

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 24, 2023

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
Bishara W. Addison
Ashwani Bhardwaj
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.
Erskine Cade, MBA

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW
Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Steve Killpack, MS
Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

ABSENT: Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Rev. Max M. Rodas, MA, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Danielle Clark, Vince Crowe, Erin DiVincenzo, Ryan Gongaware, Felicia Harrison, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, 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 4:02 p.m.; and recognized Ms. Carol Krajewski, a former ADAMHS Board employee, who retired from her position in August 2019.

2. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Elaine Schleiffer, a former Community Member of the ADAMHS Board's Planning & Oversight Committee, read a prepared statement, whereby a portion of her statement is as follows: "...my pronouns are she/her, and I am a resident of Cleveland living with dual diagnoses. I am a queer community organizer who has long been focusing on mental health resources for my community, and I'm one of the organizers working for REACH: Responding with Empathy, Access, and Community Healing, which is Cuyahoga County's grassroots coalition advocating for the expansion of our crisis services continuum. I have received care from many of our hospitals, inpatient, and outpatient facilities. I have worked with our probate and family courts. And I have been in the situation of desperately needing crisis behavioral healthcare, and having no one to respond except our police department.

One thing I know from my life experience is that no two crises are alike. I believe that in order to create better outcomes for people like me, we have to increase the number of tools in our toolbox.

I often talk about crisis response in three buckets: "cop response," where officers act as first responders, including our specialized CIT officers; "co-response," where officers are joined by a specialist like a mental health practitioner or social worker; and "care response," where those non-police specialists are empowered to act as first responders without a police presence.

You'll be receiving today a report about how care response could work in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, produced by R Strategy Group and a team of community experts. As one of the people on that team who helped to build the report, I am with you today to demonstrate the support for care response that exists not just among our healthcare providers and not just among our elected officials, but in our community as well..." (Ms. Schleiffer's written statement is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

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

3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: MAY 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 Far West Center (FWC) and Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA). In the absence of representatives from the recipient provider organizations, Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus shared that she will forward Certificates of Participation to their attention at a later date.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 26, 2023 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Fowler shared that the ADAMHS Board's Annual Meeting Brunch, Awards Ceremony and Client Art Show transpired on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Cleveland-S in Independence; and over 400 individuals were in attendance. During this event, Resolution No. 23-05-01 Accepting the CY2022 Annual Report was passed by the Board Directors.

On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) appointed Mr. James T. Dixon to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. This appointment is effective July 1, 2023 and will continue until June 30, 2027. Mr. Dixon will be sworn in at the July 26th General Meeting.

6. PRESENTATION

CARE RESPONSE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISES IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief of Strategic Initiatives, introduced Mark Hurst, MD, FAPA, Hurst Healthcare Consulting LLC, on behalf of R Strategy Group. Dr. Hurst is a psychiatrist and past Medical Director and Director of OhioMHAS; and Medical Director and Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Health. Ms. Rosser reported that Dr. Hurst will be presenting on care response, which is a health first, non-law enforcement response to individuals in mental health and addiction crisis.

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County has been a pioneer in Cuyahoga County for establishing the structure that now make an enhanced care response possible. When the National Suicide and Mental Health Crisis lifeline was launched, the ADAMHS Board was the first cohort to integrate the national hotline into the local hotline, which FrontLine Service has operated since the 1990's. Now that this hotline has an easier access number of three digits, 988, the right response is provided for each call. Ms. Rosser reported that the Mobile Crisis Team was created to send behavioral health specialists into the field when the caller's concern cannot be effectively resolved over the telephone or by chat. She shared that the ADAMHS Board also supports the Co-responder model to all five police districts in Cleveland, which pairs a social worker with a police officer to respond to crisis calls. The City of Cleveland has seen the success of this model and has plans to expand; and the ADAMHS Board is the hub for all Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) and has been for decades, which includes training for dispatchers through the 911 system. The ADAMHS Board also funds Magnolia Clubhouse, which has been a local leader with keeping attention on the issue of care response; and has worked with their clubhouse partners in New York and around the country to share the Care Response model. As a Board, we have long supported the right response to an individual in crisis and are exploring ways to enhance, expand and/or reimagine crisis response in Cuyahoga County; and Dr. Hurst has been part of a team that has been examining the needs of Cuyahoga County and will present findings and recommendations for consideration as we move forward.

[Reginal C. Blue, Ph.D., arrived.]

Dr. Hurst reported that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County continuously evaluates the community for ways to better meet the community's behavioral health needs. He shared that behavioral health crisis services are being strengthened throughout the United States; and based upon discussion with and in consultation with the ADAMHS Board, R Strategy Group (RSG) evaluated the feasibility of "Care Response" to build upon the existing crisis response services in the county. Research funding was generously provided by several philanthropic organizations, including the Cleveland Foundation, the George Gund Foundation and Mt. Sinai Foundation. RSG was charged with making recommendations that can be used in the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will lead to a Care Response pilot project in a specified area or areas of Cuyahoga County that can become the path for further expansion in the county.

[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj arrived.]

