

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2023**

Committee Members Present: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Committee Chair, Bishara W. Addison, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Steve Killpack, MS

Absent: Ashwani Bhardwaj, Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Vince Crowe, Ryan Gongaware, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Beth Pfohl, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert

1. Call to Order

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Finance & Operations Committee minutes from March 15, 2023 were approved as submitted.

4. Finance Reports – Board Voucher & Expenditure Reports – February 2023 and March 2023

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2023 was \$8,080,414 and for February Actual Year to Date (YTD) 2023, the total administrative expenses were \$1,236,926.70; that is roughly 15% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first two months of 2023. Ms. Harrison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for February 2023, there were two expenses of note that were not routine purchases. The Marjet Communications expense of \$7,687.50 was for the remaining balance of the Board's new sound system; and the Language Line Service expense of \$4,966.91 was for translation services.

Ms. Harrison reported that for March Actual YTD 2023, the total administrative expenses were \$1,959,130.52; that is roughly 24% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first quarter of 2023. Ms. Harrison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for March 2023, there was one expense of note that was not a routine purchase. The Brown Consulting LTD expense of \$30,000 was the first payment for the Board's Client Satisfaction Survey, which was approved during the March 2023 Board of Directors meeting cycle.

[Ms. Bishara W. Addison arrived.]

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, March 2023, 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 \$74,365,289; and through the end of March 2023, the Board has received \$6,735,159.41. Ms. Harrison reported that 9% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in March 2023, the Board received revenues of \$2,223,506.18.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2023 reflect that March YTD Actual is \$20,305,706.99 that is roughly 22% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Harrison noted that the Diversion Center's expenditures are reflected on this report.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, March 2023 YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the ADAMHS Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant, and Other Grants. The total expenditures for grants YTD is \$1,378,929.77.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD March 2023 YTD reflects a total of \$617,100.36.

The Cash Flow Report, March 2023 shows the 2021 Actual, 2022 Actual and YTD thru March 2023. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through March 2023 is \$29,605,155.

Motion to recommend approval of the Board Voucher and Expenditure Reports for February 2023 and March 2023 to the full Board. MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: B. Addison, R. Fowler, S. Killpack / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

5. **Contracts**

Ms. Harrison highlighted agenda process sheets for agreements and amendments listed below, answered questions, and provided clarification for the Board Directors.

- a) Essential Behavioral Health Interventions and Criminogenic Needs Program
 - Recovery Resources, Inc. - \$469,116.80

The current iteration of this program is the result of the 2022 Request for Proposal issued by the ADAMHS Board on behalf of the Corrections Planning Board, entitled, “*Essential Behavioral Health Interventions and Criminogenic Needs Program.*” This program in its previous iteration has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board since 2007 as the Community Based Mental Health Program and has been highly successful in maintaining Serious Mental Illness (SMI) clients in treatment services.

The Corrections Planning Board’s *Essential Behavioral Health Interventions and Criminogenic Needs Program* (BHI-CN Program) will divert clients from the criminal justice system who are currently under community control, assessed low/low-moderate risk to reoffend and suffer from chronic and persistent SMI through participation in wrap-around services that ensure a smooth transition of reengagement into the community. SMI clients will participate in the BHI-CH Program at Recovery Resources under a Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) approach.

- o FACT is an evidence-based practice recommended by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- o It improves outcomes for people with severe mental illness who are most at risk of homelessness, psychiatric crisis and hospitalization, and involvement in the criminal justice system.
- o FACT provides targeted outreach, crisis services to prevent relapse, substance use treatment, and other physical health and employment services through a multidisciplinary team approach.

It is estimated that 55 SMI clients will be served from April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; and 100% of this funding will be used to support intensive SMI treatment and wraparound services. Board staff recommend to the Board Directors to accept funds from the Corrections Planning Board in the amount of \$383,116.80 and provide a match from the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$86,000 for the *Essential Behavioral Health Interventions and Criminogenic Needs Program* for a time period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and enter into a contract in the amount of \$469,116.80 with Recovery Resources, Inc.

