

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2023

PRESENT: Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Board Vice Chair, Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., Erskine Cade, MBA, James T. Dixon, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS, Steve Killpack, MS, Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

ABSENT: Bishara W. Addison, Ashwani Bhardwaj, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Rebekah L. Dorman, Ph.D., Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Katie Kern-Pilch, ATR-BC, LPC-S

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Vince Crowe, Erin DiVincenzo, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Linda Lamp, Beth Pfohl, Tiffany Ponds-Kimbro, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Maggie Tolbert, Nick Weaver, Joicelyn Weems

1. CALL TO ORDER

Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Board Vice Chair, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Board Chair, shared that the Board recently received a resignation notice from Board Director/Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) appointee, Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA. In her communication, Ms. Rosenbaum stated that she “is sorry that she has to leave but wanted to thank everyone for a great experience.”

Dr. Fowler also reported that Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., ADAMHS Board Director, was honored with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland for his dedicated service as a Hunger Network Board Member. He was also named a Lifetime Trustee of the Hunger Network. This award was presented during the Hunger Network’s 33rd Annual Night to Fight Hunger on Friday, November 3, 2023. Ms. Elaine Gohlstin helped celebrate Rev. Gohlstin’s accomplishment. Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, and his wife were also present at the event.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 18, 2023 were approved as submitted.

4. OVERVIEW OF RECENT PROVIDER/SERVICES SURVEY RESULTS

- Racial/Health Equity Assessment
- Client Satisfaction Survey
- Workforce Survey

Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer, reported on three assessments/surveys, the Racial/Health Equity Assessment, Client Satisfaction Survey and Workforce Survey, which were completed across the Board’s network and services in 2023. These assessments/surveys will feed up into the Board’s Community Needs Assessment in 2024; and will provide some useful insight as the Board makes decisions on our goals and priorities in the future. The material presented were all excerpts from work done by the Board’s consulting partners, Rice Education Consulting (REdCon) for the Racial/Health Equity Assessment and the Workforce Survey; and Brown Consulting, LTD, for the Client Satisfaction Survey.

The Racial/Health Equity Assessment analyzed service data that is provided on an ongoing basis directly from the Board’s providers every six and 12 months. Ms. Rosser highlighted barriers and assets that may impact access to services for certain racial and ethnic groups of individuals. The full report includes a more granular breakdown of service categories by race and ethnicity and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) considerations for the Board as the Board develops and refines data dashboards in the coming year. Ms. Rosser reported that the following methodology was used to establish DEI metrics by analyzing the distribution of services and programs by client demographic to identify the following:

- Service trends by race/ethnic group
 - Research questions: What services are being utilized disaggregated by demographic? What services are not being utilized disaggregated by demographic?

- Barriers that may impact access to services
 - Research question: Are there cultural factors that impact service utilization?
- Assets that can be leveraged to remove barriers
 - Research question: What do we need to do to enable the best outcomes for clients?

The recommendation was to utilize measures that were highlighted in a table for the data dashboard to evaluate the effectiveness of DEI across service areas. Ms. Rosser shared demographic insights for American Indian or Alaska Native, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and Hispanic (Latinx) and shared the DEI objectives summary, which denoted the demographic and recommendations to promote DEI. Lastly, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) (2023), defines behavioral health equity as the right of all individuals, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or geographical location, to access high-quality and affordable healthcare services and support. SAMHSA groups Social Determinants of Health into five domains with healthcare access and quality being a domain. The following three behavioral health outcomes will support ADAMHS with measuring healthcare access and quality to drive behavioral health equity: 1) Access to Care; 2) Patient Satisfaction; and 3) Improved Health.

Ms. Rosser reported on the Client Satisfaction Survey Report. She shared that the analysis within the document is divided into five major sections: 1) Methodology; 2) Client Demographics; 3) Survey Outcomes; 4) Survey Limitations; and 5) Executive Summary. A total of forty consultant days were dedicated to completing the Client Satisfaction Survey project. The data was collected from 679 surveys completed by ADAMHS Board clients. The survey was conducted from June 4, 2023 through August 18, 2023, using a variety of methods to disseminate the survey information to clients such as: text message, email, phone call, QR code, website link and hard copy surveys.

In total there were 1,059 surveys submitted via a controlled format (text message, email, phone call or hard copy survey); of these, 202 surveys were completed resulting in a 19% survey completion rate for the controlled surveys. This data has been compared to the OhioMHAS Annual Adult Client Survey Results from 2022 and 2021; and these results are specific to Cuyahoga County residents that receive services by OhioMHAS licensed organizations in Cuyahoga County and not just ADAMHS funded agency clients.

