

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2023

Committee Members Present: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Board Chair, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S / **Absent:** Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Erskine Cade, MBA, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Jessica Saker

1. Call to Order

J. Robert Fowler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment on agenda items.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 8, 2022 Nominating Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Status of ADAMHS Board of Director Appointment Term Roster

Dr. Fowler referenced numerous documents detailing a review of ADAMHS Board of Director Appointments. These documents included the following:

- A reference document titled "Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors Policy"
- Board of Directors' Appointment Term Roster
- Board of Director Roster – Background / Affiliation Data
- Board of Directors Composition

The Board of Directors' Appointment Term Roster was reviewed. Currently there exists two Cuyahoga County Board of Director vacant seats and one State vacant seat. Based upon information shared, committee members referenced three Board of Director appointments will be expiring on Thursday, June 30, 2023, Mr. Erskine Cade, MBA, and Rev. Max M. Rodas, who will be completing their second terms as Cuyahoga County appointments. Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, will be completing her first term as a State appointment through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). Board Directors have the ability to serve two terms for the County and two terms for the State, with the additional ability to alternate between the two types of appointments. Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that historically the ADAMHS Board may recommend Board Director candidates for reappointment through the respective appointing authorities, however, it is up to the appointing authorities to make these appointments; and there is no guarantee that these individuals will get reappointed.

5. Board Director Candidate Application Update

Dr. Fowler reported that as of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, which was the deadline for applications, 18 applications for the two Cuyahoga County Board Director vacant seats and one State vacant seat. Of the 18 applications received, three had a conflict of interest or were otherwise not qualified for consideration. 15 applications will be reviewed in Executive Session.

The ADAMHS Board promoted the ADAMHS Board of Directors appointment vacancies in the following ways:

- Information about the vacancy was posted to the Board's website, shared in the Board's Recovery in Action Newsletter and on the Board's social media sites.
- Paid advertising was utilized in the Call and Post, Cleveland Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com, on the La Mega radio station and social media.
- Radio spots also ran as part of the Board's WOJU and Voice It Radio contracts.
- An eblast was sent to the public, providers, partners and media.

6. Executive Session

Dr. Fowler announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering the appointment of public officials.

Motion to enter into Executive Session. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

Motion to exit the Executive Session and resume the business of the Nominating Committee Meeting. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

7. Next Steps for Interviewing Candidates for Appointment Consideration for Cuyahoga County and State Vacancies

Discussion followed on next steps to fill the County and State appointment vacancies. Consideration will be given to following the Policy Statement regarding Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors. Ms. Lamp was requested to schedule 2 interview sessions, Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and Wednesday, April 5, 2023, prior to the ADAMHS Board of Director meetings; and contact 8 potential candidates to schedule half hour in-person interviews during these timeframes.

8. Reappointment Recommendations for 2 Cuyahoga County Appointments and 1 State Appointment

Based upon the Nominating Committee's review of the ADAMHS Board of Director Appointment Term Roster, Nominating Committee members reached consensus that Ms. Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant, will assist identified Board Directors regarding their interest in serving an additional term through their respective appointing authority. Additionally, Rev. Gohlstin suggested that the Board Chair and/or Mr. Osiecki meet with Mr. Chris Ronayne, Cuyahoga County Executive, to discuss a number of agenda items – including the ADAMHS Board of Directors County appointments/reappointments.

9. New Business

No new business was received.

10. Follow-up

No follow-up was received.

11. Public Comment Period

No public comment was received.

12. Upcoming March and April Board Meetings:

- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: March 8, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: March 15, 2023
- General Meeting: March 22, 2023
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: April 5, 2023
- Nominating Committee Meeting: April 12, 2023
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: April 12, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: April 19, 2023
- General Meeting: April 26, 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Board Chair