

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

Committee Members Present: Bishara W. Addison, Committee Vice Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Steve Killpack, MS

Absent: Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, Ashwani Bhardwaj, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Board Staff Present: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Anthony Henderson, Jr., Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Linda Lamp, Joseph Mealing, Mark Onusko, Beth Pfohl, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Maggie Tolbert

1. Call to Order

Ms. Bishara W. Addison, Finance & Operations Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and read into the record the Committee Mission Statement: *“To assist the full Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility by reviewing and overseeing financial and operational aspects of the system.”*

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Finance & Operations Committee minutes from June 21, 2023 were approved as submitted.

4. Finance Reports – Board Voucher & Expenditure Reports – July 2023 and August 2023

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Administrative Budget that was approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2023 was \$8,080,414 and for 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. Harrison 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. Harrison 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. Harrison noted that the Diversion Center's expenditures are reflected on this report.

The Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month reflect that the total expenditures in 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.

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

5. Behavioral Health Crisis Center / Diversion Center Discussion

Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update regarding the Behavioral Health Crisis Center / Diversion Center. He reported that Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer, presented on the Diversion Center at the Planning & Oversight Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2023. This presentation was also forwarded to the full Board via email. Mr. Osiecki reported that the Board received 6.8 million one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the development of the Behavioral Health Crisis Center, which is really an expansion of the present psychiatric emergency services at St. Vincent. He shared that there are three components, one of which is the living room model (an entry door for anyone in crisis or anyone just seeking behavioral health services). The living room model is a very comfortable environment; and includes individuals with lived experience, peers as well as a behavioral health specialist, who will interact with individuals as they come in.

Another component of the development of the Behavioral Health Crisis Center is the psychiatric emergency services department, whereby individuals could be held up to 23 hours; and/or Police officers drop individuals off, individuals get transferred to this location from other hospitals or individuals are court ordered for treatment. Another component includes a 16 bed crisis stabilization unit, whereby individuals do not need the 23 hour hold or hospitalization but get stabilized for up to approximately five to ten days. If an individual needs to be hospitalized, they will be transferred to a local hospital, such as The MetroHealth System or Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH). This partnership consists of St. Vincent's, The MetroHealth System and the Board. The MetroHealth System will be providing the services; and St. Vincent's staff will be providing outpatient services, in addition to being the landlord.

Mr. Osiecki reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center; and shared that the Board assisted with establishing the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center and is proud of all the work that has been done there for the past three years. Mr. Osiecki shared the history of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center; and that the Board partners with Oriana House, Inc., and FrontLine Service to ensure the success of this endeavor. He reported that the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is a first-of-its kind facility in Ohio, working with law enforcement to help individuals – on a voluntary basis - who are exhibiting signs and symptoms of a mental illness and/or addiction. These individuals receive the help, care and linkage to community resources they need in a treatment environment rather than going to the County jail. The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center has also expanded eligibility beyond law enforcement referrals to include calls from friends, family members and individuals in need of and wanting care for a mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is a 50-bed facility, with staff onsite 24/7. Services can include assessment, medical evaluation, case management, counseling, medications, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), withdrawal management (detox), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) educational groups, referral and linkage to other community services. Treatment costs are covered by Medicaid, insurance, or Cuyahoga County. Treatment services are certified through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is unable to accept walk-ins. All potential clients must be screened through FrontLine Service by calling 216-623-6888. The Center also does not provide pick-up or drop-off transportation.

Mr. Osiecki reported that after a few meetings, it was suggested that the Board enter into a contract as is with Cuyahoga County for the operation of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center for one year. Then, in Calendar Year (CY) 2024, during the process of establishing the Behavioral Health Crisis Center, Cuyahoga County would like to be an equal partner in establishing diversion services at this location, with the addition of detoxification services, which would be funded through Cuyahoga County. Mr. Osiecki and Ms. Harrison also stated that an official notification or decision has not been finalized; and discussion and/or conversation continues to transpire with Cuyahoga County's representatives. Mr. Osiecki responded to questions from the Board Directors; and shared that he will keep Board Directors updated as additional conversation transpires.

