

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

PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Committee Members Present: Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Committee Chair, Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., James T. Dixon, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW / Other Board Members: Erskine Cade, MBA

Absent: Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Vince Crowe, Erin DiVincenzo, Ryan Gongaware, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Linda Lamp, Joseph Mealing, Nancy Mundy, Mark Onusko, Tiffany Ponds-Kimbrow, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin

1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Mr. James T. Dixon read into the record the Committee Mission Statement: *“The Planning & Oversight Committee, in cooperation with all partners, advocates for and monitors programs, policies and practices which are continually improved to meet the needs of clients, their families, and the community.”*

2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Planning & Oversight Committee minutes of June 14, 2023 were approved as submitted.

[Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., arrived.]

4. **Presentation:**

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 regarding 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. Bradley and Ms. Kearsey responded to questions from the Board Directors. Ms. Kern-Pilch thanked the presenters for an informative discussion. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

5. **Access to Wellness Program – A2W (formerly Multisystem Adult Program – MSA)**

- The Centers - \$1,254,198.67

Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, reported that funding was provided by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (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 State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 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.

As a result of this funding, the expectation is to see a reduction in homelessness, hospitalizations, and housing instability as well as increased food security, improved treatment adherence and overall improvement in health and well-being. In addition to direct client impact, The Centers anticipates stronger collaboration between community partners, resulting in a more coordinated and streamlined referral response. This results in overall barrier reduction and streamlined support for high utilizers of behavioral health services in the community. It is estimated that approximately 225 clients will be served by the program in SFY2024. 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. Ms. Aysha Wilburn, MPH, MS, 2 Generation Strategy & Program Outcomes Director at The Centers for Families and Children, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to accept \$1,045,000 from OhioMHAS and enter into an agreement with The Centers to provide the A2W 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

6. Outpatient Competency Restoration Education Allocation

- Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$90,618.09

Ms. Tolbert reported that 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. Based on the most recent available number of admissions to Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH), it is estimated that 35 individuals would be eligible for Outpatient Competency Restoration per year. 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 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. Mr. David Brown, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Murtis Taylor Human Services System, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to 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 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program

- FrontLine Service - \$529,617.33

Ms. Tolbert reported that 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. Mr. William Kelly, Program Manager at FrontLine Service, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: J. Dixon / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. State Forensic Evaluations

- Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic - \$529,918

Ms. Tolbert reported that 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 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. An estimate of 500 evaluations (including 30 Second Opinion Evaluations) was shared. 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 contract with the Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic for the provision of evaluation services. Dr. Michael Aronoff, Chief of Psychology at Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic, who is retiring, and Dr. Dylan Songer, the new Chief of Psychology at The Cuyahoga County Court Psychiatric Clinic, were present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: J. Dixon / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) SY2024 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)

Ms. Tolbert reported that 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, Identification (ID) services, employment/training, peer support, and assisting in Medicaid applications. 500 individuals are anticipated to be served through ATP. 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 enter into contracts with the listed providers. Several representatives from the provider agencies listed above were present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to accept funding from OhioMHAS for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for ATP in the amount of \$600,000 and enter into contracts with the listed providers to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

10. Mental Health Court Program (MHCP)

- South Euclid Municipal Court - \$7,500

Ms. Tolbert reported that 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. South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court (F.R.E.E. Docket) anticipates serving 15 clients. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept OhioMHAS funding for the Mental Health Court Program in the amount of \$7,500 and contract with South Euclid Municipal Court for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion for the Board Directors to accept OhioMHAS funding for the Mental Health Court Program in the amount of \$7,500 and contract with South Euclid Municipal Court for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

11. Specialized Docket Support – SFY2024

- Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court - \$80,000

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children’s Behavioral Health Programs, reported that 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 SFY 2019.

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 substance use disorder 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 the OhioMHAS and 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.

Motion for the Board Directors to amend Resolution No. 23-07-03 to accept Specialized Docket Support funds in the amount of \$80,000 from OhioMHAS and approve agreements with the above-named Courts for Specialized Docket support for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

12. AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC) Funding Renewal

- The Center for Community Solutions - \$150,000

Ms. Yarbrough-Franklin reported that 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-AFC in the amount of \$150,000 for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Ms. Julie Patterson, MPH, Director at the AIDS Funding Collaborative, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to approve the allocation of funds to the Center for Community Solutions-AFC in the amount of \$150,000 for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

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

- Recovery Resources - \$451,037.23

Ms. Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II, reported that 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. The funding provided supports the following full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing:

- o Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinators – 4 FTE's
- o Supervisor – 0.67 FTE
- o Support Staff – 1 FTE
- o Total Staffing – 5.67 FTE's

Recovery Resources will provide case management activities to clients in need of vocational rehabilitation services that will help them obtain and maintain competitive employment. A total of 364 clients will be served. 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 approve 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 OOD.

