

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2023**

Committee Members Present: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Committee Chair, Bishara W. Addison, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Steve Killpack, MS, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Absent: Ashwani Bhardwaj

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Ryan Gongaware, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Linda Lamp, Mark Onusko, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin

1. Call to Order

Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.; and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Finance & Operations Committee minutes from May 17, 2023 were approved as submitted.

[J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., arrived.]

4. Finance Reports – Board Voucher & Expenditure Reports – May 2023

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2023 was \$8,080,414 and for May Actual Year to Date (YTD) 2023, the total administrative expenses were \$3,049,673.70; that is roughly 38% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first five months of 2023. Ms. Harrison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for May 2023, there was one expense of note that was identified as the annual dues expense of \$19,000 to the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA).

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, May 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 May 2023, the Board has received \$14,299,288.45. Ms. Harrison reported that 19% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in May 2023, the Board received revenues of \$2,604,930.11.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2023 reflect that May YTD Actual is \$33,980,400.63, that is roughly 37% 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 Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month reflect that the total expenditures in May is \$7,019,908.86.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, May 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 \$2,329,558.67.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD May 2023 YTD reflects a total of \$2,104,622.51.

The Cash Flow Report, May 2023 shows the 2021 Actual, 2022 Actual and YTD thru May 2023. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through May 2023 is \$23,494,590.40.

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

5. Contracts

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

- a) Returning Home Cuyahoga Housing Pilot Program and Shelter Jail Diversion Services – \$547,837.32
 - Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. - \$306,883.53
 - FrontLine Service - \$240,953.79

Ms. Harrison reported on Returning Home Cuyahoga Housing Pilot Program and Shelter Jail Diversion Services. This Pilot program will utilize a “Housing First” model combined with comprehensive wraparound services to provide a venue for chronically homeless mental health developmental disability (MHDD) offenders to obtain permanent supportive housing within the community. The target population often experiences periods of significant incarceration and hospitalizations. This Pilot program will not only assist the MHDD Court in better understanding the housing needs of the MHDD population, but it will also encourage the local housing community to work with criminal justice agencies to provide reliable stable housing that reduces recycling and recidivism – a significant goal of the Cuyahoga County Stepping Up Taskforce. This program, once fully operational, will reduce the existing incarcerated population within the Cuyahoga County jail.

The Corrections Planning Board has funded this program from January 1, 2020. The purpose of the funding is to provide appropriate housing through Emerald Development and Economic Network (EDEN), Inc.’s scattered site housing and wraparound supportive services through FrontLine Service. EDEN, Inc. will provide rental assistance and start-up costs to purchase furniture and other housing needs. Services to be provided by FrontLine include case management, shelter diversion, peer support and care coordination. FrontLine Service staff will work closely with EDEN, MHDD Court Docket staff and the Probation MHDD Unit. The ADAMHS Board is serving as the fiscal agent for the Corrections Planning Board (CPB) with CPB monitoring the program. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept funding from the CPB in the amount \$547,837.32 and contract with EDEN, Inc. for \$306,883.53 and FrontLine Service for \$240,953.79 for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- b) Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Workforce System Capacity Building Planning Project
 - Educational Service Center (ESC) of Northeast Ohio (Fiscal Agent) - \$5,000

While the demand/need for behavioral health services outstrips the capacity of behavioral health professionals in our local community for nearly every client population segment, the situation is particularly dire for IECMH. These services, which are not typically reimbursed by Medicaid or commercial insurance for children ages 0-3 (because billable diagnostic codes are not available for all/most services provided to this age group and because providers are sometimes reluctant to offer a formal diagnosis for a very young child) are typically delivered by staff who work at community behavioral health organizations and not typically by providers in private practice. IECMH services are largely delivered in the home, versus in a provider’s office. Unlike other categories of behavioral health care that focus on treating an individual, IECMH therapies and interventions are dyadic in nature, addressing the relationship between parent/caregiver and child and their patterns of interaction. Provided services are often preventative in nature and are initiated when children display behavior that could, if untreated, lead to more severe behavioral health challenges in the future. The current capacity of the IECMH provider workforce in Cuyahoga County is insufficient to meet the current need for IECMH services, which was substantial before the pandemic and has become more acute following the pandemic’s peak. Families and agencies report long wait times for services, and agencies report that they are challenged to hire and retain staff to deliver IECMH services.