- b) Project AWARE Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator (BHCW) Funding for The Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI)
 - Northeast Ohio Education Service Center - \$100,000

The OSWI was designed to explore, implement, and sustain a full continuum of care including prevention, early intervention, and treatment practices for K-12 students within local districts who adopt student assistance programs (SAP), multi-tiered systems of support, and staff wellness frameworks. The cornerstone of the OSWI is the development of an Ohio Model SAP that can serve as a best practice standard for Ohio’s K-12 schools.

To support and sustain the OSWI, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is allocating supplemental federal Project AWARE funding for federal fiscal year 2023. Project AWARE funding will support School BHCW and SAP for evidence-informed practices. The BHCW will provide systematic approaches to support behavioral health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, referral processes, and guided

support services for K-12 students who are exhibiting a range of substance use, mental and behavioral health risk factors. The positions will also provide resources, online training, and guidance related to processes within the schools and with continuous improvement strategies for services to students. In CY2023, services will be provided to Euclid City School District as the only participating OSWI district; and funds will be used to support each BHWC and their respective school for allowable activities as defined by OhioMHAS. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept funding from OhioMHAS for Project AWARE BHWC to support and sustain the OSWI and to allocate \$100,000 to Northeast Ohio Education Service Center for the term of March 1, 2023 to September 29, 2023.

- c) YouthMOVE Cuyahoga
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland - \$10,000

The Community Collective Impact Model for Change (CCIM4C) 2.0: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Minority and Underserved Communities Initiative the ADAMHS Board selected the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland to implement a local YouthMOVE chapter due to NAMI's national affiliation with YouthMOVE. This action is to continue funding for this vital program. YouthMOVE is a national youth-led, youth-driven, chapter-based organization dedicated to improving services and systems that support positive growth and development by uniting the voices of individuals who have lived experience in various systems including mental health, juvenile justice, education, and child welfare. NAMI and YouthMOVE are connected at both the state and national level to organize and coordinate state-wide and national youth initiatives and projects.

NAMI Greater Cleveland will work in partnership with YouthMOVE Ohio to create a local cross systems youth-led leadership advisory group, YouthMOVE Cuyahoga. The advisory group will consist of youth ages 14-18 years old with lived experience, that will come together to address the behavioral health needs of their peers in Cuyahoga County. NAMI Greater Cleveland will work with YouthMOVE Ohio to recruit, train, and support disconnected youth with multi-system involvement in Cuyahoga County as peer leaders and system advocates for the YouthMOVE Cuyahoga program. Youth voice and choice will be incorporated in every aspect of the YouthMOVE Cuyahoga program including marketing via their website and social media accounts, implementing local initiatives for their communities, and maintaining the ongoing promotion of the activities they have completed.

YouthMOVE Cuyahoga seeks to amplify the voices of youth and to have them be equal partners in the discussion regarding the needs of their peers and their community. As such, YouthMOVE Cuyahoga will present to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County recommendations made by youth on what to prioritize to address the behavioral health needs of their peers and provide updates on YouthMOVE Cuyahoga's activities and projects. All youth will be empowered to become involved in the areas that interest and impact them at whatever level of engagement they would like. There will also be an opportunity to become a regional leader to advocate for Cuyahoga youth on a state and/or national level. Approximately 20 – 30 youth are needed for the advisory board. Funding will be used for youth-led projects, speakers, activities, initiatives, marketing, recruitment, and stipends for the youth to be involved. Board staff recommend the Board Directors approve funding for NAMI Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$10,000 to continue support of the youth-led advisory group YouthMOVE Cuyahoga for the term of April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Ms. Katie Jenkins, Executive Director at NAMI Greater Cleveland, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

- d) Administrative Costs for the Diversion Center
- Oriana House, Inc. - \$654,339.81

The ADAMHS Board entered into a one-year contract extension for CY2023 with Cuyahoga County for the operation of the Diversion Center in the amount of \$4,363,012, including Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. In turn, the ADAMHS Board contracted with FrontLine Service for the operation of the 24/7 Screening Hotline in the amount of \$278,336 and Oriana House for the operation of the Diversion Center in the amount of \$3,828,338. The total administrative costs for Oriana House to operate the Diversion Center for CY2023 is \$863,912 of which Cuyahoga County agreed to pay \$209,572.19. The ADAMHS Board agreed to pay the remainder in the amount of \$654,339.81. Board staff recommend the Board Directors approve funding to Oriana House for administrative costs for the

operation of the Diversion Center in the amount of \$654,339.81 for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

