EDEN, Inc.'s current developments – Expansion Phase I, Expansion Phase II, Expansion Phase II, Transition Age Youth (TAY) Supportive Housing Development and Elderly Permanent Supportive Housing Development. EDEN, Inc.'s Portfolio Expansion Phase I provides more affordable housing for unhoused families whose head of household (HOH) has a mental health and/or substance use disorder (SUD). This housing, which includes a duplex, 4 townhouses and a single family home, can be found on the East and West side of Cleveland. The total development cost is \$2,650,000 and construction is expected to be completed in October 2022.

Ms. Neal reported that Portfolio Expansion Phase II includes a duplex, single family home and the rehabilitation of a four unit building. The total development cost is \$2,939,583 and construction is expected to start in late Fall of 2022 with the work being completed in the Winter of 2023. Portfolio Expansion Phase III includes the rehabilitation of 2-2 bedroom apartments and adding 2 units in a vacant storefront and the demotion of an existing building for the construction of 4-1 bedroom units, 3-2 bedroom units and 1-3 bedroom unit on the West side of Cleveland. The total development costs are projected to be approximately \$5,000,000 and construction is expected to start in the Fall of 2023 with the work being completed in the Winter of 2024.

Mr. Carr shared that the Cuyahoga TAY Supportive Housing project was driven by the need to provide affordable housing to young adults ages 18 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness, have a disability, and could benefit from on-site supports. This property is located at 1430 East 45<sup>th</sup>. Partners include CHN, EDEN, Enterprise Community Partners, Sisters of Charity Foundation, FrontLine Service, A Place 4 Me and the REACH Board. The total development costs are \$16,113,942 and construction is expected to start in Fall of 2022 with the work being completed in Fall/Winter of 2023.

Mr. Carr concluded with the Elderly Permanent Supportive Housing Development and shared homeless data from January 1, 2021 through March 25, 2022 for persons 55+ older. He stated that 1,279 persons served in total (363 were 65+), the average number of days of homelessness was 247, 80 persons were chronically homeless and 475 had a mental illness, 382 had a SUD and 275 had a chronic health condition and some were co-occurring disorders. Presently EDEN, Inc. is working with CHN Housing Partners in the development phase and plan to submit a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) application in February 2023. They are also currently working on site selection and identifying potential support service providers; and working on the building design with the goal of aging in place. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

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

##### **5. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program**

Ms. Schaefer 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 SUD, 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 is 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. Ms. Angela Cecys, Program Manager of Path at FrontLine Service, was in attendance to respond to any questions Board of Directors had.

**Motion for approval of funding for the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program to FrontLine Service in the amount of \$461,993.44 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

##### **6. Community Transition Program (CTP) Funding**

Ms. Schaefer reported that 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. CTP 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. Additionally, the CTP provides a variety of SUD treatment and recovery services; and based on historical referral data, the program plans to serve approximately 375 individuals.

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. The 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. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) approved carryover funds from the SFY2022 allocation of \$12,144.19 to be used in conjunction with the SFY2023 allocation of \$750,000 for the program. Ms. Diana Warman, Associate Director of Forensic Case Management at FrontLine Service, was in attendance to respond to any questions Board of Directors had.

**Motion for approval of funding for the Community Transition Program (CTP) to FrontLine Service in the amount of \$762,144.19 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Funding is from OhioMHAS and includes \$12,144.19 in approved carryover funds and the SFY2023 allocation of \$750,000 to the Finance & Operations Committee.**

MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **7. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), FFY2023 Case Services Contract**

Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, reported that 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. A total of 328 individuals will be served. The funding provided supports the following full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing:

- o Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinators – 4 FTE's
- o Supervisor – 0.67 FTE
- o Support Staff – 1 FTE
- o Total Staffing – 5.67 FTE's

Ms. Maureen Masterson, Supervising Manager of Employment Services at Recovery Resources, was in attendance to respond to any questions Board of Directors had.

**Motion for 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; and approval of the distribution of the OOD funding and ADAMHS Board match funding 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 to be paid directly to the provider agency, and the ADAMHS Board match totaling \$217,127.63 provided to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **8. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Implementation Plan Consultative and Training Services**

Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, 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 No. 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.