The 2023 Workforce Survey provides key data outcomes. Ms. Rosser reported that in 2021 and 2022, the ADAMHS Board had a workforce taskforce comprised of key ADAMHS Board staff and volunteers from the provider network, whereby a lot of useful insight came out of this work, which included both short and long term strategies for building our future workforce. As a part of this, the Board conducted a survey with a pool of providers that were working with the Board at the time. As a result, the Board's DEI Consultant was asked to expand and update the workforce survey that was first issued to the Board's provider network in 2021; and an excerpt of the complete survey was referenced and highlighted through various charts and graphs to reflect every aspect of the 2023 workforce. Once the overview of recent provider/services survey results was complete, Ms. Rosser responded to questions from the Board Directors. (The PowerPoint presentations and handout are attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

5. CY2024 AGREEMENTS WITH CLASS 2 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (ADULT CARE FACILITIES/ACF)

Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, reported that the ADAMHS Board has developed a list of Class 2 Residential Facilities (Adult Care Facilities/Group Homes) to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for individuals living with mental illness. The ADAMHS Board utilizes its Residential Assistance Program (RAP) funds to provide up to \$1,100 per month per client to the operators of Class 2 Residential Facilities. The Board also provides \$200 per RAP client (not receiving Social Security Income/Social Security Disability Income (SSI/SSDI)) for personal living expenses.

RAP is intended to provide financial rental assistance to indigent/low-income adult clients (18 and over) receiving Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) and/or Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) services from a contract agency of the ADAMHS Board so that the client can live in a Class 2 Residential Facility in the community. RAP is targeted for indigent/low-income adult clients that are discharge ready from an institutional environment such as a hospital, nursing home, jail, Class 1 Residential Facility (RCF), Cuyahoga County Diversion Center or Crisis Stabilization Unit. Once the RAP recipient starts receiving SSI/SSDI, they are required to apply for the OhioMHAS Residential State Supplement (RSS) program, which requires the client to have Social Security and Medicaid. Once approved, the client transitions off of the RAP program, and onto the OhioMHAS funded RSS program. In July of 2023, the ADAMHS Board Directors approved (not to exceed) \$3,500 to contract with Thrive Behavioral

Health Center, Inc., to assist the Board in providing each ACF with a Peer Seal of Quality. Each listed Class 2 Residential Facility has been visited in 2023 and meets Peer Seal of Quality standards. (Attachment A, CY 2024 list of recommended Class 2 Residential Facilities (ACFs) for contracting is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

Mr. Harvey Snider shared his concerns regarding identified ACFs; and inquired as to the frequency of visits from Board staff to complete walkthroughs. Ms. Schaefer reported that Board staff visit each contracted ACF at least once a year and will visit more frequently on an as needed basis. If any issues are reported at one of the Board's contracted facilities, Board staff will investigate. Also, the Board's Clients Rights staff will report any findings to OhioMHAS. Ms. Schaefer reported that there are facilities outside the list of Board contracted providers that are licensed by OhioMHAS. These facilities do not get annual visits by Board staff unless an issue is reported to the Board's Clients Rights staff; and OhioMHAS is requesting assistance.

Motion to recommend approval to enter into agreements with the 61 Class 2 Residential Facilities listed on Attachment A of the Agenda Process Sheet for CY2024 to the full Board. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

6. **CONTRACTS**

ADAMHS Board staff highlighted agenda process sheets for agreements listed below, answered questions and provided clarification for committee members.

- a. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC): Parole Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
 - Recovery Resources - \$275,000

Ms. Schaefer reported that PACT is based on the evidence based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model. ODRC started PACT as a pilot program, and it has now developed into an ongoing program to meet the needs of this population. The program was established to develop a specialized system of care and treatment for clients diagnosed with serious mental illness who are on parole or post release control. Clinical interventions include psychopharmacologic treatment, individual supportive therapy, case management, crisis intervention, housing support, activities of daily living support, social and interpersonal relationship support, assistance with entitlements and benefits and if needed, sex offender services. It is estimated that this program will serve 50 individuals during the state fiscal year.

The PACT Program operated by Recovery Resources provides comprehensive community treatment and wrap around services for mentally ill individuals being released from prison on parole or post release control. The PACT Program maintains an active caseload for up to 50 people at any given time. The program provides intensive community support services, assistance with housing and other supports. Collaboration is a key component of this program, and a designated Officer from Adult Parole Authority (APA) is assigned to the team in order to assist and support the team. Ms. Sue Greenland, MA, MDIV, PACT/FACT Supervisor from Recovery Resources, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors. Ms. James-Stewart requested that Recovery Resources provide a presentation on the PACT Program at a future Board meeting.

Motion to recommend accepting the amount of \$275,000 from ODRC and contract with Recovery Resources for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for the PACT Team to the full Board. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- b. Piloting a Mental Health Docket Incorporating a Drug Court Model to Improve Outcomes for Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders – \$615,000
 - Catholic Charities - \$340,000
 - Signature Health - \$275,000

Mr. Woo Jun, Chief Operating Officer, reported that Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Corrections Planning Board was awarded the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$700,000 for the time period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026. Due to getting started late on the grant, the Corrections Planning Board anticipates getting a one-year extension.

