

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

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 26, 2023

### ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW  
Bishara W. Addison  
Ashwani Bhardwaj  
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.  
Erskine Cade, MBA  
James T. Dixon

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.  
Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S  
Steve Killpack, MS  
Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA  
Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

**ABSENT:** Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Vince Crowe, Erin DiVincenzo, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Esther Hazlett, Anthony Henderson, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Leslie Koblentz, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Mark Onusko, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin

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

Board Vice Chair, Patricia James-Stewart, called the General Meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Mr. Steve Killpack read into the record the Board's Mission Statement: *"Enhance the quality of life for our community through a commitment to excellence in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services coordinated through a person-centered network of community supports."*

### **2. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No audience input on agenda items was received.

*[Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., arrived.]*

### **3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Kelli Perk, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division, from the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. James T. Dixon, who was appointed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

Mr. Dixon indicated that he looks forward to working with the Board and is pleased to be an active Board Director. He reported that he lost a younger brother to a fentanyl overdose in February 2016; and shared that he is committed to the Board's mission and looks forward to helping.

### **4. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: JULY 2023**

Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer, highlighted the work produced through the art therapy program at Stella Maris, and introduced the representative in attendance – J. Subsinsky, LPC, Specialty Services Counselor; and thanked Stella Maris for their exemplary artwork. She stated that Stella Maris provides chemical dependency and mental health treatment services to anyone regardless of race, religion, gender or ability to pay. To enhance a client's treatment, Stella Maris incorporates art therapy into every level of care from the residential Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) and through individual art therapy sessions. This program has been a great experience for clients to communicate and express their journey and feelings through their artwork. Ms. Rosser presented Mr. Subsinsky with a Certificate of Participation for Stella Maris' impressive artwork display.

On behalf of Stella Maris' art program, Mr. Subsinsky, thanked the Board for all they do for the community; and shared that he was honored to attend the Board's 2023 Annual Meeting to see all the artwork from the greater Cleveland area.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 28, 2023 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

*[Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj arrived.]*

## 6. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. James-Stewart thanked Mr. Dixon for introducing himself, welcomed him to the Board and stated that the Board Chair, J. Robert Fowler, sends his congratulations as well.

## 7. **CY2023 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MIDYEAR REPORT UPDATE**

Mr. Anthony Henderson, Jr., Chief Compliance Officer, reported that the CY2023 Annual Assessments are completed throughout the year, with phases/sections completed quarterly. Each Assessment section works in conjunction to create the CY2023 Provider Annual Compliance File; and Assessments are only completed for programs that were contracted with ADAMHS Board funding. The Assessment Phases include Staffing, Client Records, Provider Site, Organizational Structure, Financial and Condensed for New Programs/Providers only. The Staffing Compliance, Client Records Compliance and Condensed Assessments are complete; however, the Provider Site Compliance, Organizational Structure Compliance and Financial Compliance are yet to be completed.

Mr. Henderson, Jr., reported that the Staffing Records Assessment was completed in the First Quarter of 2023. Board staff reviewed qualifications and certifications of staff working on the Board funded programs, which included clearly identified financial person/staff, provider agency certification/licensing, staff required licenses, certification, etc., staff criminal background checks on file, and verification of completed trainings (i.e., employment/client safety, population served, cultural diversity and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)). During this phase, Compliance staff completed a Staffing Focus discussion with provider agency staff and conversations centered on what they are doing to retain current staff and how they are going about attracting new employees.

Mr. Henderson, Jr., shared that the takeaways from the Staffing Focus discussion included the following:

- How some providers are retaining their staff
  - Offering unlimited paid time off (PTO) (including calamity days, as well as required self-care days)
  - Paid professional development (including increasing tuition reimbursement)
  - In-house reviews and revisiting pay ranges
  - Adjustments in shift differential
  - General use of staff feedback in what they are looking for from their employer (i.e., surveys, questions & answers (Q&As), etc.)
- How some providers are attracting staff
  - Engaging at campus events
  - Use of online resources (i.e., Indeed, LinkedIn, and Handshake)
  - Discussions with the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for plans to develop unique curriculum training
  - Being a second chance agency regarding ex-offenders (if within guidelines)
  - Use of Sourcing Specialists dedicated to proactive outreach about potential opportunities
  - In-house internships with plans to retain participants after completion
- One key suggestion that came from multiple providers was bringing back the ADAMHS Board Job Fair