- e) Chief Clinical Officer Consultant
- Leslie M. Koblentz, M.D., J.D., M.S. - \$154.35 per hour

The Chief Clinical Officer function is required under the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) for the mental health component of the funds rendered to the Board by OhioMHAS. The Board transformed the position of Chief Clinical Officer from a staff position to an independent contractor position in January 2009. Dr. Koblentz is a psychiatrist with extensive experience in clinical and administrative areas. She brings a unique perspective to the Board, being both a physician and a lawyer. With over 24 years of experience, Dr. Koblentz has dedicated her career to the public mental health system and has collaborated with various systems to ensure that people living with mental illness and substance use disorders receive the best treatment and recovery supports available. Dr. Koblentz has been the Chief Clinical Officer Consultant since May 1, 2019. Dr. Koblentz will provide up to twenty hours of service to the ADAMHS Board each week. Board staff is recommending the Board Director approve a contract with Leslie M. Koblentz, M.D., J.D., M.S., to serve as Chief Clinical Officer Consultant of the ADAMHS Board for the term of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 at \$154.35 per hour, up to twenty hours per week.

Motion to recommend approval of Contracts (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: B. Addison, R. Fowler, S. Killpack / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

6. **Contract Amendments**

- a) Amendment to Resolution No. 23-02-02, Sponsorship of *The Impact of Police Use of Force on the Mental Health of the Black Community* – No New Funding
- Cleveland Community Police Commission (Fiscal Agent: Black Lives Matter)
 - Mental & Emotional Wellness Centers of Ohio
 - Project LIFT Behavioral Health Services
 - Serenity Health & Wellness Corporation
 - Murtis Taylor Human Services System
 - Parker Counseling & Consulting Studio, LLC

The Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC) was established to provide community input on police policies to help strengthen relationships between officers and the communities they serve. Better policies will help ensure policing in Cleveland is safe, effective, and that people's civil rights are upheld. The CPC was established in 2015 as part of the terms of the Consent Decree between the City of Cleveland and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Following an investigation, the DOJ determined there was a pattern of excessive force used by the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP). These findings were documented in the DOJ's findings letter. The Consent Decree outlined the work that needed to be done so CDP policies, practices and procedures comply with Constitutional law.

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) recognizes the profoundly negative impact that police brutality on Black males has on their mental health, as well as the mental health of the Black community [and] encourages initiatives that foster direct collaboration between law enforcement and Black communities in order to engender trust, cooperation, and understanding. The CPC is dedicated to bringing information and education on the status of Black mental well-being and establish access to treatment and care for the mental health, bodies and souls of the Black community before, during and after traumatic police encounters. Community partners that support the event include: Cleveland City Council; National Congress of Black Women; Greater Cleveland Pastor's Association; Fatherhood Initiative; Cleveland Municipal School District; Akron University; Cleveland State University; National Center for Urban Solutions; Spread the Love Foundation; CEO 360; Angelo Miller Foundation; African American Men's Wellness Agency; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter; Project Lift; Black Lives Matter; Cuyahoga Community College; Murtis Taylor Human Services System; WOJU 95.9 Radio; Omega Fraternity; YWCA; Ghetto Therapy; Citizens for a Safer Cleveland, and Serenity Health & Wellness Corporation.