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

Mr. Woo Jun, Chief Operating Officer, reported 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 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/Department (PES/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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 are anticipated to be served during the first year. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors accept capital funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$6,836,629. Mr. Jun responded to questions from the Board Directors.

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 full Board. MOTION: R. Fowler / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, S. Killpack / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. Contracts

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

- a) 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.

- b) OhioMHAS: 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 expended 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.

- c) 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 as mentioned above learn leadership skills to become positive peer role models in their schools and communities.

Youth-led Prevention is a planned sequence of activities that, through the practice and application of evidence-based prevention principles, policies, practices, strategies and programs, is intended to inform, educate, develop skills, alter risk behaviors, affect environmental factors and/or provide referrals to other services. The purpose of the Teen Institute Program is to build leadership skills in teens and reinforce the decision to be drug-free. The Teen Institute provides adolescent leaders with tools and information regarding high-risk behaviors, and then engages them in designing and delivering programming for their peers that uses this knowledge to shape behavior change. Peer Prevention is provided through healthy drug-free lifestyles by having students participate in programs and activities that provide safe environments and positive adult involvement. The students are positive peer role models for younger students to demonstrate that they are a needed and valuable part of the program. Thirty Peer Led Leaders to be served through direct prevention and up to 500 youth will be served through indirect prevention services. 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.

- d) 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 State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2018/2019 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.

- e) 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.

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.

- f) 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. Based on the most recent available number of admissions to Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare, 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 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.

- g) 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.

- h) 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 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.

- i) 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 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. 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.

- j) 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. 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.

- k) 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. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist I) 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.

- l) 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. 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 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 OOD.

- m) 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 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 - Identification Crisis Collaborative for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$101,000.

n) The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support – \$35,000

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 Metanoia has expanded meal offerings with a new breakfast program, provided continual art therapy, utilized a local shower bus for weekly showers, 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.

Board Directors had a brief discussion regarding the funding allocation request of \$35,000 for The Metanoia Project Homelessness Support. Board Directors requested a more in-depth presentation from representatives of The Metanoia Project, in addition to the opportunity for Board Directors to ask more poignant questions. Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, was requested to obtain additional information regarding The Metanoia Project; and share a list of funders for this organization. As a result of this discussion, Board Directors amended the funding allocation request to reflect the total of \$75,000 to The Metanoia Project.

- o) "Adam – Amanda" Center
 - Signature Health - \$145,080

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 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.

- p) 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.

"Waves of Awareness" is a day-long event scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023, in Cleveland's Public Square. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a video slideshow from the main stage accompanied by the ringing of the bells of the Old Stone Church. A short program will follow featuring public officials and community speakers. Five thousand purple flags will be installed in the lawn by members of the Ohio National Guard, symbolizing the almost 5,000 Ohioans lost to accidental overdose last year. Up to 60 community providers and the MetroHealth Mobile RV for health screenings will be on site to provide resources and information. Food trucks, music, "Yoga in the Park" and messages of hope and testimonies from the stage will be held throughout the day. The event concludes at dusk with a candlelit Walk of Remembrance and a "Light Up Cleveland" event illuminating Public Square, Terminal Tower and Progressive Field in purple lights. The event's Steering Committee includes the ADAMHS Board, Cleveland Public Square, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Families Impacted by Opioids, Melinda and Mathew Gamez, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, LIUNA, The MetroHealth System, Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Program, Project Noelle, Project White Butterfly, Evelyn Rueda, Stella Maris, Inc., The Centers for Health Affairs, Unicorn and

Polka Dots, The Soar Initiative, and THRIVE4Change. 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.

- q) 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 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.

Mr. Osiecki introduced Ms. Tiffany Ponds-Kimbro, Director of External Affairs, who stated that the Board should be able to purchase approximately 175 candles from Happy Thoughts Candle Co. for Week of Appreciation.

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

8. **Contract Amendments**

- a) 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.

- b) 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 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 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.

- c) 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).

The Board was requested to apply on behalf of several partners to OhioMHAS for the WCM ECMH Grant in 2015. OhioMHAS has continued funding of this program for SFY2024 and awarded funding to the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$441,906.00 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. OhioMHAS recently approved \$37,953.42 in carryover funds from SFY2023. This amendment includes the approved carryover funding. 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 amend the contract with Starting Point to reflect the total of \$479,859.42.