RSG's process included convening a workgroup of local stakeholders and outside consultants to advise the process, interviewed local leaders and advocates, had discussion with Care Response programs in Ohio and nationally, completed research of professional literature, reviewed media reports and held focus groups and community surveys. Dr. Hurst reported that Care

Response is part of the crisis care continuum. Individuals need someone to talk to, someone to respond (care response) and a place to go. The essential characteristics of all crisis care components include:

- Address recovery needs
- Significant role for peers
- Trauma-informed care
- Safety and security for staff and those in crisis
- Law enforcement and emergency
- Medical services collaboration

Care Response consists of a team of individuals with specific behavioral health and crisis stabilization expertise responding to mental health or addiction crises in the community setting. Team members consist of a licensed behavioral health professional and a peer support person with lived experience in the behavioral health system. They are unarmed and have skill and training to assess specific needs and frequently meet those needs in the community. They work with dispatch and other responders (such as police/CIT officers) to assure that the needs of people are met and safety of the person being served and responders is maintained. This scenario can frequently avoid police response to behavioral health issues, permitting more focus on other public safety issues.

The service overview consists of helping individuals experiencing a crisis event experience relief quickly and resolve the crisis situation when possible. Team members meet individuals in the environment where they are comfortable and/or at the site where the crisis is occurring. They provide appropriate care/support while avoiding unnecessary law enforcement involvement, Emergency Department use and hospitalization. Team members connect individuals and facility-based care, if needed; and provide warm hand-offs and coordinate transportation. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provide rapid response.

Reasons for the utilization of Care Response include:

- Reduced need for police involvement
- More situations resolved in community (less hospitalizations)
- Improved safety
- Less crime in areas covered by Care Response
- Increased involvement in treatment after crisis
- Well-received
- Preferred by community
- Cost effective

Based upon existing research, experience of communities across the nation, and preferences of individuals surveyed in Cuyahoga County, RSG recommends that Cuyahoga County implement a community-based, unarmed Care Response program that will be rapidly available and staffed by behavioral health professionals and peers. Care Response services should commence with a pilot program in one or more geographic regions of the county, with a plan to expand based upon the learnings of the pilot program. The entity or entities implementing Care Response should be selected through a competitive process by responding to an RFP to find the vendor(s) with the greatest likelihood of success in addressing the complexities of Care Response; and the specific pilot region(s) chosen to better meet needs of underserved.

Suggestions for the pilot area included:

- Demographics reflect significant population of underserved individuals by virtue of:
 - Race
 - Ethnicity
 - Socioeconomic status
 - Sexual orientation
- Area of high need
 - High volume of calls relating to mental health (MH)/Substance Use Disorder (SUD) issues
 - Disproportionately low calls and service utilization in view of demographics
- Area with more adverse outcomes in interactions between served individuals and current responders
- Interest and support of proposed pilot community
- Support of partner agencies:
 - Social service agencies

- Behavioral health agencies
- Behavioral health crisis facilities
- Hospitals
- Law enforcement
- Dispatch services
- Other community behavioral health crisis responders, if present (e.g., co-response programs)
- Uncomplicated dispatch landscape (single 911)
- Sufficient population size to generate meaningful number of encounters to assess program effectiveness and inform future expansion.

Dr. Hurst reported that the Care Response program should meet the basic criteria for mobile crisis. The pilot period should have six months of “lead-in” and 12 months of service provision/program assessment. The pilot community should be engaged as a full partner in the development, implementation and assessment of the pilot. Staffing of the Care Response team should reflect the characteristics of the community; and staff safety and wellness must be a priority. A training curriculum should be developed from currently available resources adapted to meet Cuyahoga County and pilot area needs, with input from:

- Local experts
- Pilot area residents
- Consumers of services
- Family members.
- Consider outside vendor to assist

Staff will utilize standardized tools for assessment and assistance in determining disposition of clients; and dispatch processes should be agreed upon before implementing services. Clarity should be provided about most appropriate location of care for clients who require facility-based crisis interventions (“A place to go”). The Care Response pilot should be data-driven; and an outside vendor may be considered for data expertise and management. A data dashboard, which is available to anyone should be created and posted online; and quality measures should be selected to determine compliance in executing the pilot and success of pilot. Care Response sponsor(s) should seek multiple funding streams to support the pilot project and promote long-term viability. Applicants proposed budget should meet promising practice standards and include a plan for billing for services as a source of revenue beyond grant funding. The funder(s) should consider budgeting as much as \$1.65 M for an 18-month pilot program; and the system should begin planning for expansion of services early in the pilot period based upon knowledge gained from the pilot.

Dr. Hurst provided detailed budget assumptions for one Care Response and two Care Response teams, which included the potential cost offset; 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 – 2nd Reading and Official Vote

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, 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 no further discussion regarding the policy statement up for renewal, a call for a motion was entertained.

Motion to approve the Policy Statement Renewal originally labeled Guidelines for Detoxification Services Funded with Non-Medicaid Dollars; and now labeled Guidelines for Withdrawal Management Services. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Addison

/ AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider
/ NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. NEW POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW – 2nd Reading and Official Vote

Mr. Jun presented the second reading of 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 no further discussion regarding the new policy statement proposed, a call for a motion was entertained.