The Client Records Assessments were completed by Board staff during the Second Quarter of 2023. Compliance Department staff reviewed records using a sample of files for clients that were participating in Board funded programs. They worked to safeguard records ensuring (paper or electronic health records) were reviewed on-site and the Assessment focused on:

- Records being stored in a secure place/fashion
- Having existing provider policy against termination of clients due to conditions
- Policy or documentation of responsibility for payment
- Individual Treatment Plan present (when required)
- Client files properly populated (i.e., assessments, documentation of consent, discharge summary, & HIPAA confidentiality)
- Learning lessons from the Compliance Assessment of 2022, adjustments were made to what was requested based on the program

Mr. Henderson, Jr., shared various points regarding the ADAMHS Board Compliance Department's Client Records Assessment File Review, which included Behavioral/Mental Health (including Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Outpatient, Recovery/Sober Housing and Detoxification Programs), Prevention, Residential Care Facilities, Crisis Services, Consultations and Hotlines. He reported that the new programs/providers compliance average was 87%; while the overall provider compliance status for existing agencies was 95% and overall program compliance status was 97%.

Non-compliance examples shared were as follows:

- Staffing & Client Records Assessments
  - Two provider instances of employee files not containing complete documentation of training
  - One provider did not have background checks contained in the employee file
- New Providers/Programs (Condensed Assessments)
  - Financial audits had not yet been submitted (Organic follow-up on these will take place in the Financial Assessment Phase)
    - Many of these instances were due to Financial Audits not being available as of the Assessment Date.
  - Providers expended less than expected allocation at time of assessment or did not have plans to expend full amount of Board funding
  - Annual Reports not yet submitted (as with Financial Audits, these were not available as of the Assessment Date)
    - These will also see organic follow-up in the Provider Site/Organizational Structure Assessment Phase

Mr. Henderson, Jr., shared that technical assistance was provided by Board staff as it related to the confidentiality component in the agency's policy – incorporating actual language (HIPAA / 42 CFR Part 2) so clients know how they are covered by federal laws and uploading documents electronically for secure/safe record keeping. Assistance was also provided in helping to correct spelling errors as it relates to the agency's Confidentiality Policy listed in the table of contents, assistance as it related to best practices – acquiring new consent as custodial parent changed during the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) sessions, assistance regarding advice and feedback on policies and procedures for provider going through the recertification process and assistance to help provider build processes and procedures to construct repeatable and replicable client files for their program.

In the Client Records Phase, there was a 30-day Corrective Action Plan (CAP) applied regarding consent to treatment for two provider programs. Mr. Henderson, Jr., highlighted that while the CAP was applied, it should be noted that the provider has already initiated the actions needed to satisfy the CAP; and will be lifted upon submission of the items noted. Lastly, he shared the overall Post Assessment Report recommendations; and responded to questions from the Board Directors. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

## **8. COLLABORATION**

### **– CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN – EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION**

Mr. Woo Jun, Director of Risk Management, reported that the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) provides a framework to ensure that Cuyahoga County will be prepared to respond to all types of emergencies and disasters that threaten the lives and property of its citizens. The EOP outlines the general responsibilities of Cuyahoga County governmental departments, partnering agencies, and community organizations in responding to an emergency event. In the EOP, the Board is a part of Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8, Public Health and Medical Services, where the Cleveland Department of Public Health and Cuyahoga County Board of Health serve as the primary agencies and the ADAMHS Board serves as one of the support agencies. The Board's main responsibility under ESF #8 is to coordinate the activities necessary to facilitate behavioral health recovery efforts and treatment services as needed for victims of an emergency event.

On Monday, July 3, 2023, a fire broke out at Terrace Towers Apartments in East Cleveland, Ohio where approximately 120 people were displaced, initially to the Salvation Army and Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), and then to hotels throughout the County. The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management reached out to the Board to see if staff could connect the displaced residents with the Board's behavioral health providers.

Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, reported on the Board's response to this emergency. She stated that 39 clients were identified as being connected to the Board's provider agencies at one time. She reported that one of the Board's crisis providers, FrontLine Service, sent an adult team out to CWRU's dorms to assist individuals that had been placed there by Cuyahoga County – who was coordinating these efforts. As a result, FrontLine Service established a temporary office at CWRU to assist these individuals. Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) also participated with assisting individuals at CWRU; and visited individuals that were relocated to local hotels. Services were also provided to Terrace Towers' residents who requested services and/or linkage. During this timeframe, the Board contacted all 14 provider agencies that had clients residing in Terrace Towers to assist, in addition to five additional agencies that are not contracted provider agencies of the Board. Also, The MetroHeath System assisted with filling prescriptions for individuals in need.

### – CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHILD WELLNESS

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children's Behavioral Health Programs, reported on the Cuyahoga County Child Wellness Request for Proposals (RFP). She shared that Cuyahoga County released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on Friday, July 21, 2023, asking local partners and service providers to pitch ideas for how to meet the needs of our community's most traumatized and at-risk youth. The goal is to develop a Child Wellness Campus that provides a safe place for children and teens to stay while receiving treatment and family resources until a more permanent and sustainable solution is established.

In Cuyahoga County, across the state, and across the nation, there is a critical shortage of treatment facilities that can serve young people who cannot remain safely with their families and have acute mental, behavioral, and/or physical health needs. Many of these children and teens have experienced trauma and may exhibit aggressive or violent behaviors. They cannot stay at home, in hospitals, or a juvenile detention facility and often end up in the care of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS); waiting for an opening at a residential treatment facility. This poses a safety risk to the youth, DCFS staff and the community.

The purpose of the RFP is to offer children and young adults ages 12-18 years in the custody of DCFS and/or served by Juvenile Court, the ADAMHS Board, or the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, safe, supervised, residential placement 24/7, 365 days a year, until less restrictive living arrangements become appropriate. The RFP is a joint project of DCFS, Family and Children First Council (FCFC), Juvenile Court, the ADAMHS Board, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Proposals are due by 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 4, 2023.

*[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., left.]*

### 9. REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF RFP FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR CY2024 & CY2025

Mr. Jun reported that the Board currently contracts with Willo Security for armed security guard services at the Board Administrative Office located at 2012 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as well as the Seasons of Hope building. Willo Security is paid for services provided on an hourly basis for armed security officers at \$23.50 per hour for regular hours, and \$35.25 for outside of normal hours and acknowledged holidays. Duties include, but are not limited to, building opening and closing inspections, foot patrol of the building, visual surveillance, visitor check-in and physical presence in the Board's entrance during employee arrival/departure times and even meetings, responding to emergency situations, completing incident reports and daily logs, and participation in workplace violence reduction trainings and procedure drills. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors approve the issuance of an RFP for armed security guard services at the Board Administrative Office, as well as the Seasons of Hope building for calendar year 2024 and 2025, with a possible 1-year extension for calendar year 2026. The term for the RFP process is Tuesday, August 1, 2023, through Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-01**

- **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR CY2024 & CY2025**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07-01.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, J. Dixon, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

### 10. FINANCE REPORT

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 June Actual Year to Date (YTD) 2023, the total administrative expenses were \$3,905,391.31; that is roughly 48% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first six months of 2023. Ms. Harrison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for June 2023, the Board received an indirect chargeback from the County, which is \$337,483. This covers the processing of the Board's financials; and was roughly the same amount last year. One additional voucher noted was JAGI Cleveland Independence LLC for \$13,909.48, which was the payment to the hotel for the Board's CY2023 Annual Meeting.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, June 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 June 2023, the Board has received \$15,536,644.91. Ms. Harrison reported that 21% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in June 2023, the Board received revenues of \$1,237,356.46.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2023 reflect that June YTD Actual is \$41,607,116.79, that is roughly 45% 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 June is \$7,626,716.16.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, June 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 revenue received for grants YTD is \$2,513,532.04. The total grant expenditures is \$2,908,010.40.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD June 2023 YTD reflects that the revenue received is \$2,117,140.41. The Diversion Center expenses through the end of June is \$2,735,405.21.