Funding is also being requested from: St. Luke's Foundation; HealthComp; Woodruff Foundation; MetroHealth; Cleveland Foundation and the Fowler Foundation. Sponsorship of *The Impact of Police Use of Force on the Mental Health of the Black Community* aligns with the ADAMHS Board's faith-based and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and continued work with the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC) and law enforcement to reimagine and reshape our mental health, addiction and recovery network into an equity-based system of inclusion. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 23-02-02 to ratify contracts for \$50,000 of pooled funding to provide mental health services for attendees to the series of conversations with Mental & Emotional Wellness Centers of Ohio, Project LIFT Behavioral Health Services, Serenity Health & Wellness Corporation, Murtis Taylor Human Services System, and Parker Counseling & Consulting Studio, LLC for the term of March 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

- b) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-07-02, US DHHS SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Jail Diversion Grant – \$75,596 (Approved Carryover Funding)
- FrontLine Service - \$70,317.53
 - Case Western Reserve University - \$5,278.47

SAMHSA funding is intended to divert adults with SMI from jail by providing an alternative. The project received federal approval to carry over funding from Year 4 (ending September, 29, 2022), to be spent in Year 5 (ending September 29, 2023). Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) P.L.U.S. provides law enforcement officers a consistent diversion point for a warm handoff to behavioral health providers who can provide a secure environment that is less restrictive than a hospital and/or jail.

In this project, direct services are delivered by FrontLine Service. The Board contracts with Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Begun Center for Violence Prevention, Research and Education for federally required evaluation and performance assessment services. Clients are to be provided immediate stabilization, linkage to treatment/case management and ongoing Peer Support in the community. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-07-02 to accept \$75,596 in carryover funding from SAMHSA and approve contract amendments with FrontLine Service for \$70,317.53 and CWRU for \$5,278.47 for the term of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

- c) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-08, Transfer of the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program from The Centers for Families and Children to Circle Health Services – No New Funding (ECMH Pooled Funding)
- The Centers for Families and Children (The Centers)
 - Circle Health Services

In September of 2021, the ADAMHS Board in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Office of Early Childhood, Invest In Children (IIC), issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for ECMH services for Calendar Years 2022 and 2023, and The Centers was one of nine providers selected as an ECMH provider. The ECMH program serves children ages birth through six using evidence-based and family-centered prevention and early intervention strategies to promote positive social emotional development and improve resiliency of children from diverse and high-risk populations to minimize the impact of adverse childhood experiences like abuse and neglect. ECMH services address social, emotional, and behavioral problems from a strengths-based, trauma informed, and culturally relevant perspective. Parents and caregivers learn skills and strategies to encourage their child's development of emotional regulation, social skills and protective factors to prevent more serious mental health challenges and ensure Cuyahoga County's youngest children are prepared for a successful start socially and academically. The Centers and Circle Health Services operate under a shared leadership structure as one, unified front, moving towards a common goal: creating life changing solution for people in Northeast Ohio to lead healthier and more successful lives.

The ECMH Program will be transferred from The Centers to Circle Health Services due to operational requirements of The Centers and Circle Health. The following services will be transferred from The Centers to Circle Health:

- Service Description
- Consultation - Office Based

- Consultation - Community Based
- Prevention - Office Based
- Prevention - Community Based

Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-11-08 to transfer the ECMH Program from The Centers to Circle Health Services for the term of March 15, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

- d) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-09-05, Harm Reduction Pilot Program – Not to exceed \$83,700
- The MetroHealth System - \$51,300
 - Circle Health Services - \$24,300
 - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$8,100

The ADAMHS Board is implementing a nearly \$1.2 million harm reduction pilot program using State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 fund. The grant did not include program administration/maintenance fees to ensure restocking and tracking of kits for the following:

- Naloxone emergency cabinets to be placed in the community for rapid access and bystander rescue
- Naloxone vending machines to make free kits available to the community as a preventive measure

MetroHealth has agreed to administer the entire emergency naloxone cabinet program and one vending machine, Circle Health Services will administer three of the vending machines and Murtis Taylor Human Services System (MTHSS) will administer services for one vending machine. In the Agenda Process Sheet in September of 2022, there was a clerical error in the amount of the contract for Circle Health Services. This contract amount should have been \$24,300, instead of \$23,400. As a result, the total amount of the Harm Reduction Pilot Program will increase to \$83,700. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend program administration fees for the Harm Reduction Pilot Program in the amount not to exceed \$83,700 and the contract for Circle Health Services to \$24,300 for the term of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

- e) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-07-03, Access to Wellness Program (formerly Multisystem Adult Program – MSA)
- The Centers - \$600,000

Funding was provided by OhioMHAS to develop a strategic approach (individualized by community) to strengthen system collaboration to support long-term wellness for adults with frequent psychiatric hospitalizations touching multiple human services and/or criminal justice systems. Program utilization increased during SFY2023, and The Centers informed the ADAMHS Board that additional funding would be needed to continue the program until the end of the fiscal year. OhioMHAS awarded an additional \$600,000 for the Access to Wellness program for SFY2023 bringing the total program amount to \$1,622,031 through the end of the state fiscal year.