- d) 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)

St. Vincent Charity Hospital notified the community of its intent to no longer provide inpatient services, including behavioral health services, as of November 15, 2022. The future of the psychiatric emergency department is unknown beyond November 15, 2022. For CY2023, St Vincent changed the psychiatric emergency department to psychiatric emergency services which is funded by the Board. St. Vincent's intent is to provide outpatient behavioral health services through Rosary Hall. Dr. Burns-Hill previously served as Chief Clinical Officer and interim Chief Clinical Officer Consultant for the ADAMHS Board. Dr. Burns-Hill is a Board-certified Forensic Psychiatrist with extensive experience in both clinical and forensic psychiatry, history with the psychiatric emergency department, and is well known in the community.

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.

- e) 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.

- f) 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.

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

FrontLine Service is a private, non-profit community behavioral health organization located in Cuyahoga County that provides mental health and supportive services to children, adults, and families. Its mission is to end homelessness, prevent suicide, resolve behavioral health crises and overcome trauma. The Board has contracted with FrontLine Service for many years and the agency was approved for funding in the amount of \$4.6 million in 2023. Effective July 16, 2022 FrontLine Service began operating the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The agency has been awarded funding from the state to operate 988 services. Funding from the state to operate 988 services can be used to offset expenses for the Adult Crisis Services Program. FrontLine Service is asking for these funds to be reallocated to address deficits in the Crisis Stabilization Unit described above.

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.

- h) 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 Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 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.

- i) 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, Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program, to extend the term of the contract with Oriana House, Inc. until December 31, 2023.

- j) 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 statewide MRSS model is a 24/7 crisis service where a team of two providers respond in person within sixty minutes for youth up to age 21. The crisis is defined by the youth and/or family according to the MRSS model. MRSS can provide up to six weeks of in-home de-escalation and stabilization with the MRSS team working within the family system to create safety plans, teach skills, provide peer support and link to ongoing services to prevent future crises and reduce the need for out-of-home treatment. The Bellefaire JCB MRSS team provides services to Cuyahoga

County 7 days a week between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bellefaire anticipates the MRSS Program will expand hours and staffing patterns to provide services 24/7. Their team consists of licensed 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 recommend approval of Contract Amendments (as listed above) to the full Board. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, S. Killpack / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. Identify Consent Agenda

Ms. Addison recommended including the Behavioral Health Crisis Center, the July 2023 and August 2023 Finance Reports, Contracts and Contract Amendments into the Consent Agenda to be recommended for approval to the full Board. Due to the increased funding relative to the contract for the Metanoia Project Homelessness Support, a separate Resolution within the Consent Agenda will be had.

Motion to recommend the Consent Agenda to the full Board. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Fowler / AYES: R. Fowler, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, S. Killpack / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

10. CY2024/2025 County Budget Presentation

Mr. Osiecki reported that the CY2024/2025 Cuyahoga County budget process is transpiring; and that Ms. Harrison and he met with representatives of the Office of Budget Management (OBM) to discuss the Board's budget. He shared that it was requested that the Board's budget remain the same as CY2023.

Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Harrison and he also met with Cuyahoga County Councilman, Dale Miller, and Cuyahoga County Councilwoman, Yvonne Conwell; and had a lengthy discussion regarding the Board's budget for CY2024/2025. He shared that the Board will be providing additional services without requesting additional funding. Mr. Osiecki also shared that Cuyahoga County Councilman, Dale Miller, has requested additional information regarding the Board's budget, which will be provided to him in the near future.

The Board's budget presentation to Cuyahoga County Council will transpire on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

11. New Business

No new business was received.

12. Follow-up

No follow-up was received.

13. Public Comment Period

No public comment was received.

14. Upcoming September and August Board Meetings:

- General Meeting: September 27, 2023
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: October 4, 2023
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: October 18, 2023
- General Meeting: October 25, 2023

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Bishara W. Addison, Finance & Operations Committee Vice Chair