Motion to approve the new Policy Statement labeled Subrecipient Monitoring for Federal Grants Policy. MOTION: K. Kern-Pilch / SECOND: E. Cade / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: B. Gohlstin / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, Community Relations & Advocacy (CR&A) Committee Chair, reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Directors heard the following items of discussion:

- Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, provided the following legislative update that included information about current and pending legislation.
 - House Bill (HB) 33 – the House budget Bill that establishes operating appropriations for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.
 - Senate Bill (SB) 105 – Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 340 – Regarding ADAMHS Boards and recovery housing residences.
- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that a local coalition of leading health care organizations has signed a letter of support in favor of the flavored tobacco ban in Cleveland. The ADAMHS Board has been asked to sign the letter and become a member of the coalition supporting the ban. In February of 2023, Cleveland Council President Blaine Griffin and Councilman Kevin Conwell introduced legislation to ban flavored tobacco in Cleveland at the request of the Director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health, Dr. David Margolius. Statistics and information outlined in the legislation include:
 - 95% of adult smokers began smoking before age 21, which leads to greater levels of nicotine dependence and persistence of smoking beyond adolescence and through adulthood.
 - Nationally, 11% of US middle and high school students reported current e-cigarette (vape) use, where almost 85% of e-cigarette users reported using flavored products.
 - Locally, 7.8% of Cleveland high school students reported smoking e-cigarettes.

- Menthol cigarettes have been historically heavily marketed toward Black Americans and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notes that a ban on menthol cigarettes would save the lives of 92,000 to 238,000 African Americans.
 - Over 70% of African American smokers prefer menthol cigarettes, compared with 30% of white smokers, which attributed to the tobacco industry's targeted advertising to the Black urban community.
 - The statistics show that flavored tobacco is a health equity issue and leads to increased disparities for the health of the local Black community and our youth, who are targeted to use flavored tobacco. Signing the letter of support and joining the coalition will help bring awareness to the dangers of flavored tobacco and help pass the legislation banning flavored tobacco, which is harmful and creates increased health disparities in the Black community. Board staff request the Board Directors review the letter of support and determine if the Board would like to add its name to the letter to ban flavored tobacco use in Cleveland. (The letter and supporting material are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)
 - The CR&A Committee agreed to recommend full approval from the Board to sign a letter of support for the banning of flavored tobacco in the City of Cleveland, which requires final approval from the full Board.
- Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, provided an update regarding eight trainings and two sponsored trainings the division has scheduled for May to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month. These trainings are as follows:
 - Training Institute Trainings
 - May 15, 2023: Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Adolescents of Color
 - May 17, 2023: Mental Health First Aid
 - May 22, 2023: Substance Use Disorder Treatment with Adolescents in Transition Age Youth
 - May 25, 2023: Effective Family Therapy with Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders
- Sponsorship
 - May 1, 2023 – May 2, 2023: ESC Mental Health Summit
- Drug Court Grant Training
 - May 4, 2023: Substance Use Disorder in Women: The History, Use and Treatment
- Community Trainings
 - May 12, 2023: Mental Health 101 with AmeriCorps Team at Baldwin Wallace
 - May 18, 2023: Mental Health presentation for Cleveland Public Library
 - 5/24/23: Mental Health 101 with South Euclid/Lyndhurst Cuyahoga County Library
- Question, Persuade and Refer: Suicide Prevention Training
 - May 11, 2023: Intercontinental Hotel

- Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus provided an update on three public awareness campaigns the board has running and shared some sample ads, radio spots and a video. The campaigns are multi-media and include billboards, transit ads, social media, television streaming, print ads, radio ads and printed materials; and are as follows:
 - **Problem Gambling Campaign** is called *Pause Before You Play*. It was purchased with Board funds to address the increase in suicide risk as the result of online sports betting. The Board worked with Recovery Resources, the Cuyahoga County Problem Gambling Coalition, Ohio for Responsible Gambling and Origo to localize the *Pause Before You Play* campaign. The campaign runs from April 2023 through March 2024, with targeted pushes around major sporting events and during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (September).
 - **Crisis Campaign** was purchased with a State Opioid Response Grant and highlights all crisis services available in Cuyahoga County as well as 988. Printable materials are being translated into multiple languages and into Braille. This campaign runs from April 2023 through December 2023.
 - **Overdose Response and Fentanyl Awareness Ads** to inform the public that fentanyl is in all drugs, provides information about harm reduction resources and strategies and how to recognize an overdose and administer naloxone, which can be ordered via mail from our ads. The ads are heavily targeted to at risk communities during historically high overdose time periods (like holiday weekends). This campaign is paid for from Board funds and

runs from May 2023 through January 2024.

- **Media Tracking Report**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that the ADAMHS Board had a total of 37 media mentions between Wednesday, March 1, 2023, and Tuesday, May 2, 2023. 35 of these mentions were positive and two were neutral. This brings the year's total to 74 media mentions, 71 of which are positive and three of which are neutral. There were no negative media mentions.

- **Social Media and Website Tracking Reports**

- **Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Social Media Report**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus provided committee members with an overview of the social media statistics. She reported that for the timeframe Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the Board had 230,539 impressions on social media, 699 engagements (likes, comments, retweets, mentions, etc.), gained 118 new followers and 219 post link clicks.

- **Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Website Report**

Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus reported that over 18,000 people have visited the Board's website since Wednesday, March 1, 2023, for a total of 31,887 times. 82.7% of the individuals were new visitors to the Board's website; and 17.3% were returning visitors, meaning they have visited the Board's website previously. There were 65,295 page views and the majority of which came to the site from google searches.

- Ms. Ballard reported that every day we lose 5 people to suicide. Suicide devastates families, friends, and communities. Substance use disorder and mental illness profoundly impact Ohio's growing suicide rate, and it is time to direct our focus, energy, and resources toward suicide prevention. In 2021 Cuyahoga County lost 157 people due to suicide. We are continuing to see an increase in marginalized populations who die by suicide in our community. Across the county this trend is particularly troublesome when we see statistics about the high incidence of youth who died by suicide. The ADAMHS Board along with its providers and partners throughout the county have been working hard on getting the message out to the community on suicide prevention but we can do more.