Challenges to hiring new staff include the fact that the candidate pool does not often have IECMH experience (and, reportedly, no local universities offer a degree track or specialization in IECMH) and the low number of individuals entering the field due to low pay vis a vis the educational investment needed to gain the required credentials and licensing (a master’s degree is required). Challenges to retention include low pay, productivity demands, and staff safety concerns related to the need to deliver services in homes and in neighborhoods plagued by crime and poverty – all of which lead to staff burnout. Exacerbating both recruitment and retention challenges is the fact that community-

based behavioral health agencies face stiff competition for labor from organizations that can pay more competitive wages (e.g., hospitals and managed care organizations). All of these dynamics have created a situation where the demand/need for IECMH services in Cuyahoga County significantly exceeds supply. The Funders Task Force developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) for collective impact in expanding and strengthening the availability of IECMH services, conducted a selection process, and approved Kirkland Consulting. Members of the IECMH Funders Task Force, including the ADAMHS Board are sharing costs and collaborating on this project. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to approve a cost-sharing amount of \$5,000 to the ESC of Northeast Ohio for services provided by Kirkland Consulting for the IECMH Workforce System Capacity Building Planning Project for the term of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

[Ms. Sadigoh C. Galloway, , MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, arrived.]

- c) Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS): Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health
 - Starting Point - \$441,906

The ADAMHS Board was requested to apply on behalf of several partners to OhioMHAS for the WCM Early Childhood Mental Health Grant in 2015. OhioMHAS has continued funding of this program for SFY2024 and awarded funding to the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$441,906 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Starting Point was founded in 1990 as the Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County and is now the designated child care resource and referral agency for Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake and the centralized coordinating agency for WCM referrals and data collection for Cuyahoga, Lorain, and Summit Counties.

The WCM Initiative is an effort to promote healthy social and emotional development and school readiness among children ages eight and younger through OhioMHAS. Starting Point is the centralized regional coordinating agency for WCM referrals and data collection for Cuyahoga, Lorain, and Summit Counties and will act as the intermediary fiscal agent for the current Cuyahoga WCM service provider agencies: Bellefaire JCB, OhioGuidestone and Positive Education Program (PEP). WCM services include consultation, training and on-site interventions and child/family-focused help to parents, teachers and staff to increase access to Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) services by reducing expulsions and increasing retention in early learning settings using the ECMH Family Focused Consultation model to build social emotional competency to promote resiliency. Services are provided to local home visiting programs, pediatric offices, and early learning environments, like pre-schools, in high-risk communities. The grant also includes trainings to build capacity and promote professional development regarding early childhood mental health. The WCM Initiative plans to serve approximately 600 children and families during the contract period; and provide approximately 100 consultation trainings to early childhood professionals. Board Staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept funding from OhioMHAS for the WCM Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative and to allocate \$441,906 to Starting Point for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- d) OhioMHAS: The Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI)
 - Educational Service Center (ESC) of Northeast Ohio - \$110,000

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.

OhioMHAS has allocated a salaried position for the OSWI called School Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (SBHWC) in the amount of \$55,000 per hire. Cuyahoga County has been approved for two hires, resulting in a total allocation of \$110,000. The SBHWC 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 also provide resources, online training, and guidance related to processes within the schools and with continuous improvement strategies for services to students.

