

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 26, 2023

### ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW
Bishara W. Addison	Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS	

**ABSENT:** Ashwani Bhardwaj, Erskine Cade, MBA, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Steve Killpack, MS, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Mark Onusko, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Maggie Tolbert, Beth Zietlow-DeJesus

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., called the General Meeting to order at 4:03 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: APRIL 2023**

The ADAMHS Board's monthly client art display program showcases client artwork, highlights our provider agencies, recognizes the benefits of art therapy and celebrates the recovery community. The monthly client art display program can be seen in-person and virtually on the Board's website.

Ms. Beth Zietlow-DeJesus, Director of External Affairs, reported on the artwork produced by the following four artists: Cynthia S., Delondi D., Hunter G., and Melinda D. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus shared that three of the artists were present, Cynthia S., Melinda D., and Delondi D. Melinda D. stated that her participation in the art program allows her to utilize art as a coping mechanism; and provides her the ability to find herself. She shared that her determination is to use her energy, frustration and joy within her artwork. Cynthia S. shared that she has been creating art since she was two years old; and is appreciative for the opportunity to showcase her talent. Lastly, Delondi D. highlighted that he started creating art at a young age when he lost a child; and since becoming a paramedic, has been able to express himself through art. Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus awarded Certificates of Participation to Cynthia S., Melinda D. and Delondi D; and will provide Hunter G. with a Certificate of Participation at a later date.

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

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

The minutes from the March 22, 2023 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

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

Dr. Fowler shared that based upon the Nominating Committee's review of the ADAMHS Board of Director Appointment Term Roster, Ms. Patricia James-Stewart was identified as having an appointment term expiration date of June 30, 2023. As a result, Ms. James-Stewart, who was appointed through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), requested to be reappointed through her appointing authority. 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. Her appointment is effective July 1, 2023 and will continue until June 30, 2027.

On Friday, March 31, 2023, correspondence was received from Mr. Basheer Jones that he has resigned from the Board. On behalf of the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff, Dr. Fowler wanted to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Jones for his service as a Board Director since his Cuyahoga County appointment in April 2022; and wished Mr. Jones the best in his future endeavors. A plaque commemorating his service was forwarded to his attention.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

### **PROBATIONARY PERIOD REVIEW FOR NEW PROGRAMS**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, reported that Board staff recently concluded a two-month probationary review of new programs. For CY2023, the ADAMHS Board has 12 new programs of which four are run by four new providers. The new providers are Birthing Beautiful Communities, Community Medical Services, It's Not a Moment. It's a Movement, and Sisters of Charity Health System.

Mr. Jun shared a summary of the Probationary policy. The ADAMHS Board puts all new programs on a six-month probationary period to ensure success of new programs. This is especially true of new providers who do not know how the ADAMHS Board conducts business, such as billing, program reporting requirements, outcomes reporting, etc. This policy allows the ADAMHS Board to monitor new programs more frequently and provide technical assistance, if needed, and/or put new programs on a Corrective Action Plan. At the end of the probationary period, Board staff have the option to remove the probationary status, extend the probationary period or recommend terminating the program.

In order to implement this policy, Board staff developed the "Probationary Period Review for New Programs" form. Numerous departments give feedback with the review such as Programming, Clinical, Compliance, Finance, etc. In the reviews, Board staff are checking for things like any changes to the intended scope, staffing, attendance of meetings, timely submission of reports, communication, conflict of interest, and invoicing to ensure the new program is generally on track. Board staff are also documenting any technical assistance given and any Corrective Action Plan. Finally, Board staff provide a recommendation.

For the two-month review, if a new program is making sufficient progress, Board staff will continue the monitoring process. If the new program is not making sufficient progress, Board staff will notify the Provider's Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director regarding the areas the new program needs improvement in; along with a copy of the Review. For the five-month review, Board staff can remove the probationary status, extend probation or recommend termination of the new program to the Board Directors. For the eight-month review, Board staff can remove the probationary status, or recommend termination of the new program to the Board Directors.