The ADAMHS Board will host a Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit with leaders from the African American, Hispanic, Asian, as well as the LGBTQ+ community, who will talk with the community about talking with a loved one about suicide prevention. We want to reach our families, significant others, faith-based, schools, community groups, etc., to talk about the stigma, suicide and intervention strategies. The summit will consist of a keynote speaker, panelist representing marginalized populations and breakout sessions. We want to create a strategy to keep the conversation going. This is the beginning of an ongoing dialogue. The Summit will be held on Monday, September 25, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, 6393 Oak Tree Boulevard, in Independence. The facility is free to the ADAMHS Board; and approximately 100 people will be in attendance. This summit will provide the community with information about how to talk about suicide with loved ones, especially individuals within marginalized populations; and provide information about resources for help and support. The requested funding (not to exceed \$6,500) will be utilized to pay for food for a light breakfast and boxed lunches, beverages and an honorarium for presenters.

- Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Madison Greenspan, External Affairs Officer, has resigned from the Board. Her last day is Friday, May 19, 2023. Ms. Greenspan has been employed at the Board for approximately five years.
- Due to health reasons, Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus shared that she is resigning from the Board. Her last day is Tuesday, June 6, 2023 as she is presenting at the OACBHA Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Ms Zietlow-DeJesus has been employed at the Board for approximately seven years. The Board Directors and Mr. Osiecki provided accolades to Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus and Ms. Greenspan; and wished them well.

Motion to approve the Board signing the letter of support and joining the coalition to bring awareness to the dangers of flavored tobacco and help pass the legislation banning flavored tobacco, which is harmful and creates increased health disparities in the Black community. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: E. Cade / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, 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, May 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The Board Directors heard the following items of discussion:

- **Sisters of Charity Health System Community Behavioral Health and St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) Presentation**

Mr. Ben Goodwin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II (Criminal Justice), and Ms. Nancy Mundy, Clinical Adult Utilization Review Specialist, introduced Mike Biscaro, Psy.D., ABPP (Forensic), Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, Sisters of Charity Health System, Dr. Edward Kilbane, Medical Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services, St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center, Mr. Ben Silver, Administrative Director, Community Health Services, St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center and Ms. Jennie Ritt, LPCC-S, Clinical Manager (who provides clinical / administrative oversight for the crisis and recovery services) at St. Vincent Charity Health Campus.

As of Tuesday, November 15, 2022, the hospital's inpatient services closed and transitioned to continuing outpatient services as a Community Health Center. The presenters provided a PowerPoint on what services are available including Crisis and Recovery, Outpatient Psychiatry and addiction treatment in Rosary Hall. They have instituted Primary Care, ancillary and legal services focusing on "Integrated Whole Person Care in One Location." They discussed the status of their Psychiatric Emergency Services functioning as of November 15, 2022. It is not an Emergency Department but rather an OhioMHAS designated "Crisis Receiving Center" operational 24/7/365.

Staffing and services were described, and metrics were also provided. The goal is to help those at risk of re-hospitalization and access to resources in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. They emphasized that acute care needs to change with the focus from health care to social determinants. The Crisis and Recovery Services at the St. Vincent Charity Health Campus is being designed to engage diverse community partners. This is a separate and new non-profit that will focus on expanding the Crisis Continuum of Care in outreach. The program was activated December 2022.

- **Agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) for Shared Costs**

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children's Behavioral Health Programs, reported on the agreement between the ADAMHS Board and CCBDD for shared costs that allows the CCBDD to reimburse the ADAMHS Board the cost of residential treatment services for youth with multisystem involvement, including, but not limited to, both CCBDD and the ADAMHS Board, to prevent deeper system involvement. These shared costs are not to exceed \$600,000 for residential treatment services for youth with multisystem, co-occurring mental health and developmental disabilities diagnoses for the term of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

- **Community Needs Assessment**

Ms. Rosser provided an update on the Community Needs Assessment. She reported that the proposal was just received by the Board; and additional time is needed to review the proposal. As a result, this agenda item will be forwarded through the June ADAMHS Board meeting cycle.

- **Client Satisfaction Survey Update**

Ms. Rosser reported that Brown Consulting is continuing their work on the Client Satisfaction Survey. She will present again at the June 2023 meeting regarding 2023 data that reflects emergent trends post pandemic and adapting to ever changing demands with consideration for services of the greatest need and evolving technology such as telehealth.

- **"Adam-Amanda" Center Update**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the Crisis Continuum is an OhioMHAS Priority, whereby \$90 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will be utilized for Ohio's Crisis Continuum. He shared that Part 1 includes \$45 million for short-term residential infrastructure development of at least six additional short-term residential facilities with at least one new facility in each Regional Psychiatric Hospital area / collaborative. This consists of one-time funding distributed up to \$7.5 million per Regional Psychiatric Hospital area / collaborative. Mr. Osiecki shared examples of how this funding could be utilized: Capital investments (improvements and new builds), Information Technology Infrastructure (hardware, software systems, and information exchanges, etc.), start-up costs and planning activities. He shared that there is a 10% match requirement from Boards and the Regional Plan must be submitted as a Collaborative by Friday, May, 19, 2023.

The concept of “Adam-Amanda” Step-down / Step-up is identified as the following:

- Clients discharged from OhioMHAS Hospitals and / or behavioral health units of area hospitals have an opportunity to stabilize before re-entering the community (Step-down).
- Clients who need to be stabilized but do not require hospitalization (Step-up).
- Could be individuals living with co-occurring disorders.
- Clients may stay up to 30, 60, 90 days.