The Cash Flow Report, June 2023 shows the 2021 Actual, 2022 Actual and YTD thru June 2023. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through June 2023 is \$17,105,230.70.

Ms. Harrison reported that on Thursday, July 6, 2023, Cuyahoga County Council passed Resolution No. R2023-0194, which states that half of the ADAMHS Board's annual subsidy of roughly \$21.7 million would be transferred to the Board. The fiscal office received the signed Resolution on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, for the actual transfer to occur. Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, shared that this scenario is also occurring with other Cuyahoga County organizations as well.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-02**  
**ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING JUNE 2023**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07-02.** MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, J. Dixon, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

## 11. **CONTRACTS:**

1. The Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) Tool Usage Renewal for the 2023-2024 School Year
  - Aperture Education Services - \$8,885

Mr. Henderson, Jr., reported that the DESSA is a web-based set of instruments that consists of strength-based assessment components for school-age children. There are four instrument versions in use with two instruments designed for children in kindergarten through 8th grade and two instruments designed for high school age children. For each grade range of students there is a short screening instrument with eight questions (DESSA-mini) and a comprehensive instrument with 72 questions (full DESSA) for use with children who demonstrate the need for additional social-emotional training. All four instruments measure eight key social-emotional strategies to yield social-emotional competence and resilience. For students who demonstrate educational needs in learning one or more of the eight social-emotional strategies there are curriculum materials on-line for training to those needs. These materials include research-based interventions, a video library and ongoing support and technical assistance. The web-based system allows unlimited screenings per child, assessments and access to strategies per license/student. This will allow access to the DESSA tool for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

The Board purchased the DESSA in CY2016 as a means to measure performance outcomes for the school-based initiative and subsequently, the alcohol and other drug prevention agencies. During CY2019, due to the success of the web-based system, the Faith-based agencies were included as part of the program to measure the performance. The DESSA-mini instrument, while effective at measuring social emotional learning, does not provide the detail needed for monitoring Board funded SUD prevention programs. Beginning in 2021, SUD prevention service providers are monitored using an instrument developed in-house (the Prevention Workbook) so the number of licenses needed has

been reduced. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors approve the proposed agreement with Aperture Education Services for the DESSA web-based system for \$8,885 for the term of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

2. OhioMHAS: Specialized Docket Support – Payroll Subsidy – \$455,000
  - Cleveland Municipal Court - \$200,000
  - Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - \$210,000
  - South Euclid Municipal Court - \$45,000

Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, reported that as part of the State of Ohio State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2017 biennial budget, the Ohio Legislature appropriated funds to OhioMHAS to assist specialized dockets with their operational costs in an effort to increase and expand these programs statewide. In SFY2017 and SFY2018, The Department pushed the funds directly to the courts in one lump payment per Court. The Department allocated these funds to ADAMH/CMH Boards beginning with SFY2019.

These funds assist Drug Courts and specialized docket courts to direct offenders with a mental health and/or SUD diagnosis to appropriate supervision and treatment resources in the community, thereby reducing commitments to the prison system. The primary legislative intent of these funds is to assist courts with their payroll costs for specialized docket staff. Historically, over 95% of reported expenditures were for payroll costs. However, feedback received from these courts was a desire to have more flexibility for the use of these funds. Therefore, allowable expenses now include behavioral health treatment services, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) medications, urinalysis, and recovery supports. For expenditures other than payroll costs, these funds may only be used for individuals who are under the jurisdiction of the court, and who have been admitted to the specialized docket. The only exception to this is diagnostic assessments to determine program eligibility. Clinical services, including MAT, must be provided by agencies certified by OhioMHAS. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors accept Specialized Docket Support funds in the amount of \$455,000 from OhioMHAS and approve agreements with the above-named courts for specialized docket support in the amounts designated for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Mr. Harvey Snider reiterated his concerns regarding the minimal number of courts that receive Specialized docket Support funds from OhioMHAS. He reported that he feels that in the municipal court system, the Drug Courts and Specialized Docket Courts, are the basic foundation for getting treatment; and implored staff to investigate why more municipal courts do not participate in this vital function.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-03**  
**APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07-03.** MOTION: S. Rosenbaum / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, J. Dixon, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