As the ADAMHS Board adopted its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Implementation Plan, the Board added a DEI element to the review. In the review, Board staff added a DEI statement, "The Provider is implementing this program with a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion." If staff think that a new program is generally on track with DEI, they are checking the agree box. If staff think that a new program is generally not on track with DEI, they are checking the disagree box. Some of the things that may be reviewed in terms of DEI are things like the projected client demographics versus actual client demographics and a review of the Provider's DEI Policy; and making sure that there are action items related to its policy like DEI trainings or other educational opportunities, reaching out to underserved populations and minority candidates for hire.

The results of the Board's two-month review are as follows:

- All of the new programs are off to a good start with the exception of MetroHealth's Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED).
- As of February 28, 2023, the majority of the new programs have not invoiced the Board; with the exception of Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS). This scenario is common, as providers have a 90-day window to either submit an invoice or a claim.

Mr. Jun provided a detailed summary of each of the twelve new programs; and responded to questions from the Board Directors. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

## **7. POLICY STATEMENT RENEWAL**

Mr. Jun highlighted the significant changes made to the policy statement up for renewal, Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Dollars. Mr. Jun reported that the Substance Use Disorder treatment industry is no longer using the terms detox or detoxification due to the stigma associated with those terms. Presently, detox or detoxification services are called withdrawal management. As a result, Board staff will be changing the policy name to Guidelines for Withdrawal Management Services. The reason for the significant change to this policy is that under the current policy, the ADAMHS Board was restricting the number of times a client could receive withdrawal management to one time per year without prior approval; and a signed commitment for aftercare. This was pre-opioid epidemic; and now with the opioid epidemic, the Board's Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, Dr. Leslie Koblentz, weighed in and thought that the Board should treat substance use disorder just like all chronic diseases; and not put a limit on the number of times a client can receive withdrawal management. The Board tried this for two years and did not see a significant percentage of clients receiving more than one withdrawal management service per year. Additionally, Board staff thought that a signed commitment for aftercare is worthless if the client is not ready for treatment. However, staff is carefully monitoring the number of times a client receives withdrawal management services to ensure that each provider is following industry best practices.

Given this policy revision being proposed contains a substantial modification of an existing policy, a reading at two General Board Meetings is required prior to an official vote for adoption.

## **8. NEW POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW**

Mr. Jun presented a new policy statement, Subrecipient Monitoring for Federal Grants Policy; and reported that presently, the Board does not have an official policy to monitor federal grants. This is not to say that we do not monitor our federal grants, but Board staff needed to put a policy in writing to satisfy the auditors; and it is also best practice to have this in writing.

Essentially, the Board will be following Uniform Guidance, Sections 2 The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200.331 – 200.332.

- The Board will determine if the nonfederal entity we are contracting with is a subrecipient versus a contractor, and if determined to be a subrecipient, Board staff will monitor the programmatic and financial aspects of the award.
  - Before making an award, Board staff will conduct a pre-award risk assessment of the subrecipient by looking at things like:
    - The amount of the award;
    - The type of organization;
    - The subrecipients prior experience with the same or similar grants with the ADAMHS Board;
    - The debarment or suspension status in System for Award Management; and
    - The Single Audit or other audit findings.
  - Based on the pre-award risk assessment, Board staff will determine the risk level of the subrecipient and have ongoing risk-based monitoring with the subrecipient. The higher the risk, the more hands-on monitoring that the ADAMHS Board will do.

Given this is a new policy statement being reviewed, a reading at two General Board Meetings is required prior to an official vote for adoption.

## **9. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Fowler reported on the Nominating Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, and earlier today. He stated that committee members were provided with a Board Member Candidate Application Update for four Board member vacancies – three Cuyahoga County appointment vacancies and one State (OhioMHAS) appointment vacancy. As of 5:00 p.m. 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.

The ADAMHS Board promoted the County and State vacancies in the following ways:

1. Information about the vacancy was posted to the Board's website and shared in the Recovery in Action Newsletter and on the Board's social media sites
2. Paid advertising was used in Call and Post, Cleveland Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com and on La Mega radio station and social media.
3. Radio spots also ran as part of the Board's WOVU and Voice It Radio contracts.