REdCon will work with the ADAMHS Board to provide consultation and training to implement action items from the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan, as well as initiatives from the Health Equity and Cultural Competency (HECC) Plan developed through a partnership with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA).

**Motion for approval of the Board of Directors to contract with Rice Education Consulting, LLC (REdCon) in the amount of \$180,750 for ongoing consultative and training services to implement the DEI Strategic Implementation Plan for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **9. Identification Crisis Collaborative (IDCC)**

Ms. Sizemore reported that 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:

- o Blessed Trinity Parish
- o Life Exchange Center
- o Spanish American Committee
- o 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. Ms. Eileen Kelly, Director of the IDCC, was in attendance to respond to any questions Board of Directors had.

**Motion to authorize funding to the Bridge Foundation - Identification Crisis Collaborative for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$101,000 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **10. The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support**

Ms. Sizemore reported that since 2007, 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.

**Motion for approval to allocate funds to The Metanoia Project in the amount of \$25,000 for the term of November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **11. Youth-Led Prevention Funding for the Teen Institute Program**

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children's Behavioral Health Programs, reported that 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.

Ms. DiVincenzo shared that this program is commonly known as Casey's Kids; and that a representative was in attendance to respond to any questions Board of Directors had.

**Motion to 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee.** MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **12. Support of State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, shared that ADAMHS Board support must be provided for State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications from Cuyahoga County providers. Services provided include, 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 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.

Mr. Mark Tripodi, Chief Executive Officer of Cornerstone of Hope, Inc., was in attendance to respond to any questions Board of Directors had.

Ms. Kern-Pilch commended Cornerstone of Hope, Inc. for their efforts and stated that family members have utilized their services.

**Motion for approval of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Support of State Legislature Capital Assistance Applications for PROJECT MH-1274: Cleveland Christian Home, Inc. Renovation Project and PROJECT MH-1265: Cornerstone of Hope, Inc. Campus Expansion to the full Board.** MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

*[J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., left.]*

### **13. 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 CY2022, the Board has 27 new programs of which are run by 8 new providers and these new providers/new programs were placed on a 6-month probation.

In order to implement the Probationary Period Policy, Board staff developed a document titled New Provider/New Program Review; whereby the applicable time period of the review can be selected and various questions answered regarding the programs to determine successful program implementation. Additionally, staff can place a provider on a corrective action plan for any question that needs improvement to ensure that issues are fully documented. Based on the nine questions, management will make a recommendation regarding the program, such as removing or extending the probationary period or terminating the program. Mr. Jun shared 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 the Corrective Action Plan (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 were 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 Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. – 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 Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. 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, Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. was able to hire some individuals to continue this portion of the program. Therefore, a notice will be forwarded to their Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer that Board staff will be removing their probationary status and will be considered a regular core contract for CY2022.

Mr. Jun updated 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 (Medication Assisted Treatment) 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.

Mr. Jun responded to questions from the Board of Directors regarding the New Provider/New Program Review. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

#### **14. New Business**

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, provided a brief update regarding St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's announcement to close their inpatient and surgical services as of Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Unfortunately, this includes 30 beds in their inpatient psychiatric unit, as well as 20 beds in Rosary Hall, including inpatient detoxification. He reported that additional information will be forthcoming.

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

Discussion was had regarding the difference between Care Responder Teams versus Co-Responder Teams. Care Responder Teams started with Fountain House, in New York, and a network of affiliated clubhouses across the country that are advocating for public-health-first solutions through their multi-site Care Responders, which are non-police individuals. A Co-Responder Team model is a collaborative approach to behavioral crisis response that seeks to reduce harm and facilitate alternatives to arrest by providing police-mental health professional co-response to calls for service involving persons in crisis.

Mr. Osiecki provided an update regarding the status of the Board's involvement in the collaborative effort with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

**15. Follow-up**

No follow-up was received.

**16. Public Comment Period**

No public comment was received.

**17. Upcoming September, October and November Board Meetings:**

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

***There being no audience comment or further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.***

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

***Approved by: Kathleen Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair***