

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.	Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS
Bishara W. Addison	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Steve Killpack, MS
Erskine Cade, MBA	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
James T. Dixon	

ABSENT: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, June Bird, Ada Cancel, Danielle Clark, Vince Crowe, Ryan Gongaware, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Brittany King, Linda Lamp, Joseph Mealing, Mark Onusko, Tiffany Ponds-Kimbrow, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Joicelyn Weems

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., called the General Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Josiah Quarles, Director of Organizing and Advocacy for the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), shared that he had some comments regarding the Diversion Center and the allocation for funds regarding homeless services around seasonal shelter and/or care response. He reported that there is an extreme need in the community for seasonal shelter. There are 15 beds currently and last year there were approximately 100 beds, which means that there are far less going into the seasonal need for shelter; and a recognition that a large number of individuals have had traumatizing experiences with the shelter system and do not want to return to these shelters. As a result, having an alternative has been a very useful opportunity for individuals to get stabilized, connect with resources and get through the housing process. He encouraged Board Directors to support this endeavor.

Mr. Quarles also noted the Board's withdrawal from the Diversion Center for reallocation of resources toward the Crisis Center. His understanding was that the ADAMHS Board did not want to deal with criminal justice issues. He shared that he wanted to remind everyone of the intersectionality of behavioral health, homelessness and the criminal justice system is something that cannot be ignored and cannot be tiptoed around. In all of our decisions we need to hold that central, which leads us to care response. He shared that he has done a lot of work on care response with individuals present and is really thrilled that this is moving forward, however, shared that he has some concerns with the way it which it is moving forward. There was a very small amount of community engagement that was strategically placed and that happened over a course of about three months with one individual taking charge. He reported that there have been other volunteers who have been working to educate the public on what that is, but if the public does not know what it is they cannot utilize it; and can cause confusion, which can lower the quality of the outcomes. Mr. Quarles highlighted that there should be an integration into the 911 system with the city and county at large. Also, within this process, there needs to be a sense of accountability.

3. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, introduced three new ADAMHS Board staff, Ms. Tiffany Ponds-Kimbrow, Mr. Joseph Mealing and Ms. Joicelyn Weems.

Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow, Director of External Affairs, is an alumna of Cleveland State University and has returned to her hometown of Cleveland after serving in various marketing and communications leadership roles in Las Vegas, most recently with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) William S. Boyd School of Law. Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow started at the Board on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Mr. Mealing, Director of Human Resources, started at the Board on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the role of Director of Human Resources. An Alumni of Ashford University located in San Diego, California, Mr. Mealing returned to Ohio after serving in the Marine

Corp. Since then, Mr. Mealing has worked as a Correction Officer for Lorain, before transitioning into the Human Resources profession working for both small and large cap companies.

Ms. Weems, External Affairs Officer, transitioned into her new role as External Affairs Officer on Monday, September 25, 2023. In her previous role, Ms. Weems had been a Training & Education Officer with the ADAMHS Board since 2021.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Fowler reported that recently he apprised the Board of the current situation involving the new Crisis Center and the existing Diversion Center. At the time he reported that the County had issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for continued oversight of the Diversion Center for the next three years. He reported that the Board was leaning in the direction of not responding to this RFP since we were turning our attention to the creation and management of the Crisis Center and the Diversion Center's focus was turning in a direction which wasn't necessarily in line with the Board's mission. There was a somewhat negative reaction to this intention on the part of some in County Government. Mr. Osiecki provided updates during the September Planning and Oversight, and Finance and Operations committees.

Since Dr. Fowler's previous report, Mr. Osiecki has met with Ms. Brandy Carney, the County's Director of Public Safety & Justice Services, who has proposed working in partnership with the Board to transfer the services offered at the current Diversion Center to the Behavioral Health Crisis Center in CY2025. Ms. Carney is offering to extend the current contract with the Board for the Diversion Center for one year to continue operations in CY2024. She has spoken with Mr. Chris Ronayne, County Executive, who agrees with this proposal. In addition, a portion of the operating funds for diversion services would be provided by the County for the Crisis Center. During CY2024 the County and the Board will work in partnership with the development of the Crisis Center.

Dr. Fowler reminded the Board Directors that the annual training/retreat is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 28, 2023, at the Board's administrative offices.

On behalf of the ADAMHS Board of Directors, Dr. Fowler presented a proclamation expressing their gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Ada Cancel, Resource Specialist, upon her retirement for her long-standing service to Cuyahoga County. Ms. Cancel began her career with the former Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) in August 1999, and because of her outstanding work ethic and attention to detail, she obtained her position as Resource Specialist for the ADAMHS Board upon the consolidation of the CCCMHB and the former Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board of Cuyahoga County in July 2009. Ms. Cancel proved herself a valuable asset by working with residential facilities that serve our clients, and through her tenacious efforts she was a great steward of public funds.

5. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: SEPTEMBER 2023

Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow highlighted that the Board's client artwork display currently features work produced through FrontLine Service's art workshops. This exhibit showcases 57 artworks created through the Children of Incarcerated Parents and Permanent Supported Housing Programs. These works introduce a variety of mediums, techniques and themes. Selected works explore ideas of identity, place, self-expression and collaboration. Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow introduced the local artist educator, Mr. Guy Vincent, who led the workshop and curated the pieces featured in this exhibition. Mr. Vincent has internationally exhibited and collected multidisciplinary artists in our educator based in Cleveland, Ohio. His permanent art collection includes locations in Italy and Eaton Corporation Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. His significant honors include the Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist's Excellence Award, The Jurors Selection for Local and National Art Competitions in art curation for international solo and group art exhibitions. He has managed and directed a range of creative workshops engaging some of the most vulnerable and at-risk populations, which have resulted in monumental public art installations, exhibitions and community-based projects. Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow thanked Mr Vincent for sharing his talents and the talents for those he supports.

Mr. Vincent thanked the Board for their support and highlighted that art programs are fantastic programs, whereby the connection between individuals on a personal level; and seeing individuals grow and being enthusiastic to collaborate is phenomenal.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER / DIVERSION CENTER DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR BOARD SUPPORT

Mr. Osiecki provided an update regarding the Behavioral Health Crisis Center and the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. He reported that Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, and he have met with Ms. Carney and Ms. Jill Smialek, Deputy Director. Ms. Carney, who is presently in the process of discussing this agenda item with Cuyahoga County Council, and Board staff have agreed to move forward with an extension of the current contract with the Board to oversee the Diversion Center for one year to continue operations in CY2024, which includes the Board's provision of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, Oriana House's participation with the operations and FrontLine Service's participation with the Call In Center.