Motion for the Board Directors to 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: 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 and ADAMHS Board match totaling \$285,749.41 provided to OOD for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

14. Identification Crisis Collaborative (IDCC)

- Bridge Foundation - \$101,000

Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, reported that 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 of 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. For an example Ohio Birth Certificates are \$25 and replacement Driver's Licenses are \$27.95. Through July of 2023, The IDCC provided 1,609 documents to 1,434 individuals with low income. They also trained 113 volunteers/staff in new procedures and will distribute bus tickets during the second half of the year. The IDCC is on pace to meet their 2023 goal of serving 2,743 individuals. In 2024, the IDCC will explore expanding services to more sites, depending on expenditures and budget. They help approximately 3,017 individuals with 2,640 documents. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors authorize funding to the Bridge Foundation - IDCC for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$101,000.

Ms. Sizemore stated that Ms. Eileen Kelly, Director at the Identification Crisis Collaborative, could not be present for the meeting, however she wanted to thank the Board Directors for these funds.

Motion for the Board Directors to authorize funding to the Bridge Foundation - IDCC for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$101,000 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

15. The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support – \$35,000

Ms. Sizemore shared that since 2007, The Metanoia Project has provided overnight hospitality (sleeping accommodations, showers, meals, clothing, and medical care) consistently 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 goal is to support people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and help them prepare to move into stable, permanent housing, secure the skills needed to financially support themselves, improve their mental and physical well-being, and ultimately not return to homelessness. The staff at the hospitality centers not only keep the environment calm and free of trauma, but they also form meaningful relationships with the guests to assist them as they begin to take the steps to end their cycle of homelessness. In recent seasons The Metanoia Project has expanded meal offerings with a new breakfast program, provided continual art therapy, utilized a local shower bus for weekly showers, and expanded their substance use support services through weekly support meetings and provided NARCAN, testing strips, and other important resources. In the upcoming season they will be expanding their formal Housing Clinics with partner providers.

The Metanoia Project provides regular access to MetroHealth's Docs on the Street (DOTS) outreach workers alongside a bevy of partners ranging from homeless outreach workers to hospitals - these partners assist with housing applications, employment, healthcare, and connection to outside services including the Veterans Administration, substance use support through community outreach groups, and mental health needs. Sites change annually based on partner availability, most recent sites were Franklin Circle and Bethany Presbyterian.

The mission of The Metanoia Project is to build authentic relationships with and address the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This is primarily done through their seasonal overnight hospitality center, which operates annually in partnership with larger shelter providers and funders. Beyond seasonal shelter, they provide meals, clothing, strategic linkages to resources like housing and treatment, a growing summer program, on-site partner/volunteer provided services ranging from medical screenings to yoga, and community-facing educational and advocacy initiatives. At this time, in the upcoming 2023-2024 season, it is anticipated that The Metanoia Project will be the only seasonal unsheltered provider operating in the Greater Cleveland area. This will likely result in increased costs and people served. Approximately 250 unique guests throughout the 2023-2024 season. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors allocate funds to The Metanoia Project in the amount of \$35,000 for the term of November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. A representative from The Metanoia Project was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion for the Board Directors to allocate funds to The Metanoia Project in the amount of \$35,000 for the term of November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

16. "Adam – Amanda" Center

- Signature Health - \$1,450,800

Mr. Woo Jun, Chief Operating Officer, stated that on January 6, 2023, Governor Mike 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. 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 a Request for Proposal (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.

Motion for the Board Directors to allocate funds to 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 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

17. Behavioral Health Crisis Center – \$6,836,629

Mr. Jun reiterated that 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 2 of the ARPA funding

for \$45 million, OhioMHAS issued an RFP in May of 2023 for Ohio's Crisis Continuum for infrastructure improvements, suitable for one-time capital funding for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center

OhioMHAS awarded funding in the amount of \$6,836,629 for one-time capital projects to support Ohio's Crisis Infrastructure for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center located at the St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center campus with the MetroHealth System providing the services. There will be three components to the Crisis Center capital funding, a 24/7 Crisis Intake/Receiving Center, 24/7 Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)/Department (PED), and 24/7 16-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit, along with startup funding for the MetroHealth System and funding for a Project Manager for the ADAMHS Board.

- o 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.
- o Psychiatric Emergency Services/Department (\$1,467,000): PES/PED will be receiving an aesthetic upgrade, new furnishing, and technological improvements in its approximate 6,200 square feet of space.
- o Crisis Stabilization Unit (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.
- o Start-up Costs (\$1,002,629): the MetroHealth System will be delivering the services at the Behavioral Health Crisis Center and will receive startup costs for initial staff recruitment, onboarding, and 4-8 weeks of orientation and training prior to full operation.
- o Project Manager (\$100,000): the ADAMHS Board will contract with a Project Manager to oversee the renovations and deadlines with the capital improvements.

Up to 2,400 individuals will be served in the first year. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept capital funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$6,836,629 for the term of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion for the Board Directors to accept capital funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$6,836,629 for the term of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to the Finance & Operations Committee. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

18. Support of OhioMHAS Crisis Capital Assistance Applications for the NEO Collaborative) Short-Term Mental Health Residential Facilities ("Adam – Amanda" Centers)

Mr. Jun reported that 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 region. The 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 for the Board Directors approval of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to reaffirm support for the "Adam – Amanda" Centers in the NEO Collaborative: ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Signature Health - ORCA House, Geauga County Board of MHRS Ravenwood Health, and Lake County ADAMHS Board Crossroads Health - North Coast House and Signature Health - C.H. Everett House for the term of SFY2024/2025 to the full Board. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

19. Ratification of the ADAMHS Board Submission of the SFY2025 – SFY2030 Community Capital Plan to OhioMHAS

Mr. Jun reported that the SFY2025 – SFY2030 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 2 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 that the Board Directors ratify the ADAMHS Board's submission of the SFY2025 – SFY2030 Community Capital Plan to OhioMHAS that was due and submitted on September 8, 2023. (The SFY2025 – SFY2030 Community Capital Plan is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Motion for the Board Directors to ratify the ADAMHS Board's submission of the SFY2025 – SFY2030 Community Capital Plan to OhioMHAS that was due and submitted on September 8, 2023 to the full Board. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

20. Review of Policy Statement Renewals

- 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.

Motion for the Board Directors to recommend approval of renewing the policy statements, Recruitment of ADAMHS Board of Directors Policy and Non-Discrimination and Cultural Competency Policy, to the full Board. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

21. Diversion Center Update

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, requested Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer, share a brief presentation that was previously provided to the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board on Thursday, September 7, 2023. Ms. Rosser reported in her overview that FrontLine Service handles the Call Center, Oriana House takes care of the operations of the Diversion Center and the ADAMHS Board is responsible for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

FrontLine Service's Call Center is a 24/7/365 call-in line for law enforcement and others to screen for eligibility for the Diversion Center (216.623.6888). Of 2,827 total calls, FrontLine Service authorized 2,601 individuals to go to the Diversion Center. The remaining 226 callers either refused services, were transported to a hospital emergency department, were referred to services that better fit their needs, or had other circumstances. 22% of the calls to FrontLine Service for the Diversion Center are from police officers; and 78% of the calls to FrontLine Service for the Diversion Center are from all other categories: self, friends, family, and/or agencies.

Oriana House has completed 1,362 admissions/intakes, which means the clients arrived onsite either through police transport or other means and completed the admission process. This total includes repeat clients. 2,680 contacts have occurred to date. "Contacts" are instances when a potential client arrived at the Diversion Center. From those 2,680 contacts, the admissions process was completed 1,362 times. When an individual is eligible for admission, it is still the individual's choice to stay at the Diversion Center. During Quarter 1 2023 the average daily census for the Diversion Center was 19.27; and during Quarter 2 2023 the average daily census was 14.24. The average length of stay for all clients was 5.18 days.

The ADAMHS Board has served as the CIT Coordinator for Cuyahoga County since 2004. The total number of personnel trained thus far in 2023 was 134. The total number of personnel trained during this contract period, which includes 402 personnel in 2022 and 673 personnel in 2021, is 1,209. This number reflects trainings connected to the Diversion Center contract. Year to date 2023, roll call outreach numbers shared included 473 attendees across 19 police departments. Mr. Osiecki reported that in addition to Ms. Rosser's presentation to the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board, a lengthy monthly report is provided to Cuyahoga County detailing requested metrics. (The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Mr. Osiecki reported that Cuyahoga County had issued an RFP for the operations of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center, as well as delivery of the CIT training for the next three years. Since the hotline number will remain the same, Cuyahoga County will be contracting individually with the provider agency. After a thorough review of the RFP, in addition to the Board's responsibility for the new Behavioral Health Crisis Center, the Board informed Cuyahoga County that we would probably not respond to the RFP. The Board's attention is now the creation and management of the Behavioral Health Crisis Center; and the Diversion Center's focus was turning in a direction which was not necessarily in line with the Board's mission.

After a brief presentation regarding the history of the Diversion Center, and the Board's role in CIT training, the Board has decided to not respond to the RFP. Mr. Osiecki also shared that Ms. Lori Criss, OhioMHAS Director, stated that two different facilities in one county can serve two different populations of individuals; and be an interesting model to replicate. Ms. Kern-Pilch provided accolades to Board staff for the development of an amazing model that has been very effective; and the amount of time and implementation that Board staff has invested reflects that these efforts have created a very successful pilot.

22. Care Response Update

Mr. Osiecki provided a Care Response update. He stated that for several years the community has requested the development of Care Response teams, which are not Co-responder teams. Historically, police have been the first responders to behavioral health crises. Often, this response does not meet the needs of the person in crisis and can sometimes lead to injury or death. Care Response is when an unarmed behavioral health clinician and trained peer with lived experience in the behavioral health system respond to individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis instead of police. This scenario allows for the distinct expertise the individual needs to help in time of crisis and permits police to engage in other important public safety duties.

Care Response is part of a comprehensive community crisis care system, which includes hotline services (988), community response, and facility-based care. Care Response provides expert clinical assessment, mental health crisis care, linkage to services and shelter, frequently resolving crises in the community without transfer to crisis facilities or hospitals. Earlier this year, Dr. Mark Hurst, a psychiatrist and healthcare consultant, provided recommendations for the development of a "Care Response" model to the Board. The recommendations were the result of a process by a coalition of mental health advocates, stakeholders, and other experts, with support from The George Fund Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation, and Mt. Sinai Health Foundation.

Ms. Tolbert reported that the Care Response pilot would commence in Cuyahoga County with five teams of dedicated staff within the City of Cleveland. Presently, Board staff and FrontLine Service staff are working out the details of this endeavor.

23. OhioMHAS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency COVID-19 Grant Infographics

Mr. Osiecki reported on the OhioMHAS SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 Grant Infographics. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, OhioMHAS moved quickly to allocate SAMHSA funding to Ohio's mental health boards to enhance crisis services, create new and innovative services, and supplement existing mental health services between April 2020 and May 2023. Data was collected using the Government Performance Results and Modernization Act (GPRA) instrument, as well as a grant-specific short form used for one-time crisis services. The figures identified were derived from anonymous, point of service data collection throughout the State of Ohio. Overall, 6,038 Ohioans received services, 12% of individuals served were healthcare workers, 26% of individuals served were people of color, 44 ADAMHS Boards partnered with 39 agencies to provide services and 4,364 additional individuals received critical incident stress management (CISM) intervention. (The SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 Grant Infographics is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

24. New Business

No new business was received.

25. Follow-up

No follow-up was received.

26. Public Comment Period

Ms. Elaine Schleiffer, a career community organizer, provided comments regarding the Care Response update. She shared that she is really glad to know that the Board is ready to consider Care Response, and the addition it can make to our continuum of crisis care. She reported that she has previously made public comment about the importance of adding a non-police crisis response to our toolbox of crisis programming, so that we are best positioned to provide the right response, at the right time, to every unique crisis.

Ms. Rosie Palfy, a Veteran, Homeless Advocate and Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC) member, reported that the Board is doing great work, however, the Board is not involving the community, individuals that have been in crisis and/or loved ones of individuals in crisis. She shared that there are many different Care Response models; and it appears that the planning for this Care Response pilot is being done behind closed doors and should involve community engagement. Ms. Palfy also shared concerns that the Care Response Team pilot will not be utilized throughout the Cuyahoga County suburbs. Ms. Kern-Pilch shared that the Board appreciates Ms. Palfy's input; and that she has given the Board some things to think about.

27. Upcoming September and October Board Meetings:

- 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 audience comment or further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Kathleen Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, Planning & Oversight Committee Chair