12. **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-06-03, Co-occurring Residential Treatment for Men
  - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men - \$420,000 (\$260,000 New Funding)

Ms. Harrison reported that this request is amending Resolution No. 21-06-03 to extend the term through June 30, 2025 and adding \$260,000 of new funding for a total of \$420,000. The Corrections Planning Board's Co-occurring Residential Treatment for Men Program provides residential treatment services for SUD and Mental Health (MH) Treatment for Felony level offenders. This program has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board for over a decade and has been extremely successful in the provision of treatment services for a population comprised of co-occurring SUD/MH clients. Most clients in this program are on an ongoing Mental Health Court docket. An estimated total of 150 male co-occurring clients will receive residential treatment services in SFY2024 and SFY2025; and 100% of this funding is used to fund co-occurring treatment services at Matt Talbot for Men. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors to amend Resolution No. 21-06-03 to accept new funding from the Corrections Planning Board for the Co-occurring Residential Treatment for Men Program in the amount of \$260,000 for a total of \$420,000 for the term of July 1, 2023

through June 30, 2025 and enter into a contract amendment with Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men to extend the term through June 30, 2025 and add \$260,000 new funding for a total of \$420,000.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-06-03, Early Intervention Program (EIP)
  - Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS) - \$271,000 (\$40,000 New Funding)

This request is to amend Resolution No. 21-06-03 to extend the term through June 30, 2025 and add \$40,000 of new funding for a total of \$271,000. The Corrections Planning Board's Early Intervention Program (EIP) provides SUD Treatment for offenders adjudicated and remanded to the County Jail by Municipal Courts. This funding enables the early release from jail of such clients subsequent to the completion of Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) SUD assessment/American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level of Care determination. This program has been funded by the Corrections Planning Board for over a decade and has been extremely successful in supporting access to treatment for low level misdemeanor offenders. An estimated total of 40 clients will receive ASAM 3.5 Level of treatment services in SFY2024 and SFY2025; and 100% of this funding is used to fund treatment services at CATS. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 21-06-03 to accept new funding from the Corrections Planning Board for the Early Intervention Program in the amount of \$40,000 for a total of \$271,000 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 and enter into a contract amendment with CATS to extend the term through June, 30, 2025 and add \$40,000 new funding for a total of \$271,000.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-04-04, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) II – \$990,000 Pooled Funding (\$490,000 New Funding)
  - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men
  - Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Women
  - Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS)
  - Stella Maris
  - Hispanic UMADAOP
  - Hitchcock Center for Women

This request is to amend Resolution No. 22-04-04 to extend the term through June 30, 2024 and add \$490,000 of new funding to the pool for a total of \$990,000. The Corrections Planning Board's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program provides evidence-based Residential Level of Clinical Care Services for offenders with SUD who are provided supervision by the Court's Adult Probation Department and only supports clinical service delivery. Clients are assessed and diagnosed and receive post-residential aftercare case management by TASC. RSAT I was funded by the Court/Corrections Planning Board since 2015, and successfully funded SUD services for men and women remanded for treatment by the Court. In 2022 this funding was expanded to include a larger pool of providers and resulted in a new program cycle (RSAT II); and an estimated total of 88 clients are expected to receive RSAT services in SFY2024. 100% of this funding is used to support RSAT II services at Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men, Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Women, CATS, Stella Maris, Hispanic UMADAOP, and Hitchcock Center for Women. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-04-04 to accept new funding from the Corrections Planning Board for the RSAT II program in the amount of \$490,000 for a total of \$990,000 in pooled funding for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and enter into a contract amendment with the following providers: Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Men, Catholic Charities/Matt Talbot for Women, CATS, Stella Maris, Hispanic UMADAOP and Hitchcock Center for Women.