4. An eblast was sent to the public, providers, partners and media.

Committee members spent the majority of it's time in "Executive Session" for the purpose of discussing & considering the appointment of public officials. As a result, several committee members participated in a Board member Candidate Interview Session on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, with a few qualified candidates. An additional Board member Candidate Interview session was scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Lastly, committee members discussed reappointment recommendations for two Cuyahoga County appointments and one OhioMHAS appointment.

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. Sharisse Edwards  
Representing Alcohol & Other Addictions
  - Mr. Kenneth Warren  
Representing Alcohol & Other Addictions
  - Mr. Stuart Chase Van Wagenen  
Representing Mental Health

**The Nominating Committee requests authorization from the full Board to submit the appointment recommendations listed above to the identified appointing authorities for consideration.** MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

#### **10. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight (P&O) Committee Chair, reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The Board Directors heard the following items of discussion:

- **Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) Court Jail Liaison Program**

Mr. Ben Goodwin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), introduced Ms. Lottie Gray, MSSA, LISW-S, CCFSW, CFCIS, CDCA, Mental Health Jail Liaison Specialist at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. The mission of the MHDD Court is to promote early identification of defendants with severe mental health/developmental disabilities in order to promote coordination and cooperation among law enforcement, jails, community treatment providers, attorneys and the courts for defendants during the legal process and achieve outcomes that both protect society and support the mental health care and disability needs of the defendant. The Cuyahoga County Common Pleas MHDD Court Judges include the following:

- Judge Shannon M. Gallagher (MHDD Court Chair)
- Judge Deena R. Calabrese
- Judge Emily Hagan
- Judge Timothy McCormick
- Judge Michael Shaughnessy

There is a collaborative process between the Court and five ADAMHS Board contract agencies: Recovery Resources, Signature Health, Metro WRAP, the Centers and Murtis Taylor Human Services System (MTHSS). There is also collaboration and advocacy on cases between agencies, the Court, jail and attorneys. The factors that are driving this crisis in cases are: disproportionately higher rates of arrest with diagnosed individuals, longer stays in jail and prison, limited access to health care, higher recidivism rates, and more criminogenic risk factors. With this program, offenders receive mental health screenings, diagnostic assessments and linkage to community services. Their case progress is monitored with specialized

consideration to the MHDD Court docket, with treatment recommendations for individuals who are incarcerated and then safe release planning for the community.

Ms. Gray discussed coordinated pretrial efforts and linkage to support and treatment services. Data for two years showed individuals served with reintegration plans went from 242 in 2020 to 448 last year (2022). The Reintegration Pilot Program with Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH) includes comprehensive consideration for housing, medication, and linkage services, supervision, treatment needs, finances and benefits, employment and programming. There is also collaborative planning with the Court, attorneys, probation officers, agency providers and family. This program, now in its third year, is being well utilized by the Courts and evidencing successful outcomes.

- **Outpatient Competency Restoration Allocation**

Mr. Goodwin requested the committee to amend Resolution No. 22-06-06 to increase funding to MTHSS for the Outpatient Competency Restoration Program in the amount of \$30,000 from OhioMHAS through June 30, 2023. Mr. Lovell Custard, President and Chief Executive Officer of MTHSS, was present to respond to any questions. This program is supported by Senate Bill (SB) 2, which was signed into law by Governor DeWine in 2021 to improve access and quality of mental health care to individuals involved in nonviolent offenses found incompetent to stand trial by providing educational programming to help them understand their charges, legal representation and actions of the court.

- **Essential Behavioral Health Interventions and Criminogenic Needs Program**

Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, requested the committee to consider accepting funds from the Cuyahoga County Correction Planning Board in the amount of \$383,116.80 and provide \$86,000 from the ADAHMS Board for the Essential Behavioral Health Interventions and Criminogenic Needs Program to divert clients from the criminal justice system who are currently under community control and provide wrap-around services that ensure a smooth transition of reengagement into the community. Ms. Seona Goerndt, Chief Executive Officer of Recovery Resources, Ms. Linda Lagunzad, Interim corrections Planning Board Administrator, Cuyahoga County, and Ms. Megan Patton, Specialty Courts Administrator, Cuyahoga County, were present to respond to questions.