During CY2024 the County and the Board will work in partnership with the development of the Crisis Center, including diversion services there as well. Originally, when the Diversion Center started, it was a temporary location at the present location. Next steps include meeting with The MetroHealth System, St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center and the Cuyahoga County Executive and his team to discuss specifics relative to this partnership. In addition, a portion of the operating funds for diversion services would be provided by the County for the Crisis Center.

One of the items that Cuyahoga County is requesting is that a Detoxification (Detox) Center is located at the Behavioral Health Crisis Center as well. As a result, a discussion was had with St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center; and due to their history with Rosary Hall, they are open to this request. Also, a discussion was had regarding Oriana House and how they would be incorporated into providing some diversion services at the Crisis / Diversion Center. Ms. Carney indicated that she will be working on developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Board as partners on the Crisis / Diversion Center.

Motion of temporary support for the effort of the Chief Executive Officer to move forward with the Behavioral Health Crisis Center / Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY REPORT

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, Community Relations & Advocacy (CR&A) Committee Chair, reported on the CR&A Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The Board Directors heard the following items of discussion:

- The Board previously approved a \$20,000 State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) 3.0 Overdose Awareness Day grant that allowed the ADAMHS Board to sponsor the "Waves of Awareness" Event, put on by Stella Maris, which honored the lives of the 5,000+ Ohioans who lost their lives to overdose in the last year.
- The Board approved a \$1,500 mini-grant to fund gifts from the Happy Thoughts Candle Co. to be awarded to outstanding workers within the Behavioral Health community to be presented in October in recognition of Week of Appreciation.
- Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, presented on Suicide Prevention Month, its background, and current statistics. She also shared events and trainings pertaining to Suicide Prevention.
- Ms. Ponds-Kimbro shared the media tracking report. There were 44 media mentions since May 5, 2023. 38 were positive and 6 were neutral. There were no negative media mentions.
- There was also widespread media coverage, specifically, for the upcoming Behavioral Health Crisis Center and the Fend Off Fentanyl Act. Both were mentioned by various print, websites, and television outlets. Mr. Osiecki and a psychiatrist and healthcare consultant, Dr. Mark Hurst's, Op-ed on Care Response was published in the Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com.
- Ms. Ponds-Kimbro then provided social media and website tracking reports, which showed gains in engagement (up 30%) on X, née Twitter; and audience growth was up 42% across all social media platforms. Website traffic was down over the Summer but should rebound as more campaigns will direct users to the Board's website.

9. PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight (P&O) Committee Chair, reported on the P&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The Board Directors heard the following items of discussion:

- Crisis Intervention & Harm Reduction Services

Ms. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist I, introduced Ms. Anita Bradley, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Peggy Kearsey, Project Coordinator, from Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA). Ms. Bradley founded the organization in 2004 and boasts 33 years in personal recovery. She stated that "Treatment options should be flexible. People are different and we should afford them flexible interventions." We recognize the fact that Northern Ohio has a wonderful group of individuals in recovery, and we should capitalize on their capital. NORA was born on this premise, i.e., system support, mentoring, education and community mobilizing. This mobilizing can be taken literally, as they have a highly visible camper van that travels eastside/westside with an emphasis on underserved areas. The ADAMHS Board has a billboard about their services on the westside, and their most recent intervention strategies were available for displaced residents of the Terrace Towers Apartment fire in East Cleveland. These two women and their associates are fueled by their passion in crisis intervention and harm reduction services.

- Ms. Tolbert presented on a variety of provider agencies that can benefit with Federal pass-thru funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS):
 - the Access to Wellness Program contracted by The Centers to support stabilization of high utilizers of the behavioral health system. They have served 243 clients.
 - Outpatient Competency Restoration Education Allocation with Murtis Taylor Human Services System for individuals involved in nonviolent offenses found incompetent to stand trial by the Court but can benefit from legal education.
 - FrontLine Service is the provider for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH).
 - Over 500 State Forensic Evaluations contracted with the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic. The current Psychologist, Dr. Arnoff, who is retiring, and the new Psychologist, Dr. Dylan Songer, were present.
 - The Addiction Treatment Program with the Drug Court has 11 identified agencies who provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals with dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both.
 - South Euclid Municipal Court will receive funding for their Mental Health Court Program.
- Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children's Behavioral Health, requested an Amendment to Resolution No. 23-07-03, adding 2 additional juvenile dockets to Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.
- Ms. Yarbrough-Franklin requested allocation of funds to The Centers for Community Solutions - AIDS Funding Collaborative for Calendar Year (CY) 2024 from the ADAMHS Board budget.
- Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, requested accepting funding from the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, case services contract to subcontract with Recovery Resources for vocational rehabilitation services.
- Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, requested funding for the Identification Crisis Collaborative, which helps Cuyahoga County residents with limited financial means to obtain their official identification documents. The Bridge Foundation oversees over 90 staff and volunteers to assist and advocate on their behalf.
- Ms. Sizemore also introduced representatives from the Metanoia Project who work to build authentic relationships with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The ADAMHS Board will provide funding.
- Mr. Woo Jun, Chief Operating Officer, provided the following:
 - Board show of support is needed to move forward on Crisis Capital Plan applications for Northeast Ohio Collaborative "Adam – Amanda" Centers.
 - Ratification of Board submission of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025-2030 Community Capital Plan to OhioMHAS.

- Reviewed Policy Statement Renewals for:
 - Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors Policy, and
 - Non-Discrimination and Cultural Competency Policy

- The P&O Committee had discussion on the Behavioral Health Crisis Center, the Diversion Center, and Care Response.
- Mr. Osiecki also provided a handout on OhioMHAS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency COVID19 Grant Infographics.
- During Public Comment, Ms. Elaine Schleiffer provided comments regarding the Care Response Update; and Ms. Rosie Palfy, a Veteran and Homeless Advocate, shared that she has concerns that the Care Response Team pilot will not be utilized throughout the Cuyahoga County suburbs.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-01**

APPROVAL OF CRISIS CAPITAL PLAN APPLICATIONS FOR NORTHEAST OHIO COLLABORATIVE “ADAM – AMANDA” CENTERS

Mr. Jun reported that for part 1 of the ARPA funding for \$45 million, OhioMHAS issued an RFP in March 2023 for Ohio’s Crisis Continuum for infrastructure improvements, suitable for one-time capital funding for “Adam – Amanda” Centers for the Northeast Ohio Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH) catchment region. The Northeast Ohio Collaborative (NEO Collaborative) submitted one proposal for four “Adam – Amanda” Centers in the counties of the NEO Collaborative and was awarded a total of \$5,969,956.50. OhioMHAS Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to assure the building will be used for the purpose described in the Application unless written authorization is obtained from OhioMHAS.

OhioMHAS Assurance Statement requires the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to approve the Application with an assurance of an intent to support applicant’s program consistent with the Application, and in addition, to annually monitor the program and operation of the facility. OhioMHAS requests a board resolution from the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to reaffirm and provide support for the following projects:

- ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County/Signature Health ORCA House: Renovation and startup costs at ORCA House at 3001 Prospect Avenue in Cleveland for 16-beds. Project will include completing renovations, a security system, medical equipment, electronic health record fees, lease costs, and signage, along with bridge funding to cover operational costs to get up to a sustainable level of occupancy to cover non-revenue producing administrative positions. The total project cost is \$1,450,800 (\$1,305,720 request from OhioMHAS & \$145,080 from ADAMHS Board).
- Geauga County Board of MHRS/Ravenwood Health: Renovation and startup costs at a property now owned by Geauga County Board of MHRS for up to 16-beds. Project will include roofing, a generator, flooring/carpet, painting, plumbing, a security system, furniture/appliances, IT equipment and setup, etc., along with startup costs. The total project cost is \$1,260,000 (\$1,134,000 request from OhioMHAS & \$126,000 from Geauga County Board of MHRS).
- Lake County ADAMHS Board/Crossroads Health North Coast House: Demolition and new construction at 225 Mentor Avenue in Painesville for 16-beds. Project will entail complete demolition of the existing structure and new construction. Total project cost is \$3,372,485 (\$3,035,236.50 request from OhioMHAS & \$337,248.50 from Lake County ADAMHS Board).
- Lake County ADAMHS Board/Signature Health C.H. Everett Clinic: Renovation and conversion from a SUD residential treatment center to a dedicated short-term mental health residential facility at 225 Mentor Avenue in Mentor for 16-beds. Project will include removal of nurses’ station, addition of offices for counselors and a group room, and replacing the floor, along with startup costs. Total project cost is \$550,000 (\$495,000 request from OhioMHAS & \$55,000 from Lake County ADAMHS Board).

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-09-01. MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-02**

APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2025-2030 COMMUNITY CAPITAL PLAN

Mr. Jun reported that the SFY2025-2030 Community Capital Plan identifies requests for capital projects that align with previously submitted Community Assessment Plans (CAP) by the ADAMHS Board. OhioMHAS issued a notice to all Boards that it is in the

process of preparing the next six-year capital plan for submission to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM). OhioMHAS will use the local system's capital plan submission to develop the community section of its capital plan request to OBM. All Boards that anticipate requesting capital funds at any time in the next six years must submit a Capital Plan to OhioMHAS. The Capital Plan includes a project worksheet form for each individual project.

Providers submitted proposed projects to the ADAMHS Board and staff reviewed and prioritized projects according to ADAMHS Board priorities according to the CAP. Information submitted by providers that included other funds leveraged, client and/or family member involvement and project readiness were considered in the prioritization process. OhioMHAS does not anticipate receiving capital appropriations sufficient to fund all projects in the State but generally will fund the top two capital projects. The Board's Community Capital Plan and prioritization of projects can be amended each SFY as needed and requested by OhioMHAS.

No Board funding required. OhioMHAS funding to be used for capital construction and/or renovation. Other third-party funding is provided through the requesting agency. Board staff is recommending the Board Directors ratify the ADAMHS Board's submission of the SFY2025-2030 Community Capital Plan to OhioMHAS that was due and submitted on September 8, 2023. (The SFY2025-2030 Community Capital Plan is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-09-02. MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

POLICY STATEMENT RENEWALS – 1st Reading & Official Vote

- **RECRUITMENT OF ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY**
- **NON-DISCRIMINATION AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY POLICY**

Mr. Jun highlighted the minor revisions needed to update the policy statements up for renewal, Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors Policy and Non-Discrimination and Cultural Competency Policy. The revisions made to update the policies have been enumerated on separate documents. Mr. Jun reported that the Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors Policy states it is the policy of the ADAMHS Board that candidates for Board of Directors should reflect demographically the community of Cuyahoga County and the ADAMHS Board Nominating Committee will be authorized to make recommendations for Director positions of the ADAMHS Board for state and county appointments. This policy shall be utilized whenever a Director's vacancy occurs or upon the need for a new Director to replace a Director who is not in good standing as a result of the failure to attend meetings as prescribed in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC).

The Non-Discrimination and Cultural Competency Policy states that it is the policy of the ADAMHS Board not to discriminate in the provision of services, hiring and employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability (including AIDS and related conditions) or genetic information. The ADAMHS Board contractually requires funded service providers to abide by all non-discrimination rules, regulations and statutes. Furthermore, the ADAMHS Board encourages the providers to formulate their own non-discrimination and cultural competency policies.

The ADAMHS Board has an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, and applicable court cases. These regulations and applicable court cases state, in part, that no person will, solely by reasons of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability (including AIDS and related conditions) or genetic information, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination.

The ADAMHS Board believes that it is essential that all aspects of the organization be reflective of the diversity of the communities that it serves and that it strives to become and remain culturally and linguistically competent. As a culturally and linguistically competent organization, the ADAMHS Board shall incorporate skills, attitudes, and policies to ensure that it is effectively addressing the needs of clients and families with diverse values, beliefs, gender identities, and sexual orientations, in addition to backgrounds that vary by race, ethnicity, religion, and language.

Given these policy revisions being proposed contain minor modifications of existing policies, a reading at one General Board Meeting is required prior to an official vote for adoption. As there were no other changes proposed, the committee voted to recommend approving the revised policies to the full Board.

Given no further discussion regarding the policy statements up for renewal, a call for a motion was entertained.

Motion to approve the Policy Statement Renewals labeled Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors Policy and Non-Discrimination and Cultural Competency Policy. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

10. FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Bishara Addison, Finance & Operations (F&O) Committee Vice Chair, reported on the F&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, and highlighted the Behavioral Health Crisis Center, Vouchers, Contracts and Contract Amendments as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 23-09-03 through 23-09-07

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-03**
APPROVAL OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER

Mr. Jun reported that on January 6, 2023, Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 45, which appropriated \$90 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for OhioMHAS to support Ohio's Crisis Infrastructure. For Part 2 of the ARPA funding for \$45 million, OhioMHAS issued an RFP in May 2023 for Ohio's Crisis Continuum for infrastructure improvements, suitable for one-time capital funding for Behavioral Health Crisis Centers. The ADAMHS Board, in collaboration with the MetroHealth System and St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center, submitted a proposal for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center at the St. Vincent's campus and was awarded a total of \$6,836,629.

The three components to the Behavioral Health Crisis Center capital funding, a 24/7 Crisis Intake/Receiving Center, 24/7 Psychiatric Emergency Services/Department (PES/PED), and 24/7 16-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), along with startup funding for The MetroHealth System and funding for a project manager are detailed as follows:

1. Crisis Intake/Receiving Center (\$2,182,000): the Crisis Intake/Receiving Center is located near the existing PES/PED in an estimated 2,800 square feet of space. This area will be renovated to house the crisis intake, receiving, triage, and urgent care services that will have a living room-like atmosphere. The Crisis Receiving center space will be on the first floor of the St. Vincent's ambulatory care pavilion. It will include a dedicated entrance with pick-up and drop-off area for individuals presenting on their own or with loved ones, separate from a first responder drop-off point.
2. PES/PED (\$1,467,000): PES/PED will be receiving an aesthetic upgrade, new furnishings, and technological improvements in its approximate 6,200 square feet of space.
3. CSU (\$2,085,000): the CSU will be located on St. Vincent's second floor, immediately above the PES/PED and Crisis Intake/Receiving Center, with nearby elevator access from the Crisis Intake/Receiving Center. The CSU will provide client care for 7-14 individuals. The renovation will be for approximately 10,800 square feet of this space.
4. Startup Funding for The MetroHealth System (\$1,002,629): The MetroHealth System will be delivering the services at the Behavioral Health Crisis Center and will receive startup funding for initial staff recruitment, onboarding, and 4-8 weeks of orientation and training prior to full operation.
5. Project Manager (\$100,000): the ADAMHS Board will contract with a Project Manager to oversee the renovations and deadlines with the capital improvements.

The P&O and F&O Committees have reviewed ADAMHS Board staff's recommendation and recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Behavioral Health Crisis Center project, accept funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$6,836,629 and authorize the ADAMHS Board to enter into any necessary contractual agreements.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-04
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CEO ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT
DURING JULY 2023 AND AUGUST 2023**

Ms. Addison reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2023 was \$8,080,414 and for August Actual Year to Date (YTD) 2023, the total administrative expenses were \$5,087,978.44; that is roughly 63% of the total Administrative Budget. As a result, the Board is on track with expenses for the first eight months of 2023. Ms. Addison highlighted that relative to the Board Voucher Report for August 2023, there were a few expenses of note that were identified as the annual liability insurance expense of \$62,911 to Maguire Insurance Agency and the annual expense of \$8,885 to Aperture Education LLC for the Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA), which is a nationally standardized, strength-based behavior rating scale that assesses students' social and emotional competence with editions that support students K-12.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, August 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 August 2023, the Board has received \$44,771,781.48. Ms. Addison reported that 60% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflected that in July, the Board received revenues of \$22,427,310.42; whereby the Board received the Cuyahoga County subsidy of \$21,731,830 for the first six months of 2023. In August 2023, the Board received revenues of \$6,807,826.15.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actuals for 2023 reflect that August YTD Actual is \$54,417,393.09, that is roughly 59% 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 July is \$5,287,257.65. The total expenditures in August is \$7,523,018.65.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, August 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 \$3,876,977.86.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD August 2023 YTD reflects a total of \$3,770,537.22. The total revenue reflects a total of \$3,759,882.72.

The Cash Flow Report, August 2023 shows the 2021 Actual, 2022 Actual and YTD thru August 2023. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through August 2023 is \$33,530,090.97.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-05 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. OhioMHAS: Psychotropic Drug Grant Funds
 - Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$24,014

The Board received notification from OhioMHAS and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department relative to the award granted to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for the reimbursement of funds expensed for Psychotropic medications in the jail. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept \$24,014 from OhioMHAS to be distributed to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department as pass-through funds for the term of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 for Psychotropic medication.

2. OhioMHAS: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement Program
 - Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department - \$13,758

The Board received notification from OhioMHAS and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department relative to the award granted to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for the reimbursement of funds expensed for MAT in the jail. Board

staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept \$13,758 from OhioMHAS to be distributed to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department as pass-through funds for the term of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 for the MAT Reimbursement Program.

3. Youth-led Prevention Funding for the Teen Institute Program
 - Recovery Resources - \$22,474

Since 1981, Recovery Resources' Teen Institute's overall goal encourages students from Cuyahoga County to participate in training opportunities throughout the year in order to learn how to effectively implement prevention programs. These trainings are highly effective; as students engage in activities that increase Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) knowledge and learn leadership skills to become positive peer role models in their schools and communities. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept the amount of \$22,474 for the Teen Institute Program and contract with Recovery Resources for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

4. Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion – \$1,342,263.57
 - Stella Maris - \$150,000
 - Geauga County MHARS Board - \$85,000
 - Lake County ADAMHS Board - \$191,050
 - Lorain County MHARS Board - \$70,000
 - Applewood (Cuyahoga County) - \$315,606.78
 - Applewood (Lorain County) - \$315,606.79
 - Ravenwood - \$150,000
 - Silver Maple Recovery Center - \$65,000

As part of the SFY2018/19 State Budget, OhioMHAS allocated funding by region to expand the availability of Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis Stabilization services. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County continues to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Mental Health Crisis expansion for the Collaborative. OhioMHAS once again allocated regional funding for SFY2024. The Collaborative has selected the following agencies to provide additional and/or continued services in SFY2023:

- o Four WM Beds - Stella Maris - \$150,000
- o Jail Treatment Professional - Geauga County MHARS Board - \$85,000
- o MAT in the Jail Program - Lake County ADAMHS Board - \$130,000
- o Crisis Line Expansion - Lake County ADAMHS Board - \$61,050
- o MAT in the Jail Program - Lorain County MHARS Board - \$70,000
- o Children's Crisis Beds - Applewood (Cuyahoga County) - \$315,606.78
- o Children's Crisis Beds - Applewood (Lorain County) - \$315,606.79
- o Two Crisis Beds – Ravenwood - \$150,000
- o Two WM Beds - Silver Maple Recovery Center - \$65,000

The number of individuals to be served will depend on the length of stay and utilization of each bed. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors authorize contracts and funding allocations for the Northeast Ohio Collaborative: Withdrawal Management/Detoxification and Crisis Bed Expansion for the providers and amounts listed above, totaling \$1,342,263.57 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

5. Access to Wellness Program – A2W (formerly Multisystem Adult Program – MSA)
 - The Centers - \$1,254,198.67

Funding was provided by OhioMHAS to develop a strategic approach (individualized by community) to strengthen system collaboration to support long-term wellness for adults with frequent psychiatric hospitalizations touching multiple human services and/or criminal justice systems. Program utilization increased during SFY2023 as more became aware and began to utilize the program.

The Centers uses this funding to support the stabilization of high utilizers of the behavioral health system. This program services clients with two or more psychiatric hospitalizations or Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) stays in the past year,

who have touched one or more other systems, including criminal justice, developmental disabilities, aging (over 65), homeless or veteran systems. This program also supports clients currently incarcerated in jail and diagnosed with a serious mental illness by a licensed clinician and clients involved in the Outpatient Competency Restoration Program (without having to meet the psychiatric hospitalization/CSU stay criteria). This funding is used to address client's basic needs required for their community stabilization. Supports include housing – short-term housing, rental and security deposits, utility assistance to prevent or reverse service interruptions, treatment services, food insecurity, transportation, and other services needed for clients to maintain their sense of well-being, security and comfort in their chosen environment. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept \$1,045,000 from OhioMHAS and enter into an agreement with The Centers to provide the Access to Wellness Program for a total of \$1,254,198.67, including SFY2023 approved carryover funding, for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

6. Outpatient Competency Restoration Education Allocation
 - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$90,618.09

Outpatient Competency Restoration is designed for people with a mental health disorder or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorder who are found incompetent to stand trial and are court-ordered to participate in competency restoration treatment. Senate Bill 2, which was signed into law by Governor DeWine on April 27, 2021, aims to improve access to and increase the quality of mental healthcare in Ohio by making reforms to Ohio's competency restoration procedure to allow nonviolent offenders to receive competency restoration treatment in outpatient settings, rather than in the state psychiatric hospital. Allowing outpatient restoration treatment will help to ensure that state psychiatric hospital beds remain available for Ohioans suffering from serious mental illness. OhioMHAS will provide a yet to be determined amount of funding to the Board for the educational component of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process.

Staff of the Murtis Taylor Human Services System will meet with individuals involved in nonviolent offenses found incompetent to stand trial by the court to provide legal education as part of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process. Staff will meet for one to two hours each week with the individuals for no more than two months to ensure that the clients understand the charges, legal representation and actions of the court. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept funding from OhioMHAS for the Outpatient Competency Restoration Program in the amount of \$83,000 for SFY2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and to contract with Murtis Taylor Human Services System for a total of \$90,618.09, which includes approved SFY2023 carryover, to provide the educational component of the Outpatient Competency Restoration process for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

7. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program
 - FrontLine Service - \$529,617.33

FrontLine Service is the ADAMHS Board provider of homeless services, is the only PATH provider in Cuyahoga County, and has annually received PATH pass-through dollars since 1993. The PATH Program goal is a harm reduction approach for the provision of support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, connecting the individual to housing, behavioral health services, and community resources. Federal requirements for the PATH Program stipulate that its purpose is to transition individuals by being a short-term outreach and engagement initiative. Once a client agrees to be linked or referred to services, the client becomes enrolled. Once the referral is made to a community mental health agency, the client begins to receive services from the agency provider. Outreach services are conducted in the streets, under bridges, in parks or abandoned cars and buildings in Cuyahoga County. Once stabilized, the enrolled client is transitioned to community mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction provider agencies for ongoing services and community reintegration. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors approve funding for the PATH Program to FrontLine Service in the amount of \$529,617.33 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

8. OhioMHAS: State Forensic Evaluations
 - Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$529,918

This allocation was developed to provide, through a system of Designated Community Forensic Evaluation Centers, forensic evaluations of defendants to determine competence to stand trial and mental condition at the time of offense (sanity) for courts of common pleas. The Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic serves as the Community Forensic Evaluation Center in Cuyahoga County. The Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic also provides facilitation of Second Opinion Evaluations for persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) who are hospitalized at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH) and determined discharge ready.

In addition to Competency Evaluations, the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic provides Second Opinion Evaluations for persons, referred by NBH Forensic Units, who are considered near discharge ready for the community (Conditional Release ready). Once a recommendation for potential conditional release has been made by rendering the Second Opinion Evaluation from the Court Psychiatric Clinic, the report is forwarded to the sentencing judge who will determine if Conditional Release should be granted. Conditional Release must be granted by the Judge giving the NGRI offender permission to live in the community under specific conditions and monitored by the Conditional Release Unit. Once in the community, clients receive intensive services from Murtis Taylor's Conditional Release Unit (CRU) and are monitored by their Forensic Monitor. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept the amount of \$529,918 from OhioMHAS for Forensic Evaluations for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and to contract with the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic for the provision of evaluation services.

9. Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) SFY2024 Allocation – \$600,000
 - Catholic Charities-Matt Talbot for Men and Women
 - Cleveland Treatment Center
 - Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS)
 - Hitchcock Center for Women
 - The MetroHealth System
 - Moore Counseling
 - Recovery Resources
 - The Salvation Army
 - Stella Maris
 - Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC)
 - Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)

OhioMHAS approved funding for SFY2024 for ATP. The ADAMHS Board acts as the fiscal agent to draw down funds in the OhioMHAS grant system and pass the funds to the contracted providers for services rendered. ATP provides treatment and recovery support services to individuals who are eligible to participate in Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Drug Court as a result of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both. Clients will receive Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services, as necessary. Clients will be enrolled by Drug Court staff and services will be provided by ADAMHS Board contracted agencies certified by OhioMHAS.

SUD treatment and recovery supports, inclusive of MAT medications used to treat SUD clients with opioid addiction, assessments, Intensive Outpatient Services (IOP), Outpatient Services (OP), urinalysis, recovery supports, including recovery housing, transportation, ID services, employment/training, peer support, and assisting in Medicaid applications. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept funding from OhioMHAS for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for ATP in the amount of \$600,000 and to enter into contracts with the listed providers.

10. Mental Health Court Program (MHCP)
 - South Euclid Municipal Court - \$7,500

The MHCP funds behavioral health treatment and recovery support services to clients that are involved with selected Mental Health dockets. Awarded funds are allocated to the ADAMHS Boards and passed through to the Mental Health Court to finance treatment and recovery support services for eligible clients. Treatment for MHCP clients is provided by a community behavioral health services provider certified by OhioMHAS. South Euclid Municipal Court has continued to receive funding from OhioMHAS for their Specialized Docket each year since 2020. The South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court has been Ohio Supreme Court certified since 2019. The South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court Judge is The Honorable Timothy Sterkel.

Time-limited recovery supports may be utilized to help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs. These include assistance with housing, transportation, childcare, job training, obtaining a driver's license or state identification card, or other matters considered relevant by the provider or Court. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept OhioMHAS funding for the Mental Health Court Program in the amount of \$7,500 and to contract with South Euclid Municipal Court for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

11. AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) Funding Renewal

- The Center for Community Solutions (fiscal sponsor of the AFC) - \$150,000

Since its inception in 1994, the AFC has leveraged and invested over \$13 million to support HIV/AIDS-related prevention efforts, care and services, training and evaluation activities in Greater Cleveland. The ADAMHS Board has been a funding partner of the AFC since 2006 - leveraging funds to amplify results related to strategic HIV prevention and care including services for mental health, addiction and harm reduction strategies related to intravenous drug use, in addition to transportation, housing, and employment support. The ADAMHS Board's presence and expertise as a collaborative partner promotes the critical need for prevention and care services for and by individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The ADAMHS Board has two votes in decision-making, with both a Board member (Mr. Harvey Snider) and a staff member (Ms. Yarbrough-Franklin) sitting on the AFC Advisory Committee.

The mission of the AFC is to strengthen the community's response to HIV/AIDS, as a public/private partnership providing coordination, leadership, advocacy, and funding in Cuyahoga County. The AFC is a funding partnership that includes private philanthropic funders, government agencies, medical professionals, community organizations, and people living with HIV/AIDS. AFC funding partners include: ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County; Cuyahoga County; Cleveland Department of Public Health; The Cleveland Foundation; The George Gund Foundation; and The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation.

The AFC does not provide direct services to individuals. Instead, AFC funding partners work together to support grantees with an annual combined grantmaking budget of over \$425,000 for community HIV prevention and care programming and capacity building. The exceptions are outreach & training – and community initiatives such as championing social marketing campaigns for viral load suppression. So far in 2023, AFC funds supported programming at 14 different grantee organizations, including Circle Health Services, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine, Harm Reduction Ohio, Healthcare Access Worldwide, the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland, Ministry of Hope, Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, Project LIFT Services, ROOTED in the Community, Serenity Health & Wellness, Sero Project, University Settlement, Ursuline Piazza, and We Think 4 A Change. The AFC also convenes workshops and trainings for the HIV community, including events for World AIDS Day; an advocates' forum on HIV & Aging; webinars and conferences about innovations in prevention and treatment; and online discussions about research toward an HIV vaccine. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors approve the allocation of funds to the Center for Community Solutions-AIDS Funding Collaborative in the amount of \$150,000 for the term of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

12. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), FFY2024 Case Services Contract – \$1,223,237.23

- Recovery Resources - \$451,037.23

The purpose of the OOD contract is to help adults and transitional youth ages 16-22 with mental illness and alcohol/drug dependence obtain and maintain employment. The OOD contract will serve clients in Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board will subcontract with Recovery Resources to provide case management activities to clients in need of vocational rehabilitation services. Recovery Resources has years of experience providing vocational rehabilitation services to the target population.

Recovery Resources will provide case management activities to clients in need of vocational rehabilitation services that will help them obtain and maintain competitive employment. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors approve the agreement with OOD case services contract in the amount of \$1,223,237.23 which includes \$937,487.82 of OOD funds plus the required ADAMHS Board match totaling \$285,749.41; and approval of the distribution of the

OOD funding and ADAMHS Board match funding in the following manner for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024:

- Contract with Recovery Resources in the amount of \$451,037.23.
- Pooled fund managed by OOD for case services budgeted costs in the amount of \$772,200 to be paid directly to the provider agency.
- ADAMHS Board match totaling \$285,749.41 provided to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

13. Identification Crisis Collaborative (IDCC)

- Bridge Foundation - \$101,000

The IDCC is a project founded in 1999 with the charitable purpose of helping Cuyahoga County residents with limited financial means to obtain their official identification documents (birth certificates, state IDs, etc.) in order to access housing, medical care, education, employment, and other vital services and programs. The IDCC consists of a team of over 90 staff and volunteers at agencies, churches, shelters, outreach centers, and rehab facilities around Cuyahoga County that are trained by the IDCC to assist individuals with obtaining documents and advocate on their behalf. The IDCC will provide bus tickets to enable the people served to travel to the locations necessary to obtain documents or an ID (Cleveland Vital Statistics at City Hall, five area Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), etc.). The IDCC will train providers throughout the year on new State and Federal rules regarding IDs such as Real ID, new BMV rules, etc.

The IDCC consists of 36 agencies, shelters, treatment facilities, neighborhood outreach centers, churches, shelters, etc., in Cuyahoga County, which provide assistance with essential identification documents for individuals with low income and who are homeless. The IDCC also provides advocacy and help navigating systems when expensive and hard-to-obtain documents are required for basic needs and services. Due to this year's funding from the ADAMHS Board, The Community West Foundation funded a part-time Training Specialist and the IDCC was able to expand their list of service sites by adding Mary's Home. The Bridge Foundation continues to serve as the Fiscal Sponsor while the IDCC works to register its own IRS designation as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

In April 2023, the Ohio Legislature enacted a law that focused on new, extremely strict voting procedures. This included a provision making IDs free for Ohioans 17 years of age and older. Due to this policy, the IDCC will be able to increase the number of individuals and families with Birth Certificates, replacement and renewal Driver's Licenses and Commercial Driver's Licenses and court marriage and name change documents. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors authorize funding to the Bridge Foundation - Identification Crisis Collaborative for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$101,000.

14. "Adam – Amanda" Center

- Signature Health - \$145,080

As previously stated, on January 6, 2023, Governor Mike DeWine signed into law House Bill 45, which appropriated \$90 million in ARPA funds for OhioMHAS to support Ohio's Crisis Infrastructure. These funds will be used to help strengthen Ohio's statewide mental health and addiction services system, specifically pertaining to crisis services. For part 1 of the ARPA funding for \$45 million, OhioMHAS issued an RFP in March of 2023 for Ohio's Crisis Continuum for infrastructure improvements, suitable for one-time capital funding for "Adam – Amanda" Centers for the Northeast Ohio Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH) catchment area. The Northeast Ohio Collaborative (NEO Collaborative) submitted one proposal for four "Adam – Amanda" Centers in the counties of the NEO Collaborative and was awarded a total of \$5,969,956.50.

OhioMHAS awarded funding in the amount of \$1,305,720 which requires a 10% match from the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$145,080 for a total project cost of \$1,450,800 for one-time capital funding to support Ohio's Crisis Infrastructure for a short-term residential facility, "Adam – Amanda" Center, located at ORCA House, 3001 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Capital funding will go towards renovations and startup costs at ORCA House, including completing physical renovations, a security system, various medical equipment, electronic health record fees, lease costs, signage, and bridge funding for operational costs. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept capital funding from OhioMHAS on behalf of Signature Health in the amount of \$1,305,720 and contract with Signature Health for the 10% match in the amount of \$145,080 for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.

15. State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) 3.0 “Overdose Awareness Day” Grant from OhioMHAS
 - Stella Maris, Inc. - \$20,000

The Board applied for the OhioMHAS SOS 3.0 Grant and was approved for the full amount of \$20,000 for advertising and informational materials for an Overdose Awareness Day event called “Waves of Awareness.” Stella Maris, Inc., is serving as the local coordinator for the Overdose Awareness Day event and is contracting with a variety of vendors for promotional materials for the event. The Board will enter into an agreement with Stella Maris, Inc., to utilize the grant funds for approved purposes. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept SOS 3.0 grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 from OhioMHAS for advertising and informational materials for a “Waves of Awareness” event in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day that was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, and contract with Stella Maria, Inc., in the amount of \$20,000 for the term of August 10, 2023 through September 15, 2023.

16. Week of Appreciation Mini-grant from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA)
 - Happy Thoughts Candle Co. - \$1,500

OACBHA will provide the Board with \$1,500 in mini-grant funding from OhioMHAS to support and recognize local first responders and those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders. Week of Appreciation will take place Sunday, September 17, 2023, through Saturday, September 23, 2023. This mini-grant funding will be used to purchase candles from Happy Thoughts Candle Co. and each candle will have a label with words of encouragement and appreciation. A small card will be included with each candle. Provider agencies will be asked to nominate two staff members to be recognized for their work directly with individuals with substance use disorders. Nominated staff members will receive a Week of Appreciation Candle in recognition of their hard work and dedication. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept OACBHA Week of Appreciation funding in the amount of \$1,500 from OACBHA and contract with Happy Thoughts Candle Co. for \$1,500 for the term of September 1, 2023 through September 29, 2023.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-06**

- **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE METANOIA PROJECT HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT:**

The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support – \$75,000

The mission of the Metanoia Project is to build relationships with and address the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness through the seasonal overnight hospitality center. It is anticipated that Metanoia will be the only seasonal unsheltered provider operating in the Greater Cleveland area. Since 2007 the Metanoia Project has consistently provided overnight hospitality to about 200 unique unsheltered homeless guests each year in Cleveland. Last season they assisted 240 guests that stayed at least one night and provided 4,295 hot meals. The overnight program operates during the months of November through April with the goal of supporting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and to help them prepare to move into stable, permanent housing in addition to improving their mental and physical well-being. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors approve funding for the Metanoia Project in the amount of \$75,000 for the term of November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-07 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-10-03, Security Services Contract – No New Funding
 - Willo Security
 - U.S. Protection Services, LLC

Willo Security will be merging with U.S. Protection Services, LLC d.b.a. Royce-U.S. Protection Services effective October 1, 2023. As a result, the contract will be amended to reflect a name from Willo Security to U.S. Protection Services, LLC. Armed security guard services provided at the Board’s administrative office located at 2012 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as Seasons of Hope building during the hours of 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Saturday. Duties include but are not limited to: building opening and closing inspections; foot patrol of building, visual surveillance, visitor check-in and physical

presence in the ADAMHS Board entrance during employee arrival/departure times and evening meetings, responding to emergency situations, completing incident reports and participation in workplace violence reduction trainings and procedure drills. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend the contract to reflect a name change from Willo Security to U.S. Protection Services, LLC. for the term of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

2. Amendment to Resolution No. 23-07-03, Specialized Docket Support – SFY2024
 - Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court - \$80,000

As part of the State of Ohio SFY2016-2017 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 State Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, 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.

In addition to Specialized Dockets already receiving an OhioMHAS Allocation for SFY2024, OhioMHAS notified the Board that two additional juvenile dockets would also be receiving funding. 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, 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 that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 23-07-03 to accept Specialized Docket Support funds in the amount of \$80,000 from OhioMHAS, and to approve agreements with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, Family Drug Court, with Judge Kristin Sweeney for \$35,000 and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, Juvenile Drug Court, with Judge Thomas O'Malley for \$45,000 for Specialized Docket support for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

3. Amendment to Resolution No. 23-06-02, Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health
 - Starting Point - \$479,859.42

The WCM Initiative is an effort to promote healthy social and emotional development and school readiness among children ages eight and younger through OhioMHAS. 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. The Board contracts with Starting Point as the intermediary fiscal agent for the current Cuyahoga WCM service provider agencies: Wingspan (Applewood and Bellefaire JCB), OhioGuidestone and Positive Education Program (PEP). Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 23-06-02 to include approved carryover funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$37,953.42 and to amend the contract with Starting Point to reflect the total of \$479,859.42.

4. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-09-05, Contract for Consulting on Crisis Continuum of Care
 - Kathryn A. Burns-Hill, M.D., M.P.H. - \$150 per hour not to exceed \$150,000 (No New Funding)

Kathryn A. Burns-Hill, M.D., M.P.H., will provide consulting services related to changes occurring in the Cuyahoga County's Crisis Continuum of Care, including an analysis of the impact of St. Vincent's closure announcement. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-09-05 to extend the time period through September 30, 2024 and enter into a contract amendment with Dr. Kathryn A. Burns-Hill, M.D., M.P.H.

5. Amendment to Resolution No. 23-06-02, Allocation of OhioMHAS Pass-through Funding for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Services
 - Women's Recovery Center dba Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services - \$120,621

OhioMHAS is sending Women's Recovery Center dba Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc's. (LCADA) pass-through funding to the Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County as LCADA is based in Lorain County. The Board will terminate LCADA's SFY2024 Contract for LCADA to contract with MHARS Board of Lorain County. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 23-06-02 to terminate the SFY2024 contract with LCADA and enter into a contract amendment to terminate the SFY2024 contract by agreement with LCADA for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

6. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-09-05, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program
 - FrontLine Service - \$43,398.18

FrontLine Service is the Board's provider of homeless services, is the only PATH provider in Cuyahoga County, and has annually received PATH pass-through dollars since 1993. The PATH Program's goal is a harm reduction approach for the provision of support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, connecting the individual to housing, behavioral health services, and community resources. Federal requirements for the PATH Program stipulate that its purpose is to transition individuals by being a short-term outreach and engagement initiative. Once a client agrees to be linked or referred to services, the client becomes enrolled. Once the referral is made to a community mental health agency, the client begins to receive services from the agency provider. OhioMHAS approved additional funding for the SFY2023 PATH Program in the amount of \$43,398.18. There is no match requirement from the ADAMHS Board. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution 22-09-05 to increase funding for the PATH Program to FrontLine Service in the amount of \$43,398.18 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

7. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-08, Reallocation of Crisis Funds
 - FrontLine Service - \$110,000

FrontLine Service submitted a request to the Board to reallocate funds between two crisis programs to address a projected deficit for the Strickland Crisis Stabilization Unit. FrontLine Service is experiencing increased costs, including overtime, related to vacant positions in the Crisis Stabilization Unit. The amendment will reallocate funds from the Adult Mobile Services Program to the Strickland Crisis Stabilization Unit awarded to FrontLine Service in 2023. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 22-11-08 to reallocate crisis funds in the amount of \$110,000 in the FrontLine Service contract for the term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

8. Amendment to Resolution No. 20-11-04, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Program – No-cost Term Extension
 - FrontLine Service
 - Oriana House

The DOJ's purpose in this OJJDP Program is to promote and expand services in detention and correctional facilities to incarcerated individuals and their minor children, and provide services to children of incarcerated parents, to reduce violent crime, protect law enforcement (correctional officers), and reduce recidivism. DOJ has extended the timeframe for the use of this funding to December 31, 2023. FrontLine Service and Oriana House, Inc. still have funding available and will have their contracts amended with a no-cost extension through December 31, 2023. In September 2020, the Board received a three-year award from the DOJ, OJJDP, for its Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Program. This funding enabled the expansion of the existing Healthy Families Build Strong Communities (Healthy Families) Program.