Ms. Harrison reported that Ms. Dori Mittinger, a representative from the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors regarding Amendment to Resolution No. 21-06-03, Co-occurring Residential Treatment for Men, Amendment to Resolution No. 21-06-03, EIP and Amendment to Resolution No. 22-04-04, RSAT II.

4. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-08, Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. Class 2 Residential Facility Peer Seal of Quality Program – Not to Exceed \$3,500

In 2018, the Board implemented the Peer Seal of Quality Program to conduct home visits of the Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) that have been awarded contracts to provide housing to individuals with mental illness funded through the

Board's Residential Assistance Program (RAP). Based on the success of the initial two years of the Peer Seal of Quality Program, and improving COVID-19 conditions, the Board resumed the program in 2022. Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. Peers will perform the home visits. During the home visits the Peers will perform a walk through and visual assessment of the residence, take photos, complete a checklist and provide a recommendation of a "Peer Seal of Approval." The home visit is not a licensing inspection – all of the homes will already be licensed by OhioMHAS. The Peers will be looking for cleanliness, upkeep of the property (carpets, floors, cabinets, appliances, visual leaks, utensils, etc.), supply, availability and quality of food, clean sheets and towels, adequate toiletries, etc. Board staff is recommending approval to enter into an agreement with Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. to conduct home visits to the contracted ACFs as part of the Peer Seal of Quality for ACFs Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.

In 2023, the Board developed a "preferred list" of RAP Class 2 Residentials (also referred to as ACFs) to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for individuals living with mental illness. The Peer Seal of Quality for ACFs Program is designed to help the Board with maintaining this process. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors approval to enter into an agreement with Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc. to conduct home visits to the contracted ACFs as part of the Peer Seal of Quality for ACFs Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for the term of August 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

5. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-04, Class 2 Residential Facilities RAP Payment Increase – \$2,500,000 (No New Funding – Increase in Allowable Amount per Resident, per Month from \$1,100 to \$1,600)
  - Class 2 Residential Facilities are Listed on Attachment A of Agenda Process Sheet

On July 14, 2023, OhioMHAS notified the Board that the monthly allowable Residential State Supplement (RSS) amount per client, per month was being increased from \$1,100 to \$1,600, with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Historically the Board has matched OhioMHAS's RSS rates for the RAP program. RAP is intended to provide financial rental assistance to indigent/low-income adult clients (18 and over) receiving Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) and/or Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) services from a contract agency of the Board so that the client can live in a Class 2 Residential Facility in the community. RAP is targeted for indigent/low-income adult clients that are discharge ready from an institutional environment such as a hospital, nursing home, jail, Class 1 Residential Facility (RCF), Cuyahoga County Diversion Center or Crisis Stabilization Unit. Once the RAP recipient starts receiving SSI/SSDI, they are required to apply for the OhioMHAS RSS program, which requires the client to have Social Security and Medicaid. Once approved, the client transitions off of the RAP program, and onto the OhioMHAS funded RSS program. This program provides temporary assistance to over 200 clients living with mental illness.

The ADAMHS Board has developed a list of Class 2 Residential Facilities (ACFs/Group Homes) to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for individuals living with mental illness; and utilizes its RAP funds to currently provide up to \$1,100 per month per client to the operators of Class 2 Residential Facilities. The Board also provides \$200 per RAP client (not receiving SSI/SSDI) for personal living expenses. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors increase the maximum monthly RAP allowance per resident from \$1,100 per month to \$1,600 per month for clients residing in ADAMHS contracted Class 2 Residential Facilities and being served in the RAP program for the term of August 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-04**  
**APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07-04.** MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, J. Dixon, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

**13. 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE UPDATE**

Mr. Osiecki stated that the Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan positions the Board and its service delivery system for success in a continually changing and increasingly demanding behavioral healthcare environment and includes the following six goals: 1) Strengthening Service Delivery System, 2) Measuring Impact, 3) Maximizing Available Funding, 4) Maintaining a High Performing Organization, 5) Strengthening Behavioral Health Workforce, and 6) Sharing Information. This plan is a living document that will be modified with the ever-changing environment, reviewed and updated as needed with periodic updates provided to the Board Directors on the goals achieved and progress made on the plan.