- **Access to Wellness Program (formerly Multisystem Adult Program – MSA)**

Ms. Schaefer requested the committee to amend Resolution No. 22-07-03 to increase OhioMHAS funding, in the amount of \$600,000 to the Centers for their Access to Wellness Program, which provides services to clients with several psychiatric hospitalizations or Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) stays also identified with involvement in the criminal justice system, developmental disabilities, homelessness, aging over 65, or veterans. This program also supports clients currently jailed and diagnosed with severe mental illness. Mr. Eric Morse, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Carole Beaty, Chief Program Officer, and Mr. Lavelle Nichols, Basic Needs Resource Center Manager, at The Centers were present to respond to questions.

- **Project AWARE Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator (BHWC) Funding for the Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI)**

Mr. Mark Onusko, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, reported that OhioMHAS is providing funding for Project AWARE Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators to support and sustain the Ohio School Health and Wellness Initiative with and allocation of \$100,000 to the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio. Ms. Mary Powers-Wise, Student Wellness Coordinator of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, was present to respond to questions.

- **YouthMOVE Cuyahoga**

Ms. Britany King, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist, requested the committee approve funding of \$10,000 to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland to continue support of their youth-led advisory group, YouthMOVE, Cuyahoga. Ms. Katie Jenkins, Executive Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland, was present to respond to questions.

## **11. FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Rosenbaum, Finance & Operations (F&O) Committee Chair, reported on the F&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Contract Amendments as listed below.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Resolution Nos. 23-04-01 through 23-04-03

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-04-01  
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING FEBRUARY 2023 AND MARCH 2023**

Ms. Rosenbaum 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. Rosenbaum 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. Rosenbaum 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.

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. Rosenbaum 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.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-04-02 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. 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.

- FACT is an evidence-based practice recommended by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- 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.
- 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.

2. Project AWARE Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator (BHWC) 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 BHWC and SAP for evidence-informed practices. The BHWC 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.

3. 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 addressing 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.

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

The ADAMHS Board entered into a one-year contract extension for 2023 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 2023 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.

5. 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 Directors to 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.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-04-03 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 recommending the Board Directors 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.

8. 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 approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 23-04-01 through 23-04-03).** MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Fowler announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter.

- **Motion to ENTER into Executive Session.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: S. Rosenbaum / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **Motion to EXIT the Executive Session and resume the business of the General Meeting Agenda.** MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: R. Blue / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-04-04 AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-06-11  
APPROVAL OF COMPLETED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW & SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT S. OSIECKI**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-04-04.** MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, R. Blue, G. Boehm, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

### **13. 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE 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 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 Sunday, January 1, 2023, through Friday, March 31, 2023. In total, 26 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.)

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

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

- **Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Legislative Advocacy Day:**
  - Dr. Fowler, Ms. Bishara Addison, Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief of Strategic Initiatives, and Mr. Osiecki participated in the combined OACBHA, NAMI Ohio and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Advocacy Day on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.
  - Everyone had the chance to meet with several legislators and/or their aides: Senator Matt Dolan, Senator Kent Smith, Senator Nickie Antonio and Representatives Brennan, Brewer and Forhan as Dell'Aquila, Patton, and Skindell.
- **State Finance Committee Panel and House Bill (HB) 33 Update:**
  - On Thursday, March 30, 2023, Mr. Osiecki presented testimony on HB 33 – the SFY2024/2025 Budget, along with a few other Board Directors and Ms. Cheri Walter, Chief Executive Officer at OACBHA.
  - Mr. Osiecki testified that we fully supported the budget introduced by the Governor as it made essential investments in services for mental health and addiction care and asked for a 10% additional increase in Medicaid Rates for behavioral health services.
  - Last week, we learned that the substitute budget bill introduced in the House Finance Committee makes cuts in the Governor's proposed budget and Mr. Osiecki issued letters to our Representatives that included the following requests:
    - Return to the Executive Budget as-introduced allocation for the OhioMHAS 336-421-line item at \$106,214,846 each year that supports the local continuum of care.
    - The proposed changes in Sub-HB 33 decreases the total line item and increases the number of earmarks in the line item – which does not collectively benefit the people we serve. This will effectively result in a cut to allocations to local ADAMHS Boards.
    - Return to the Executive Budget as-introduced allocation amounts for the 336-510 Residential State Supplement line at \$24,000,000 per year, the OhioMHAS 336-406 Prevention and Wellness line at \$13,868,659 per year, and the 336-422 Criminal Justice line at \$30,044,829 per year.