The Centers uses this funding to support the stabilization of high utilizers of the behavioral health system. This program services clients with two or more psychiatric hospitalizations or Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) stays in the past year, who have touched one or more other systems, including criminal justice, developmental disabilities, aging (over 65), homeless, or veteran systems. This program also supports clients currently incarcerated in jail and diagnosed with a serious mental illness by a licensed clinician and clients involved in the Outpatient Competency Restoration Program (without having to meet the psychiatric hospitalization/CSU stay criteria). It is estimated that approximately 175 clients will be served by the program in SFY2023. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-07-03 to increase funding to the Centers for the Access to Wellness Program (formerly MSA) through June 30, 2023. The total project amount will not exceed \$1,622,031.

- f) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-06-06, Outpatient Competency Restoration Allocation
- Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$30,000

Outpatient Competency Restoration is designed for people with a mental health disorder or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorder, who are found incompetent to stand trial and are court ordered to participate in competency restoration treatment. Senate Bill 2, which was signed into law by Governor DeWine on April 27, 2021, aims to improve access to and increase the quality of mental health care in Ohio by making reforms to Ohio's

competency restoration procedure to allow nonviolent offenders to receive competency restoration treatment in outpatient settings, rather than the state psychiatric hospital. Allowing outpatient restoration and treatment helps to ensure that state psychiatric hospital beds remain available for Ohioans suffering from serious mental illness. OhioMHAS informed the ADAMHS Board that the SFY2023 allocation for Outpatient Competency Restoration was increased by \$30,000, bringing the total funding to \$104,000.

MTHSS provides legal education to individuals involved in nonviolent offenses found incompetent to stand trial by the court, as part of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process. While collaborating with the individual's primary behavioral health provider, MTHSS meets with each individual for one to two hours each week, to ensure understanding of their charges, legal representation and actions of the court. Competency to stand trial is reassessed at the end of educational programming and individuals are referred back to the courts to continue the legal process, while receiving their primary behavioral health care in the community. It is estimated that approximately 35 individuals would be eligible for Outpatient Competency Restoration each year. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-06-06 to increase funding to MTHSS for the Outpatient Competency Restoration Program in the amount of \$30,000 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

- g) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-01-04, SAMHSA COVID-19 Relief, Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant for Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) Treatment
- Thrive Behavioral Health Care, Inc. (Thrive) - \$70,352.98

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, behavioral health problems have significantly increased in the United States and Ohio, resulting in an increase in alcohol consumption and other drugs to cope with the many stressors brought on by the pandemic. Social isolation is a risk factor for relapse from alcohol and drug use, and social connection is crucial for persons recovering from substance use disorder. With the initial funding for AUD treatment, the ADAMHS Board awarded \$200,000 to Thrive for its Thrive+ Digital Peer Support Platform and \$102,596.66 to I'm In Transition Ministries for Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT).

OhioMHAS has granted the ADAMHS Board an additional of \$70,352.98 as part of the COVID-19 SAPT Block Grant funding from SAMHSA for COVID-19 relief to focus on AUD treatment and the ADAMHS Board will award this additional funding to Thrive to continue its Thrive+ Digital Peer Support Platform. The initial COVID-19 SAPT Block Grant funding expired on March 15, 2023, but OhioMHAS has made the additional funding available through June 30, 2023. Thrive+ Digital coaches work with clients to identify early signs of relapse, assist with health and wellness goals, obtain and maintain stable housing, pursue educational goals or employment, educate clients on self-care such as good nutrition, meditation, relaxation, and exercise, developing natural supports, and help to coordinate referrals and supportive services. The Platform's structure also includes a six-week coaching course with small cohorts of clients, targeting emotional wellness through a cognitive behavioral approach and group peer support model. The number of individuals anticipated to be served through Thrive+ Digital is approximately 20 for the term of March 16, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Board staff is requesting the Board amend Resolution No. 22-01-04 to accept additional funding in the amount of \$70,352.98 in SAMHSA COVID-19 SAPT Block Grant funding from OhioMHAS, in addition to extending the term of November 22, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and approve a contract amendment with Thrive for an increase of \$70,352.98 through June 30, 2023.