Mr. Osiecki provided a detailed review of each of the six goals outlined in the Board's 5-Year Strategic Plan by sharing a few of the activities and progress made on each of the identified goals, in addition to DEI achievements, during the last quarter, which includes Saturday, April 1, 2023, through Friday, June 30, 2023. In total, 24 pages of accomplishments were made during the last quarter. (The 5-Year Strategic Plan and DEI in Behavioral Health Care Quarterly Update is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit and can be found on the Board's website.)

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

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

- **OhioMHAS Budget Overview:**
  - The SFY2024/2025 State Budget was signed by the Governor on July 4, 2023 and was favorable for behavioral health:
    - 421 continuum of care line item maintained and increased to \$107,489,000. \$72 million in base allocations should remain the same for Boards. There was an additional nearly \$6 million placed in this line item, and the Boards are advocating that this funding goes to them.
    - 10% increase in Medicaid rates to providers for behavioral health direct services. The Director of Medicaid specifically noted that the percentage increases will not necessarily result in a direct 10% increase for every agency. This is not known at this time – until the Boards see the actual rate proposals.
    - \$7 million for problem gambling.
    - Increased investment in the Residential State Supplement (RSS) line.
    - Changes to Board composition to 15, 12 or 9 members; if currently a 14- or 18-member Board.
    - Boards can receive information related to agency certification and investigations included in statute.
    - Recovery housing certification.
- **County Office of Budget Management:**
  - Ms. Harrison and Mr. Osiecki will be meeting with representatives from the County's Office of Budget Management to discuss CY2024/2025 funding from the Health & Human Services Levy.
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Training:**
  - Ms. Tolbert, Mr. Osiecki and several staff members participated in a CCBHC training that was hosted by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA).
- **All Provider Meeting:**
  - An All Provider Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2023 with approximately 100 representatives from the Board's provider agencies.
  - The All Provider agenda included a presentation from Eleos, an organization that integrates and automates the entire behavioral care workflow, freeing clinicians from operational burdens, letting them focus on care itself.
  - Ms. Jess Saker, Director of Information Technology (IT), spoke about email and data security.
  - Ms. Harrison reported on the Behavioral Health rate increases and Mr. Osiecki presented the CY2024 Funding Process.
- **Table of Organization:**
  - Mr. Osiecki distributed the revised Table of Organization and shared the changes that he has made regarding a number of positions within the Board. (The revised Table of Organization is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)
- **MetroHealth Health Fair:**
  - Ms. Bishara Addison and Ms. Rosser wanted Mr. Osiecki to inform everyone that MetroHealth is hosting their first-ever Multicultural Women's Health Fair and Empowerment Expo on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Ms. Addison and Ms. Rosser attended an informational meeting about the event.
  - The event is held in collaboration with The Vernon Foundation and will feature health screenings and information at the Huntington Convention Center.

- The Board will continue to be part of the planning team, as they are for the Minority Men's Fair that Dr. Charles Modlin has spearheaded for 20 years, now through MetroHealth.
  - The Board will be an exhibitor at the event.
- **2023 Client Annual Summer Event: Behavioral Health Client Wellness & Resource Open House**
    - The Board's Client Rights Department has been busy planning its Client Summer Event - the Behavioral Health Client Wellness and Resource Open House, which will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
    - Various contract agencies and other community vendors will be organized at the Board's Administrative Offices on the 6th floor.
    - Clients will have an opportunity to walk around and engage in free health screenings and learn about important community resources and programs.
    - Board staff look forward to having representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Emerald Development and Economic Network (EDEN), Inc., Legal Aid, Recovery Resources, Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and others.
    - All participants will enjoy a pizza lunch and clients will receive a small gift from the Board.
    - An informational flyer will be mailed to clients and provider agencies to be shared with clients.
    - Details of the event will be found on the Board's website; and anyone with additional questions may contact the Board's Client Rights Department at Extension 819 or Extension 825.
  - **In other event news:**
    - Mr. Osiecki shared that if anyone is interested and available to attend either of the following two events that the Board is sponsoring, please let Ms. Rosser know:
      - The Project Butterfly Bash will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in North Royalton, featuring food trucks, the Dispelling Stigma Display, and a Live Butterfly Release
      - The Run for Recovery 5K walk-run will be held Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Mr. Erskine Cade commended Ms. Addison, Mr. Osiecki and everyone that sat through the most disappointing budget cycle he has ever participated in during his 30-year tenure; and shared his thoughts on a number of Bills. He reported on House Bill 1, which would modify the law regarding property taxation and income tax rates; and Senate Bill 83, which deals with DEI and the penalties that will be put in place for colleges and universities, for professors, students and others, which include criminal penalties for DEI activities. As a result, how does this translate to the work that the Board does with provider agencies; and how will they follow through with some of this, based upon the criteria that has been identified?