In CY2024, services will be provided to Euclid City School District and serve approximately 500 students and staff through coordination and linkage to behavioral health services, resources and trainings. Funds will support the hire of two full-time SBHWCs to benefit school-age children attending Euclid City School District. The client and system impact is that these services, resources and trainings 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. Resources, online training, and guidance will be provided related to school board policy, staff development, program awareness, internal referral process, problem-solving team and case management, direct services to students, cooperation and collaboration, integration with other school-based programs, program evaluation, and continuous improvement strategies. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept funding from OhioMHAS for prevention services for the OSWI in the amount of \$110,000 for SFY2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and to contract with the ESC of Northeast Ohio to implement the program for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- e) OhioMHAS: System of Care Treatment & Recovery Services for Youth (System of Care) – \$215,796
 - Catholic Charities - \$88,296
 - OhioGuidestone - \$127,500

The System of Care Program is a collaborative effort between OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) to provide care coordination and linkage for youth and young-adults ages 14 to 25 re-entering the community from juvenile correctional institutions or other out-of-home placements. Catholic Charities' ODYS Diversion and Reentry Program provides intensive clinical counseling and case management services for youth ages 14 to 21 who are either detained or diverted. All clients receive assessment, care coordination, drug screening, and an individualized re-entry and/or relapse prevention plan. Additionally, licensed staff work with the client to identify and engage their family/caregiver in services to assist with adherence to parole or diversion requirements. The program also provides clients with linkage to psychiatric services and resources related to employment/career development, education, and housing. OhioGuidestone's Transitional Age Community Treatment (TACT) Program is designed to provide inter-disciplinary support for youth ages 16 to 25 with persistent behavioral symptoms and complex needs who reside within the community or are transitioning from out-of-home placements like hospitals, residential treatment, or juvenile correctional facilities. TACT works to reduce symptoms and progress toward stability and independence through the provision of employment/vocation, Substance Use Disorders (SUD), and peer support services.

Approximately 25 clients will be served by Catholic Charities, and 50 clients by OhioGuidestone. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept the System of Care funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$215,796 and contract with Catholic Charities for \$88,296 and OhioGuidestone for \$127,500 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- f) OhioMHAS: Crisis Funding - Children's Crisis Stabilization and Residential Services
 - OhioGuidestone - \$512,641

OhioMHAS provided Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds to the Board starting in July 2019 to enhance the Board's crisis continuum. Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds were allocated to the Board to help meet the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis in the community to access residential level of treatment. These funds are for the provision of approximately three crisis stabilization residential treatment beds at OhioGuidestone. The target population are youth ages 6 through 18 years who require intensive stabilization, assessment, intervention, and treatment in a residential setting with parents/guardians who are involved in treatment and a plan to return home upon discharge. The length of stay can be from 24 hours up to 90 days; and provides 24/7 supervision and intensive, individualized, therapeutic services for mental health and co-occurring substance abuse needs. This funding is anticipated to serve 12 clients in residential treatment depending on the length of stay.

The client and system Impact is to decrease and divert children from presenting at emergency rooms or psychiatric hospitals, decrease and divert families utilizing law enforcement to manage crisis situations with youth, decrease the number of youth admitted to out of county residential treatment and decrease the number of families who relinquish custody to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to access residential treatment. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to approve use of Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funding to contract with OhioGuidestone for Children's Crisis Stabilization and Residential Treatment in the amount of \$512,641 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- g) OhioMHAS: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Services – Pass Through Funds – \$2,561,817
- Catholic Charities Corporation for Hispanic Women's Treatment - \$59,701
 - Catholic Charities Corporation for Juvenile Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) - \$232,102
 - Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP) for AKOMA Women's Treatment - \$115,556
 - Community Assessment & Treatment Services for Therapeutic Community - \$157,570
 - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for Drug Court - \$220,500
 - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for TASC - \$810,006
 - Hispanic UMADAOP for CASA Maria Women's Treatment - \$79,813
 - Hitchcock Center for Women for Women's Treatment - \$378,882
 - New Directions for Female Adolescent Treatment - \$124,201
 - Recovery Resources for Women's Program - \$30,365
 - Recovery Resources for Gambling Treatment & Prevention - \$75,000
 - Signature Health, Inc. for ORCA House Women's Treatment - \$157,500
 - Women's Recovery Center for Women's Treatment - \$120,621

OhioMHAS issues "Pass-Through" Notice of Awards to the Board for various programs each fiscal year. The contracts are listed above; and all listed programs are 100% state/federal funded with the exception of:

- Community Assessment & Treatment Services (Therapeutic Community) - \$59,019 of the \$157,570 contract amount is Board funded.
- Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (Drug Court) - \$82,590 of the \$220,500 contract amount is Board funded.

Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept the amount of \$2,420,208 for the Federal and State pass through programs from OhioMHAS and enter into contracts totaling \$2,561,817 with the agencies identified above for services for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- h) OhioMHAS: Forensic Services Allocation
- Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$130,562

Murtis Taylor Human Services System serves as the Forensic Monitor in Cuyahoga County for the purpose of monitoring clients found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) and granted Conditional Release by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. The Forensic Monitor serves as the liaison between the entities involved in client care including the Conditional Release Unit (CRU), the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH). The Forensic Monitor role was formally created in 1996 as a result of House Bill 152 and became further defined with the enactment of Senate Bill 285, which became effective in 1997. The Forensic Monitor assesses client compliance with their individualized Conditional Release Plans, reporting updates to the courts and coordinating stabilization as needed.

Conditional Release must be granted by the Judge giving the NGRI offender permission to live in the community under specific conditions, while being monitored by the Forensic Monitor and receiving intensive behavioral health services from the CRU. Forensic Monitoring consists of intensive community support, referral/linkage to ancillary support as well as facilitation of reports and updates to the courts and OhioMHAS. The Forensic Monitor and CRU transitioned from Recovery Resources to Murtis Taylor Human Services System in May 2023. Murtis Taylor Human Services System is the primary provider for Conditional Release Services including the Forensic Monitor and CRU

in Cuyahoga County. Murtis Taylor Human Services System's Forensic Monitor will monitor between 110 -125 clients in SFY2024. These clients will receive intensive community services via the CRU Team. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept the amount of \$130,562 from OhioMHAS for Forensic Monitoring for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and to enter into a contract with Murtis Taylor Human Services System.

- i) OhioMHAS: Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention – Casino Grant
 - Recovery Resources - \$415,215

Since 2013, the Board has received funding from OhioMHAS and the former Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) to provide support to Cuyahoga County in addressing problem gambling and other addictions. Also, since 2013, Recovery Resources has been the sole provider of these services, as they are certified to provide gambling prevention and treatment services for this target population. On March 1, 2020, Ohio started a new Casino/Racino Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP). Individuals who have been signed up for the program for one year or five years may request removal from VEP. They are required to fill out an application and complete a workbook that educates them on responsible gambling behaviors and strategies. The individual must meet with a clinician who is qualified to treat clients with a Gambling disorder.

The funding from OhioMHAS is to support the continued growth and expansion of prevention and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers in Cuyahoga County. This is accomplished in the following manner:

- Web based learning and educational opportunities for professionals, including probation officers, behavioral health and physical healthcare providers.
- Online screening tools to identify problem gambling behavior.
- Community awareness and engagement through coalition efforts, including the Problem Gambling Speakers Bureau, Problem Gambling Awareness Month and the Problem Gambling Symposium.
- Gambling prevention services to college and universities, Asian communities, youth and SUD clients.
- Review applications and workbook for the VEP applicants.

Approximately 18,000 individuals will be served in Fiscal Year 2024. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to accept the amount of \$415,215 from OhioMHAS and to contract with Recovery Resources for the Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention Program for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- j) Community Needs Assessment
 - RAMA Consulting - \$113,207

The Board conducts a Community Needs Assessment every three to five years, to ensure the local public system for mental health, addiction and recovery services continues to adapt to ever-changing and high intensity demands, and that constrained resources are allocated appropriately. The assessments assist the Board in identifying areas of greatest need for client services for planning, funding, evaluating and advocacy purposes. OhioMHAS, as well as general evaluation standards, suggest that local Boards conduct a thorough Needs Assessment approximately every five years. The last ADAMHS Board Community Needs Assessment was completed on May 15, 2020, using data collected primarily from 2019. Board staff request a Needs Assessment based primarily on 2023 data, to provide the most up-to-date insights on emerging trends and continuing needs. Board staff recommend using the same consultant who worked on the Board's Strategic Plan, RAMA Consulting.