Mr. Osiecki highlighted that the original “Adam-Amanda” Center is located in Athens County. This facility was built in memory of Adam Knapp and Amanda Baker who lost their lives due to mental illness only days after being released from inpatient psychiatric facilities and after multiple attempts to receive care. He shared that the Northeast (NE) Ohio Collaborative, which consists of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Summit, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties, has submitted to OhioMHAS a total request of \$6.5 million with a request to carry-over the remaining \$1 million to Phase 2: Crisis Center.

▪ **Calendar Year (CY)2024 and CY2025 Funding Process**

Mr. Osiecki updated Board Directors regarding a recommendation to change the Board’s funding process for CY2024 and CY2025. He highlighted that the Board is statutorily responsible for planning, funding and monitoring or evaluating public mental health and addiction treatment services, as well as prevention, treatment and recovery support services for the residents of Cuyahoga County. Hence, to ensure that a continuum of care remains available and working at its optimal level to provide the best services, the Board is charged with considering cost-effectiveness and quality of services and supports. The Board must consider continuity of care for clients; and be accountable to the public and ensure that federal, state, and local funds are effectively utilized.

He shared that Board staff are recommending that the Board selects providers rather than issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP). This funding process is being recommended since there is an increased awareness and need for mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery supports and along with the behavioral health workforce shortage calls for a reimagined funding approach for the CY2024 and CY2025 ADAMHS Board budget. There are four areas that the Board should concentrate on for funding and each area will be considered through the Board’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion lens: 1) Statutory Requirements, 2) Focus on Needed Services, 3) Support Providers and 4) Ensure Essential Services.

There are several benefits to our clients, providers and the Board for this type of funding strategy; and are as follows:

1. Workforce
2. Less Duplication and Underutilized Services
3. Focus on What Services Providers Do Best
4. Two-years of Stable Funding to Providers
5. Based on Outcomes
6. Partnerships
7. Supply and Demand

Ms. Rosser shared an example of a provider dashboard, which reflects a provider agency’s past performance data, ranging from Budget and Invoicing, Workforce, Clients Served, Average Number of Days Until First Appointment, Program Goals and Geographic Service Coverage via zip codes for specific services. After a lengthy discussion of this agenda item, Mr. Osiecki reported that Board staff will further discuss the funding process recommendation brought forth, while taking into account Board Directors suggestions and comments, for additional thoughtful consideration for the development of a compromise to begin the optimization of our provider network.

▪ **New Business**

Mr. Osiecki reported that the ADAMHS Board’s Community Assessment and Plan (CAP) was approved by OhioMHAS.

11. FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Bishara Addison, Finance & Operations (F&O) Committee Vice Chair, reported on the F&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, and highlighted the Vouchers, Contracts and Contract Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 23-05-02 through 23-05-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-05-02
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2023**

Ms. Addison reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for CY2023 was \$8,080,414 and for April Actual Year to Date (YTD) 2023, the total administrative expenses were \$2,511,288.06; that is roughly 31% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first four months of 2023. Ms. Addison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for April 2023, there were three expenses of note that were not routine purchases. The Iron Mountain Information expense of \$11,828.43 was for the one-time payment for the removal of archived storage boxes, the WiseHive Inc. expense of \$27,850 was for the one-time annual payment and the Granicus expense of \$4,977.79 was for the one-time annual payment for maintenance and updates to the Board's website.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, April 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 April 2023, the Board has received \$11,694,358.34. Ms. Addison reported that 16% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflect that in April 2023, the Board received revenues of \$4,959,198.93.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2023 reflect that April YTD Actual is \$26,960,491.77 that is roughly 29% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year. Ms. Addison noted that the Diversion Center's expenditures are reflected on this report.

The Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month reflect that the total expenditures in April is \$6,654,784.78.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, April 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 \$1,867,745.13.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD April 2023 YTD reflects a total of \$1,135,553.47.

The Cash Flow Report, April 2023 shows the 2021 Actual, 2022 Actual and YTD thru April 2023. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through April 2023 is \$27,909,569.15.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-05-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. A Community Conversation: Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit – Not to exceed \$6,500

The ADAMHS Board will host a Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit with leaders from the African American, Hispanic, Asian, as well as the LGBTQ+ community, who will talk with the community about talking with a loved one about suicide prevention. We want to reach our families, significant others, faith-based, schools, community groups, etc., to talk about the stigma, suicide and intervention strategies. The summit will consist of a keynote speaker, panelist representing marginalized populations and breakout sessions. We want to create a strategy to keep the conversation going. This is the beginning of an ongoing dialogue. Approximately 100 people will attend. ADAMHS Board staff request approval to host a Community Conversation: Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit on September 25, 2023, at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, 6393 Oak Tree Boulevard, in Independence, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500 for food, beverages and an honorarium for presenters for the term of June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

2. Agreement for Shared Costs
 - Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Not to exceed \$600,000

Youth with multisystem involvement who require shared costs are identified through Family and Children First Council's

(FCFC) Service Coordination Team which is comprised of the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS), Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court (CCJC), CCBDD, and ADAMHS Board. CCBDD can only contract with and directly pay organizations licensed as Intermittent Care Facilities (ICF). Behavioral health organizations are not considered an ICF, so the shared cost agreement was created in 2010 to allow CCBDD to participate in sharing the cost of residential placements for youth with developmental disabilities in need of residential treatment services.

