

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2023

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

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

1. Call to Order

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment on agenda items.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Board Director Reappointment Update

Dr. Fowler reported that based upon the Nominating Committee's review of the ADAMHS Board of Director Appointment Term Roster, 3 Board Directors were identified as having an appointment expiration date of June 30, 2023: Mr. Erskine Cade, MBA, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA, and Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.E., LSW. Mr. Cade, who was appointed through Cuyahoga County, has submitted his application online through Cuyahoga County's website. Rev. Rodas, who was also appointed through Cuyahoga County, has shared that he does not wish to be appointed for an additional 4-year term due to his busy schedule. Ms. James-Stewart, who was appointed through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) (State), has requested to be reappointed through her appointing authority. Correspondence recommending her reappointment as a state appointed Board Director; her application, resume and an updated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Membership Roster was submitted to the State on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the ADAMHS Board was notified that Ms. James-Stewart's application for Board membership was processed; and that she has been reappointed to the ADAMHS Board. The appointment is effective July 1, 2023 and will continue until June 30, 2027.

5. Board Director Candidate Application Update

Dr. Fowler reported that the ADAMHS Board promoted the County and State vacancies in the following ways:

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

As of 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, which was the deadline for applications, 18 applications for the vacant board positions were received. Of the 18 applications received, three had a conflict of interest or were otherwise not qualified for consideration. Of the 15 qualified candidates, eight candidates were selected and contacted for scheduling an in-person Candidate Interview Session. As a result, several committee members participated in a Board member Candidate Interview Session on Wednesday, March 15th with three of the four scheduled qualified candidates. One candidate did not arrive for their scheduled interview session. An additional Board member Candidate Interview Session was scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th with four additional candidates.

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: E. Cade / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Fowler, E. Cade, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / Other Board Members: S. Galloway / 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: E. Cade / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: R. Fowler, E. Cade, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / Other Board Members: S. Galloway / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried.**

7. Suggest Candidates for Appointment Consideration for Cuyahoga County and State Vacancies

Based upon the Nominating Committee member's interview process of prospective candidates for the OhioMHAS appointment vacancy and the Cuyahoga County vacancies, the Nominating Committee members reached consensus to recommend to the full Board the following individuals to be considered for appointment by OhioMHAS and Cuyahoga County:

- Recommended Board Member Candidate for OhioMHAS Appointment:
 - Mr. Jim Dixon
Representing Mental Health
- Recommended Board Member Candidates for Cuyahoga County Appointment:
 - Ms. Michele Elba
Representing Alcohol & Other Addictions
 - Ms. Sharisse Edwards
Representing Alcohol & Other Addictions
 - Mr. Stuart Chase Van Wagenen
Representing Mental Health

Motion to request authorization from the full Board to submit the appointment recommendations listed above to the identified appointing authorities for consideration. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: E. Cade, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion carried**

Based upon the Nominating Committee member's interview process of prospective candidates for the existing Cuyahoga County and State Board vacancies, the Nominating Committee reached consensus to recommend to the full Board the following suggested candidate, Mr. Kenneth Warren, for appointment consideration as a Community Representative on the Planning & Oversight Committee as a resident of the service district who is not a Director but is qualified, pursuant to ORC §340.02 to serve as a Director. This Community Representative shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to four-year terms of office as a committee member and may be reappointed to not more than one subsequent term of office.

Sincere there was no further business for the Nominating Committee, the scheduled Nominating Committee meeting of May 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. was canceled.

8. New Business

No new business was received.

9. Follow-up

No follow-up was received.

10. Public Comment Period

No public comment was received.

11. Upcoming April and May Board Meetings:

- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: April 12, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: April 19, 2023
- General Meeting: April 26, 2023
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: May 3, 2023
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: May 10, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: May 17, 2023
- General Meeting: May 24, 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

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