- The proposed cuts in each of these line items will result in diminished housing, prevention, and criminal justice services for individuals throughout Ohio.
  - Increase community behavioral health Medicaid rates by an additional 10% to what was proposed - for a total of 20%. This increased investment is necessary to help stabilize and strengthen the behavioral health workforce.
- **Senate Bill (SB) 105:**
    - SB 105: ORC 340 Modernization was introduced by Senators Terry Johnson and Vernon Sykes and was referred to the Community Revitalization Committee.
    - OACBHA agrees with the bill, and it reflects the changes that we have been advocating for since last year: 120-day notice; contracting and data. The only thing added to the bill was certification and operation of recovery housing.
    - There has not been any official testimony regarding the bill.
    - Ms. Lori Criss, Director of OhioMHAS, provided an overview of the OhioMHAS 340 report and the partnership with the Boards.
    - Next steps – once the sponsors provide testimony OACBHA will arrange testimony. Addition of recovery housing. Certification strengthened – but a date in on data.
  - **Cleveland City Council Presentation:**
    - Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus and Mr. Osiecki presented to the Cleveland City Health, Human Services and The Arts Committee on Monday, April 10, 2023.
    - They talked about the Board's services that are provided to residents of Cleveland, focusing on youth, as well as statistics regarding suicide, overdoses and co-occurring disorders.
    - They also touched on the risk of marijuana for youth, the child serving systems, services in the schools and prevention services.
  - **Surgeon General Discussion on Youth Mental Health:**
    - On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, Ms. Rosser represented the ADAMHS Board during a roundtable discussion organized by Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb; with the US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy. Local mental health providers and advocates, Cleveland schools and universities, The Cleveland Foundation, and other leaders took part in the discussion about bringing attention to the behavioral health needs of children and youth.
  - **"Adam-Amanda" Center:**
    - Board staff are working with the other five Boards in our Collaborative on a plan for the development of step down/step up centers in our collaborative.
    - There is a total of \$7.5 million available to the entire collaborative in one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that can be used for capital and start-up costs.
    - A joint proposal must be submitted to OhioMHAS with our plans by Friday, May 19, 2023.
    - Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Osiecki are working with Signature Health as the provider of the center in Cuyahoga County.
    - Signature Health has 16 beds available in the location that they are preparing to replace ORCA House, which is located at East 30<sup>th</sup> and Prospect.
    - A more informative presentation will be provided during the May Planning & Oversight Committee meeting.
  - **Sponsorships:**
    - Sunday, June 11, 2023: Colors+ Family Pride Day - \$500
    - Saturday, June 17, 2023: Life Skills Summit for Young Men - \$1,000

## 15. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reminded all in attendance that the Board's Annual Meeting Brunch, Awards Ceremony and Client Art Show is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023, 9:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131. Approximately 400 individuals are expected to attend.

Dr. Gregory Boehm inquired with Mr. Osiecki regarding the Opiate Settlement funds. Mr. Osiecki reported that Cuyahoga County received a total of \$179 million from a larger settlement that was split with Summit County; and lawyer fees took a large portion of the settlement. Once the funds were divided among a number of organizations, with \$5 million set aside for innovative solutions and technologies for the opiate crisis, \$3 million remains of the total \$179 million that is not encumbered for other things.

**16. FOLLOW-UP**

No follow-up was received.

**17. AUDIENCE INPUT**

No audience input was received.

**18. UPCOMING MAY AND JUNE BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: May 3, 2023
- Nominating Committee Meeting: May 10, 2023
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: May 10, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: May 17, 2023
- General Meeting: May 24, 2023
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: June 7, 2023
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: June 14, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: June 21, 2023
- General Meeting: June 28, 2023

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.*

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

**Approved by:**

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*J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County*