This agreement between the ADAMHS Board and CCBDD for shared costs allows the CCBDD to reimburse the ADAMHS Board the cost of residential treatment services for youth with multisystem involvement, including, but not limited to, both CCBDD and the ADAMHS Board, to prevent deeper system involvement. CCBDD will reimburse the ADAMHS Board the amount of CCBDD's portion of shared costs for residential treatment services, including, but not limited to mental health crisis beds, and other supplemental services such as additional supervision (1:1) of a client, etc., for youth with co-occurring mental health and developmental disabilities diagnoses.

The funding will allow youth involved in both CCBDD and the ADAMHS Board systems to receive residential treatment, including mental health crisis beds, and other supplemental services. ADAMHS Board staff request authorization for the shared cost agreement between the ADAMHS Board and CCBDD, whereby the ADAMHS Board will remain the fiscal agent on behalf of CCBDD to fund shared cost agreements for youth with both mental health (MH)/developmental disabilities (DD) needs who require residential treatment and crisis stabilization services for the amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the term of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

3. Public Relations Independent Contractor
 - Jorge Ramos Pantoja - \$30 per hour not to exceed \$27,720

There is an immediate need for assistance with the ADAMHS Board External Affairs team to assist with public relations matters, due to personal staffing issues. Mr. Pantoja is an Emmy and PROMAX award winning communicator with cultural sensitivity trusted by members of the press, public officials, and private organizations. He has experience as a journalist in local television and has communication and public relations experience in local government.

The ADAMHS Board has selected Mr. Jorge Ramos Pantoja as the Public Relations Independent Contractor to assist with the daily operations of the ADAMHS Board External Affairs team at \$30 per hour up to 35 hours per week for a six-month term. Mr. Pantoja duties shall include:

- o Designing, writing, proofreading, copyediting, and distributing public information in both written and electronic format
- o Developing, posting, and maintaining the content of the ADAMHS Board's website and social media platforms
- o Assisting as directed with public awareness campaigns
- o Assisting in coordinating, promoting, and staffing internal and external awareness activities, as well as other public relations events, such as health fairs, town hall meetings, and community outreach
- o Attending internal and external meetings as directed
- o Performing special projects as needed and other related duties as assigned

ADAMHS Board staff request the Board Directors to ratify the six-month contract with Mr. Jorge Ramos Pantoja to serve as a Public Relations Independent Contractor for \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$27,720 for the term of May 8, 2023 through November 7, 2023.

4. Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) Pass-through Funding
 - First Alliance Healthcare - \$250,000

MRSS is a 24/7 crisis service where a team of two providers responds in person within sixty minutes for youth up to age 21. MRSS can provide up to four to six weeks of in-home de-escalation and stabilization. The MRSS team works within the family system to create safety plans, teach skills, provide peer support and link to ongoing services to prevent future crises and reduce the need for out-of-home treatment. MRSS is an evidence-based and trauma informed statewide service, included in Ohio Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence (OhioRISE). It has a statewide, centralized call center to triage and dispatch calls to local certified MRSS providers. OhioMHAS is leading the selection and certification of MRSS providers and oversees the implementation and coordination of the statewide

call center and MRSS provider network. The crisis is defined by the youth and/or family according to the MRSS model. A team of two MRSS providers responds in person to calls in the community. The MRSS team is comprised of licensed supervisors, licensed therapists, certified peer supporters and has access to a nurse practitioner or psychiatrist.

The ADAMHS Board will serve as the fiscal agent for pass-through funds for MRSS to First Alliance Healthcare in the amount of \$250,000 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023. ADAMHS Board staff request the Board Directors to accept \$250,000 of pass-through funding from OhioMHAS for MRSS and contract with First Alliance Healthcare from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$250,000.

5. Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) FY2024 Membership Dues – \$19,000

These membership dues are for OACBHA, which is the statewide organization that represents the interests of Ohio's ADAMHS Boards at the state level. Each member, including the ADAMHS Board, pays annual membership dues to OACBHA to support its operations, advocacy and educational efforts. Mr. Osiecki reported that OACBHA has been a vital source of information, resources and advocacy with OhioMHAS during the COVID-19 pandemic. OACBHA's annual membership dues for FY2024 cover the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 23-05-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-05, Agreements with Attorneys for Civil Commitment Hearings – \$200 per hearing
 - Ronald Balbier
 - Paul Friedman
 - Scott Friedman
 - Ted Friedman

By law (Ohio Revised Code 5122), the ADAMHS Board is required to ensure that persons temporarily detained for involuntary hospitalization actually meet the legal criteria for civil commitment. Probate court shall refer to ADAMHS Boards an affidavit to assist the court in determining whether persons temporarily detained for involuntary hospitalization are subject to court-ordered treatment and whether alternatives to hospitalization are available. Attorneys represent the Board at civil commitment hearings to ensure that persons subject to court-ordered treatment have due process.