## **15. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Harvey Snider thanked Mr. Cade for his comments regarding the state legislature; and the possible implications on the Board and its policies. He requested that Mr. Osiecki should consider discussing these implications with legal counsel to ensure that the Board conforms to the proposals being put forth.

Mr. Snider shared that on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, President Biden announced that his administration is moving forward with new rules meant to push insurance companies to increase their coverage of mental health treatment. The new regulations, which still need to go through a public comment period, would require insurers to study whether their customers have equal access to medical and mental health benefits and to take immediate remedial action. The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) passed by Congress requires insurers to provide the same level of coverage for both mental and physical health care. Mr. Snider shared that he participated approximately twenty years ago in testimony before the Ohio Legislature for parity for mental health; for which they were successful. He shared that OACBHA, together with all the boards, need to publicly comment on the administration's proposal for increased coverage of mental health treatment for millions of insured Americans.

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch shared a highlight regarding art therapy. She stated that House Bill 33 contains language relative to art therapy licensure; and reported that this language was originally stricken forty years ago. Advocates have been lobbying for it ever since.

*[Mr. Steve Killpack, MS, left.]*

## **16. FOLLOW-UP**

Dr. Leslie Koblentz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, reported on the Behavioral Health (BH) hospital beds at the new Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Mentor, Ohio. She shared that she spoke with Mr. Brian Tilow, Senior Vice President at Cleveland Clinic Health System, and Leopoldo Pozuelo, M.D., Director of Psychiatry at Cleveland Clinic Health System, regarding this matter. Dr. Koblentz reported that this new hospital in Mentor is very small; and was never intended to have psychiatric services from the beginning. This hospital is a pilot or primary care for this region and was designed to be a mini hospital; but did not continue using the word mini hospital due to the dislike of what it conjured up. She reported that anything medically acute is sent to Hillcrest and do not keep anyone there. Dr. Koblentz stated that Mentor has 34 inpatient medical beds, 23 outpatient beds, 19 Emergency Room beds, 4 Operating Room beds and 2 psychiatric safe swing beds in the Emergency Room. Overall, Cleveland Clinic psychiatric, if fully staffed, has 202 psychiatric beds in Cuyahoga County and 269 with Akron included. They have 13 child beds at Fairview, Lutheran has 100 beds, Marymount has 74 beds (unfortunately a 16-bed unit is closed due to a staffing shortage), and Euclid has 15 beds for geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Koblentz reported that Cleveland Clinic will be sending 2,000 patients out to non-Cleveland Clinic units because the demand is so high (January 2023 through December 2023).

Dr. Koblentz also noted that MetroHealth (Cleveland Heights, Ohio) currently has 20 beds for thought disorder, 20 beds for mood disorder, 12 beds for dual diagnosis and 8 beds for psychiatric medical; and will be doing transfers to MetroHealth psychiatric beds 24/7. University Hospitals does not have psychiatric inpatient beds for adults in Cuyahoga County; but have 10 beds for children in Cuyahoga County.

#### **17. AUDIENCE INPUT**

No audience input was received.

#### **18. UPCOMING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: September 6, 2023
- Planning & Oversight Committee Meeting: September 13, 2023
- Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: September 20, 2023
- General Meeting: September 27, 2023
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: October 4, 2023
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: October 18, 2023
- General Meeting: October 25, 2023

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.***

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

**Approved by:**

***Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Vice Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County***