Healthy Families aims to directly improve public safety across Cuyahoga County by improving outcomes for incarcerated parents, their children, and the custodial parents/caregivers. Through this grant award a multi-faceted collaborative effort has been implemented which improves services through supports, strategies, and activities that foster positive family engagement, reduce violence and recidivism, and promote safe facilities, homes, and communities. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 20-11-04, Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children Program, to extend the term of the contracts with both Frontline Service and Oriana House, Inc. until December 31, 2023.

9. Amendment to Resolution No. 21-02-02, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP), Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Diversion Center
- Oriana House - No-cost Term Extension

The DOJ's purpose in the program is to reduce crime and increase public safety by reducing drug abuse. The program supports first responder diversion programs, to direct persons away from justice system involvement and into treatment. DOJ has extended the timeframe for the use of this funding to December 31, 2023. Oriana House, Inc. still has funding available and will have their contract amended with a no-cost extension through December 31, 2023. The project serves residents in Cuyahoga County who have presented at the Diversion Center and who exhibit signs of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), stimulant use, or other substance use. The purpose of this project is to provide access to rapid assessment, MAT induction, behavioral health counseling and peer recovery supports to divert them from future involvement in the criminal justice system. The creation of these services on site within the Diversion Center is intended to reduce the impact of opioids, stimulants, and other substances, including a reduction in overdose fatalities, and mitigate the impact on crime victims. Client enrollment and engagement is voluntary. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 21-02-02, the DOJ, BJA COSSAP, to extend the term of the contract with Oriana House, Inc. until December 31, 2023.

10. Amendment to Resolution No. 23-06-03, Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) Funding for Non-Medicaid Youth
- Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau - No-cost Term Extension

MRSS is an evidence based, trauma informed, statewide service, included in OhioRISE coverage. It has 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. OhioMHAS has approved a no-cost extension for previously allocated funding for non-Medicaid eligible youth receiving MRSS Services. OhioMHAS originally approved \$30,000 in funding.

The Bellefaire JCB MRSS team provides services to Cuyahoga County seven 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 supervisors, licensed therapists, Qualified Mental Health Specialists (QMHS), certified peer supporters and has access to psychiatry services. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors amend Resolution No. 23-06-03 to extend the time period of the contract with Bellefaire JCB for MRSS funding until June 30, 2024.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 23-09-03 through 23-09-07). MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- **CY2024/2025 Biennial Budget Meeting:**
 - Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Osiecki met with the Office of Budget & Management about the Board's levy subsidy from the county during the CY2024/2025 budget cycle.
 - They also met with County Councilman Dale Miller and County Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell about the budget.
 - The Board heard that some departments and/or boards were going to be receiving a reduction, however – Board staff asked that our budget allocation remain the same.
 - So far, it seems that the Board's allocation will remain the same in the County Executive's recommended budget at \$43,463,659.
 - The Board's budget hearing before Cuyahoga County Council is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2023.

- **Care Response Briefing:**
 - Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer, Ms. Tolbert and Mr. Osiecki have been meeting – along with representatives of R Strategy Group - with several elected officials on the Board's plans to develop Care Response Teams
- **Rajendra Badgaiyan, M.D., Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, The MetroHealth System, Meeting**
 - Board staff met with Dr. Badgaiyan on Monday, August 14, 2023, via a Microsoft Teams meeting.
- **Client Wellness Open House:**
 - The Board held a Client Wellness Open House on Friday, August 25, 2023. Biometric screenings were offered; and the Board's provider agencies had tables.
- **Waves of Awareness:**
 - The Board was a major sponsor of the Stella Marris first Waves of Awareness Event on Thursday, August 31, 2023.
 - Mr. Osiecki was a speaker; along with County Executive, Chris Ronayne, and other officials.
 - This was a well-received event.
- **Drug Court Luncheon:**
 - On Friday, September 8, 2023, Ms. Tolbert, Ms. Ballard, Mr. Jun, Ms. Rosser, Ms. Ponds-Kimbro, Dr. Fowler, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Ms. Carmen Gandarilla, Training Officer, and Regina Spicer, Training Officer, attended the Judge Larry A. Jones Drug Court. Luncheon.
 - Ms. Ballard presented on a panel, and Mr. Osiecki is a member of the Advisory Board.
- **Press Roundtable:**
 - For the Youth Mental Health Sprint Task Force.
 - County Executive Ronayne, Cleveland Mayor, Justin Bibb, Habeebah R. Grimes, Chief Executive Officer of PEP, and Mr. Osiecki made comments about progress that has been made regarding the mental health workforce.
 - Ms. Rosser and Ms. Addison also attended, and we are part of the Sprint Task Force.
- **National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk:**
 - NAMIWalks Greater Cleveland was held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Edgewater Park.
 - Mr. Osiecki commended Board staff for attending; and also participating with a resource table at this event.
- **Sponsorships:**
 - Ms. Ponds-Kimbro updated the Board Directors on several sponsorships, which included the AKOMA Women of Color Luncheon, the Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition's (MHAC) breakfast reception, the EDNA House Recovery Race 2023, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Community Walk, My Recovery Day Jam, and NAMIWalks Greater Cleveland.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was received.

13. **FOLLOW-UP**

- Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA)

Mr. Osiecki reported that amendments to regulations implementing the MHPAEA is presently in the public comment period until Monday, October 2, 2023; and that Ms. Ponds-Kimbro has forwarded an Advocacy Alert to inform individuals about this act. He stated that The Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) is a federal law that generally prevents group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide mental health and substance use disorder (MH/SUD) benefits from imposing less favorable benefit limitations on those benefits than on medical/surgical coverage.

14. **AUDIENCE INPUT**

Mr. Timothy Sommerfelt, Secretary for the Cleveland Association of Rescue Workers, shared that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) should be part of the conversation regarding Care Response. Presently the Care Response model has teams made up of a minimum of two people, which includes a behavioral health specialist such as a social worker and a peer, an individual with lived experience. Mr. Sommerfelt reported that EMS professionals should be added to those teams.

15. UPCOMING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:

- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: October 4, 2023
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: October 18, 2023
- General Meeting: October 25, 2023, at May Dugan Center, 4115 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: November 1, 2023
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: November 8, 2023
- General Meeting: November 15, 2023

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

J. Robert Fowler, Board Chair, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County