Attorneys will be compensated \$200 per hearing for all hearings. Attorneys were previously compensated \$100 per hearing for most hearings. Attorneys will still be compensated \$100 per motion, and \$100 per hour for additional services, so long as additional services receive prior approval from the ADAMHS Board. Attorney Paul Friedman files motions on behalf of the ADAMHS Board. Attorneys represent the ADAMHS Board at involuntary civil commitment hearings. ADAMHS Board staff request the Board Directors to approve contract amendments with Attorneys Ronald Balbier, Paul Friedman, Scott Friedman, and Ted Friedman for \$200 per hearing for the term of June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 23-02-03, Cleveland Division of Police, Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Co-Responder Project Gap Funding – \$120,000 (\$49,985 from the City of Cleveland)
 - FrontLine Service - \$45,000
 - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$75,000

Cleveland Police indicated through their data collection that more than half of the clients at St. Vincent Psychiatric Emergency Department are brought in by police. 97% of those who are brought in by police are from the Cleveland Division of Police. A BJA study indicates that police spend up to 7% of their time responding to crisis calls. Crisis calls disproportionately consume much of an officer's time, and most are not a result of criminal behavior but an emotional crisis in the community. Across the country, police departments report that jails and prisons are the largest de facto mental health facilities in the country.

The City of Cleveland will be contributing \$49,985 for gap funding for the Co-Responder Project through June 30, 2023 as it goes through its internal process to continue and expand the Co-Responder Project with ARPA funding. In February 2023, this Board approved gap funding for the Co-Responder Project for FrontLine Service (\$45,000) and Murtis Taylor Human Services System (\$75,000) through June 30, 2023. In September 2022, this Board approved a no cost extension through March 31, 2023 to allow the providers to spend the remaining funds in the BJA grant. In May 2020, the ADAMHS Board approved contracts with FrontLine Service and Murtis Taylor Human Services System for the Co-Responder Program to divert people in crisis to the least restrictive alternative and linkage to services.

- o The Co-Responder Teams operate 40 hours per week, second shift.
- o The Crisis Specialist is paired with a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer in a single car in order to respond to the calls.
- o The Crisis Specialist, in collaboration with the CIT Officer engages and responds to the person's needs, provides assessment and triage to the least restrictive options in the community.
- o The Co-Responder Teams provide follow-up on crisis calls from other officers within their assigned police district as well as engage high utilizers of service in order to decrease the need for public safety assistance.
- o FrontLine Service is assigned to District 3. Murtis Taylor Human Services System is assigned to Districts 2 and 4.
- o Crisis Specialists along with CIT Officers work collaboratively with other aspects of public safety such as EMS and dispatch in order to reduce the high utilizers of service by providing ongoing monitoring and support.

ADAMHS Board staff request the Board Directors to amend Resolution No. 23-02-03, Cleveland Division of Police Co Responder Project, to accept funding in the amount of \$49,985 from the City of Cleveland for gap funding for the Co-Responder Project for the term of October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 23-05-02 through 23-05-04). MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, B. Gohistin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

12. CY 2024 AND CY2025 FUNDING PROCESS OPTIONS

Mr. Osiecki updated Board Directors regarding an updated recommendation for the Board's funding process for CY2024. He highlighted that the Board is statutorily responsible for planning, funding and monitoring or evaluating the local system of mental health and addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery services. He reported that the Board also enters into contracts for the provision of certified mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services. Within this contracting obligation, the Board is charged with considering cost-effectiveness and quality of services and supports. The Board must consider continuity of care for clients; and be accountable to the public and ensure that federal, state, and local funds are effectively utilized. Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board has statutory requirements, needed services and must meet the goals outlined in the Strategic and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Plans.

Mr. Osiecki shared the following CY2024 funding process considerations regarding the increased awareness and need for mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery supports along with the behavioral health workforce shortage calls for a reimagined funding approach for the CY2024 ADAMHS Board Budget:

- Addressing the Behavioral Health Workforce shortage by fully funding the continuum of care, which includes prevention, crisis, treatment, and recovery supports.
- Operations of the new step-down/step-up short-term residential facility beyond the one-time OhioMHAS capital funding.
- Operations of a new crisis center beyond the one-time OhioMHAS capital funding.
- Issuing an RFP for unmet needs.
- Ensuring a diverse mental health, addiction and recovery support system that embeds equity and inclusion to meet the needs of residents of Cuyahoga County in a culturally responsive manner.

Mr. Osiecki also shared a comparison of the number of providers in other counties relative to Cuyahoga County. The table reflected the population, ADAMHS Board annual budget and the number of providers specific to each comparable county. Overall, Cuyahoga County has the greatest number of providers.

The CY2024 funding process would include extending contracts, refining current, in addition to the development of outcomes; and the issuance of an RFP for unmet needs. Mr. Osiecki also shared the CY2024 funding process timeline. He reported that during May

2023 Board staff would present the funding process to the Board and community via the committee process. During June/July 2023 ADAMHS Board staff will provide notification of the CY2024 funding plan; and gather and analyze CY2022 and some CY2023 service data to assist in any changes to CY2024 contracts. During July/August 2023 ADAMHS Board staff will meet with providers to discuss services. During August/September/October 2023 ADAMHS Board staff will forward an official 120-day notice and meet with providers to discuss services. Lastly, during October/November 2023 ADAMHS Board staff will finalize the recommended CY2024 budget, which will be vetted through the Board committee process for approval during the November General Meeting. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Mr. Osiecki responded to questions from the Board Directors. Ms. Addison requested that Board staff share an analysis, in aggregate, relative to a range of budgeted amounts, whereby provider agencies only billed so much towards their identified budgeted amount. Mr. Osiecki reported that this analysis will be provided through the Board's Great Office Solution Helper (GOSH) billing analysis. Mr. Erskine Cade inquired about the rationale to bring the number of provider agencies in Cuyahoga County in alignment with various counties of similar comparison. Dr. Fowler reported that we need efficiencies within our system due to forthcoming obligations that will need to be funded by the Board, thus the provider network will need to be optimized. After a lengthy discussion regarding the CY2024 funding process, Dr. Fowler stated that the Board should continue funding all CY2023 provider agencies for CY2024; and do research during this time to generate data to help achieve some of the goals discussed for CY2025.