- h) Amendment to Resolution No. 23-02-03, State Opioid & Stimulant Response (SOS) Grant, Year 1, Increase in Funding – \$1,004,458.90
- 12 Step Life/Ethel Hardy House - \$56,680
 - Ascent Powered by Sober Grid - \$34,000
 - B. Riley Homes - \$46,761
 - Briermost Foundation - \$42,500
 - Griffin Homes Sober Living, Inc. - \$42,500
 - I'm In Transition Ministries - \$45,344
 - The MetroHealth System - \$79,352
 - Mommy and Me, Too! - \$42,500
 - Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) (Peer Support) - \$42,500

- NORA (Recovery Housing) - \$77,935
- Point of Freedom (Peer Support) - \$61,929.95
- Recovery First-A Better Way - \$48,178
- Thrive for Change - \$29,757
- White Butterfly Peer Support (Woodrow) - \$19,270
- Women of Hope - \$40,200
- Woodrow Project (Peer Support) - \$18,420.10
- Woodrow Project (Recovery Housing) - \$39,959
- Ohio Department of Health - \$236,672.85

OhioMHAS has received a biannual SOR award from SAMHSA. OhioMHAS now refers to this as the SOS grant. The Ohio SOS Project focuses on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare for persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorders.

OhioMHAS has received a No Cost Extension from SAMHSA, enabling the Department to expend its remaining SOR 2.0 funding for the term of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

- SOR is now called SOS.

This amount represents the second installment of funding for the federal fiscal year ending September 29, 2023 and provides funding equivalent to the previous year's level. A portion of the carryover funds will be used for the existing Harm Reduction Program to purchase overdose reversal kits (including Narcan and Kloxxado). SOS funding is used to expand access to Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) and recovery support services to persons with OUD and stimulant use disorders in addition to harm reduction efforts. Providers are required to report client-level data using the SAMHSA Government Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) Tool; data collection is monitored by the OhioMHAS evaluation contractor. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors accept additional funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$1,004,458.90 and amend Resolution No. 23-02-03 to approve contract amendments as indicated above for the term of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

Motion to recommend approval of Contract Amendments (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: B. Addison / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: B. Addison, R. Fowler, S. Killpack / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. Identify Consent Agenda

Ms. Rosenbaum recommended including the February 2023 and March 2023 Finance Reports, Contracts and Contract Amendments into the Consent Agenda to be recommended for approval to the full Board.

8. New Business

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, reported that on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, advocacy correspondence was forwarded to Ohio's House of Representatives. He stated that the House Finance Committee was recommending some cuts to the Governor's proposed budget and part of these cuts were to behavioral health. As a result, these cuts were requested to be put back into the budget; and to reconsider adding an additional 10% for the Medicaid rates. Mr. Osiecki highlighted that once the advocacy correspondence was forwarded, he received a call from Representative Michael J. Skindell - District 13, to indicate that he would have amendments added on behalf of all.

Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief of Strategic Initiatives, has touched base with a few House of Representatives and have heard favorable results regarding advocacy efforts relative to their scope of power. After a brief discussion of the proposed budget, Mr. Osiecki reported that the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) is the statewide organization that represents the interests of Ohio's county ADAMH Boards and provides leadership as the unifying voice promoting local Recovery Oriented Systems of Care that provide mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and supports services for all Ohioans. Mr. Osiecki reported that he will share this correspondence with the Board Directors.

9. Follow-up

No follow-up was received.

10. Public Comment Period

No public comment was received.

11. Upcoming April and May Meetings:

- 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, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Finance & Operations Committee Chair