RAMA Consulting will conduct a Community Needs Assessment to inform funding and program priorities for the Board. The Community Needs Assessment will include a review of existing and publicly available data to assess county demographic trends, service usage statistics, state and federal policy influences, benchmarking data, etc., stakeholder interviews, surveys and focus groups, working groups and a final report presented to the Board of Directors. Board staff request the Board Directors to approve a contract with RAMA Consulting for the amount of \$113,207 to conduct a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment for the term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

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

6. **Contract Amendments**

- a) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-10-03, State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0: Ohio Crisis Assistance and Training Program – \$818,626.62
- Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) - \$390,000
 - Public Awareness Campaign - \$428,626.62

In November 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded Ohio's Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) Regular Services Program (RSP) to address the COVID-19 disaster. The CCP RSP Program provided resources for Ohioans impacted by COVID-19 including those with physical, intellectual/cognitive, and mental health issues and/ or substance use disorders. At this time, Ohio's constituents with physical, intellectual/cognitive, and mental health issues and/or SUD are still in need of targeted outreach and referral services due to the difficulties associated with COVID-19. Persons within this population are expected to continue to need ongoing services throughout the next year. OhioMHAS has now provided SOR 2.0 funding to the original Board CPP/RSP partners to develop or continue CCP RSP projects. Programs are to employ paraprofessionals. Staff are expected to be trained in the Mental Health First Aid model. Outcome measures, data collection processes, forms and training are being provided by OhioMHAS.

The Board is amending Resolution No. 22-10-03 to move \$25,000 allocated for Mental Health First Aid training to the public awareness campaign and to list the vendors in the campaign.

- LanguageLine Solutions
- Tungez DBA H-I Translating & Interpreting, LLC
- Fox 8
- Spectrum
- OutFront Media
- Cleveland Jewish News
- Parma Observer
- Cleveland Observer
- Lakewood Observer
- Savior-Faire Communications
- Lamar Billboard
- Radio One
- La Mega
- Audacy
- Lamar Transit
- iHeart
- Plain Dealer (Advance Ohio)
- Call and Post
- Brothers Printing
- Other vendors as needed for the NORA campaign, print, braille, videography etc.

In October 2022, this Board approved funding for NORA to operate a crisis center and hotline from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Mental Health First Aid training and public awareness campaign related to the crisis continuum of care. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to approve moving \$25,000 allocated for Mental Health First Aid training to the public awareness campaign for an amount not to exceed \$428,626.62 and enter into contracts with various vendors for the term of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

- b) Amendment to Resolution No. 23-05-04, Agreements with Attorneys for Civil Commitment Hearings

- Mark DeFranco, Esq. - \$200 per hearing

By law (Ohio Revised Code 5122), the 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.

The Board will be adding Attorney Mark DeFranco as a contract attorney to increase the pool of attorneys to represent the Board at civil commitment hearings at \$200 per hearing. For CY2023, this Board approved contracts with Attorneys Ronald Balbier, Steve Canfil, Paul Friedman, Scott Friedman, and Ted Friedman to represent the Board at civil commitment hearings at \$100 per hearing.