Motion that the ADAMHS Board's CY2024 funding process include extending contracts, refining current, in addition to the development of outcomes; and the issuance of an RFP for unmet needs. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: B. Gohlstin / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- **SFY24/25 Budget Sub. House Bill (HB) 33 Update:**
 - The House passed Substitute HB 33 that made several changes to the introduced budget by the Governor. This bill is now under consideration by the Senate.
 - They made one devastating change to the 336-421 continuum of care line item that if passed would severely reduce allocations to the ADAMHS Boards from nearly \$72 million to \$61 million – that is \$11 million or a 15% reduction from the SFY23 base allocation.
 - This cut would be detrimental to critical community mental health and addiction services throughout the state.
 - Mr. Osiecki has been very active with OACBHA trying to add additional funding to the 421-line item.
 - Mr. Osiecki has been in contact with and speaking with Senator Dolan, who is the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. He has agreed to sponsor and introduce an amendment to the budget to restore funding in the OhioMHAS Continuum of Care line 336-421 to at least \$71,989,846 in each year of the biennium, not including the set asides and earmarks, to ensure that ADAMH Boards throughout the state continue to receive base allocations that are the same as were provided in SFY22/23.
 - Mr. Osiecki will be presenting testimony, along with Ms. Cheri Walter, Chief Executive Officer of OACBHA, and other Board Executives, to the Senate Finance Committee in the near future.
 - Mr. Osiecki's testimony includes the 421-line item.
 - Adding funding to OhioMHAS to ensure continuation of state hospital operations at current capacity levels and allow for planned expansion of necessary bed capacity in the amount of 80 new beds.
 - Adding \$143 million for the Ohio Department of Medicaid to raise community behavioral health service rates to help stabilize and strengthen the behavioral health workforce that would allow for a 20% rate increase for community behavioral health services.
- **Opioid Safety Conference:**
 - Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus and Mr. Osiecki served as session moderators during MetroHealth's Opioid Safety Conference, which transpired on Monday, May 1, 2023.
 - Mr. Osiecki moderated Novel Patient Support Programs
 - Ms. Zietlow-DeJesus moderated Harm Reduction Outreach
- **OhioMHAS CAP Update:**

- The ADAMHS Board's 2023-2025 CAP was approved by OhioMHAS.
 - We expect to have the final document to share within the next couple of weeks.
 - Originally, OhioMHAS told Board staff that the Plan was approved, but that some of the optional information that we wanted to include was incomplete.
 - Board staff discovered that in fact, all the information was included in our submission and there were just formatting issues with their document template.
 - The Board's submission was complete and correct.
 - OhioMHAS is making adjustments to the formatting of the report based on those template issues and will provide us with the final copy soon.
- **Sponsorships:**
 - On Sunday, May 21, Richanda Jackson-Birks, CIT Training Officer, took materials and spoke at the Remove the Stigma's Bowling to Remove the Stigma Event in Maple Heights.
 - Mr. Osiecki provided a reminder of the sponsorships that will be forthcoming:
 - June:
 - Saturday, June 3: Pride in the CLE - \$2,500
 - Sunday, June 11: Colors+ Family Pride Day - \$500
 - Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15: Milestones Autism Conference - \$1,000 for 4 scholarships for children with co-occurring disorders.
 - Saturday, June 17: Cuyahoga County National Council of Negro Women, Inc's, Annual Family Fun & Fitness Skate Jam and Wellness Fair at Zelma Watson George Recreational Center. - \$500
 - Saturday, June 17: Life Skills Summit for Young Men on Saturday - \$1,000
 - Sunday, June 18: City of University Hts. Juneteenth Celebration at Walter Stinson Community Park - \$500
 - July:
 - Sunday, July 30: Project White Butterfly, Butterfly Bash - \$500
 - August:
 - Sunday, August 6: Him and Me Father Daughter Dance, at Windows on the River - \$500
 - Saturday, August 19: African American Male Wellness Walk, Wade Oval - \$500
 - September:
 - Friday, September 1: 1 Prayer 4 Recovery Faith Leaders Conference 2023. Theme: "Driving Out & Guarding Against the Spirit of Addiction" at the Otis Moss, Jr. Medical Center, 8819 Quincy Avenue. - \$1,515
 - Friday, September 8: Cleveland Drug Court 25th Anniversary Gala Luncheon - \$1,000 and I am signing the Sponsorship/Invite Letter/
 - Sunday, September 10: LifeAct Move for Mental Health Run/Walk - \$1,000
 - Sunday, September 17: Epilepsy Association Race the River - \$1,000
 - Saturday, September 23: NAMI Walks, Edgewater - \$2,500
 - Saturday, September 23: StellaFest – 75th Anniversary - \$1,500
 - Saturday, September 30: EDEN's Homecoming Event - \$500
 - December:
 - Saturday, December 2: Front Steps Home for All Ball - \$1,000

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was received.

15. FOLLOW-UP

No follow-up was received.

16. AUDIENCE INPUT

No audience input was received.

17. UPCOMING JUNE AND JULY BOARD MEETINGS:

- 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
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: July 19, 2023
- General Meeting: July 26, 2023

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

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