Attorney Steve Canfil is no longer a contract attorney with the Board as he is pursuing other opportunities. In order to be more competitive, the Board increased the compensation for the Attorneys to represent the Board at civil commitment hearings to \$200 from \$100 per hearing in May 2023. 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 Board. Attorney Paul Friedman files motions on behalf of the Board. Board staff request the Board Directors to approve a contract with Mark DeFranco, Esq. to represent the Board at civil commitment hearings for \$200 per hearing, \$100 per motion, and \$100 per hour for additional services for the term of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

- c) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-07-02, Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) Funding For Non-Medicaid Youth
- Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau - \$30,000

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) selected Aetna Better Health of Ohio to implement the Ohio Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence Program (OhioRISE), serving as the specialized managed care organization for the state's children with the most complex behavioral health needs. MRSS is an evidence based and trauma informed statewide service, included in OhioRISE coverage by July 1, 2022. It will have a statewide, centralized call center to triage and dispatch calls to local certified MRSS providers. MRSS teams are comprised of licensed supervisors, licensed therapists, certified peer supporters and has access to a nurse practitioner or psychiatrist.

ODM has allocated this funding for non-Medicaid eligible youth receiving MRSS. A review of utilized funds will take place mid-year, at which time additional allocations may be made. The statewide MRSS model is a 24/7 crisis service where a team of two providers respond in person within sixty minutes for youth up to age 21. The crisis is defined by the youth and/or family according to the MRSS model. MRSS can provide up to four to six weeks of in-home de-escalation and stabilization with the MRSS team working 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. Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau's MRSS team provides services to Cuyahoga County daily (7 days a week) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bellefaire anticipates the MRSS Program will expand hours and staffing patterns to provide services 24/7. Their team consists of licensed supervisor clinicians, licensed therapists, Qualified Mental Health Specialists (QMHS), certified peer supporter and has access to psychiatry services. OhioMHAS approved additional funding for non-Medicaid youth of \$30,000. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to amend Resolution No. 22-07-02 to increase funding by \$30,000 to Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau for the provision of MRSS for non-Medicaid eligible families in Cuyahoga County for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

- d) Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-08, Workforce Development and Transportation Program
- New Directions, Inc. (A Crossroads Health Organization) - \$8,500 (\$4,500 Workforce Development; \$4,000 Transportation)

New Directions, Inc., is an adolescent substance abuse treatment facility offering integrated services for recovery and mental health. They are committed to being the innovative leader for trauma-informed, personalized care and recovery support. Their core values are commitment to clients, belonging, collaboration, excellence, empathy, tenacity, and integrity. Their program philosophy views SUD as a primary issue. Many clients struggle simultaneously with mental health concerns and substance use so treatment involves an integrated approach in which both disorders are addressed simultaneously.

New Directions, Inc., approached the Board to request funding for the one-time support of workforce development. New Directions, Inc., completed the Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) Training introduced by the Board. Due to staffing shortages and agency costs surrounding the implementation of TCI training, New Directions, Inc., is requesting one-time funding to cover costs; and is also asking for funding to cover transportation costs that were not anticipated during the budget setting process for CY2023. These costs are related to ensuring that youth are attending required appointments. The costs include the actual transportation to appointments as well as personnel costs to accompany the youth to their appointments. Board staff is requesting the Board Directors to amend Resolution No. 22-11-08 to approve funding to New Directions, Inc. in the amount of \$4,500 for workforce development and \$4,000 for transportation for CY2023.

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

7. Identify Consent Agenda

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

8. New Business

Mr. Osiecki reported that OhioMHAS has approved the ADAMHS Board's original application for an "Adam-Amanda" Center. The next step is to work through an actual application process with OhioMHAS.

Mr. Harvey Snider requested that the ADAMHS Board's Community Assessment and Plan (CAP) be shared with the Cuyahoga County Executive, Mr. Chris Ronayne, in addition to Cuyahoga County Council.

9. Follow-up

Mr. Steve Killpack inquired with Mr. Osiecki as to whether Ms. Margaret Osborne, Northwest/Interim Northcoast Regional Liaison, Office of Community Planning & Collaboration at OhioMHAS, could attend future ADAMHS Board meetings for additional input.

10. Public Comment Period

No public comment was received.

11. Upcoming June and July Board Meetings:

- General Meeting: June 28, 2023 at FrontLine Service, 1744 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: July 19, 2023
- General Meeting: July 26, 2023

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Committee Chair