This program will provide CPST, Case Management and Consulting Services benefitting clients participating in the Cuyahoga County “Piloting a Mental Health Docket Incorporating a Drug Court Model to Improve Outcomes for Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders” Program, also known as the Mental Health – Adult Drug Court Pilot Program (MH – ADC Pilot Program). Catholic Charities will provide case management to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clients and CPST services to mental health clients in the MH – ADC Pilot Program. Clients will be supported to ensure successful transition into the community once they complete residential treatment services.

Signature Health will provide case management services to clients in the MH- ADC Pilot Program. A Case Manager will provide the following services:

- Attend all court team meetings, hearings, etc.;
- Provide recommendations for therapeutic approaches and interventions while having a firm understanding of treatment court’s best practices;
- Collaborate with the Court and treatment teams;
- Meet with clients in the community setting at minimum once/month;
- Link clients with needed behavioral health outpatient services;
- Provide clinical services at Signature Health’s outpatient centers;
- Attend necessary trainings and partnership meetings;
- Engage and outreach clients, at minimum once per week;
- Liaise with Matt Talbot Inpatient Treatment for discharge planning efforts of clients exiting treatment; and
- Liaise with other community medical and behavioral health agencies where clients may be receiving mental and physical health services.

Ms. Linda Lagunzad, Interim Administrator with the Corrections Planning Board of Cuyahoga County, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion to recommend accepting funding from the Corrections Planning Board in the amount of \$615,000 and enter into a contract with Catholic Charities in the amount of \$340,000 and Signature Health in the amount of \$275,000 for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 to the full Board. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: J. Dixon / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- c. State Opioid & Stimulant Response (SOS) Grant, Year 02 – \$2,709,527.95
- 12 Step Life/Ethel Hardy House - \$200,000
 - B. Riley Homes - \$165,000
 - Briermost Foundation - \$150,000
 - Griffin Homes Sober Living, Inc. - \$150,000
 - I’m In Transition Ministries - \$160,000
 - The MetroHealth System - \$280,000
 - NORA (Peer Support) - \$150,000
 - NORA (Recovery Housing) - \$275,000
 - Point of Freedom (Peer Support) - \$218,527.95
 - Recovery First-A Better Way - \$170,000
 - Road to Hope - \$150,000
 - Thrive for Change - \$105,000
 - White Butterfly Peer Support (Woodrow) - \$68,000
 - Women of Hope - \$100,000
 - Woodrow Project (Peer Support) - \$65,000
 - Woodrow Project (Recovery Housing) - \$141,000
 - Ohio Pharmacy Services (Naloxone) - \$162,000

Mr. Jun reported that OhioMHAS has received a biannual State Opioid Response award from SAMHSA. OhioMHAS now refers to this as the State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) grant. OhioMHAS is partnering with local ADAMHS

Boards to implement treatment and recovery programs that expand access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), as well as access to housing and peer support for those with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), or a history of opioid overdose or stimulant use disorders. The Ohio SOS Project focuses on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare for persons with OUD and stimulant use disorders.

The ADAMHS Board has partnered with the providers listed above to expand access to MAT and recovery support services to persons in Cuyahoga County with OUD and stimulant use disorders. The SOS programs provide direct access to MAT, recovery housing (including housing for women with minor children, people of color and the LGBTQ community), outreach, and peer support for persons struggling with OUD or stimulant disorders. Providers are required to report client-level data using the SAMHSA Government Performance Reporting Act (GPRA) Tool; and data collection is monitored by the OhioMHAS evaluation contractor. Clients are interviewed at intake, and six months post intake. Over 5,000 individuals to be served across all programs.

Motion to recommend accepting funding from OhioMHAS as part of the SOS 3.2 grant for the period September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2024 in the amount of \$2,709,527.95 and enter into contracts with the providers listed above for the specified amounts to the full Board. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: E. Cade / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- d. Agreements with Attorneys for Civil Commitment Hearings – \$200 per hearing/motion/hour
- Ronald Balbier
 - Steve Canfil
 - Mark DeFranco
 - Paul Friedman
 - Scott Friedman
 - Ted Friedman

Mr. Jun reported that by law (Ohio Revised Code 5122), the ADAMHS Board is required to ensure that persons temporarily detained for involuntary hospitalization actually meet the legal criteria for civil commitment. Probate Court shall refer to ADAMHS Boards an affidavit to assist the court in determining whether persons temporarily detained for involuntary hospitalization are subject to court-ordered treatment and whether alternatives to hospitalization are available. Attorneys represent the Board at civil commitment hearings to ensure that persons subject to court-ordered treatment have due process. Attorneys represent the Board at over 1,000 hearings per year.

Attorneys will be compensated \$200 per hearing and motion and may also be compensated \$200 per hour for additional services, so long as those additional services receive prior approval from the ADAMHS Board's Chief Executive Officer and/or designated Clinical staff.

Motion to recommend contracting with the Attorneys identified above for \$200 per hearing/motion/hour for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 to the full Board. MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: E. Cade / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- e. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Supplemental Contracts for the Diversion Center – \$63,350
- Traumatic Players of Cleveland, Inc. - \$19,800
 - Cuyahoga Community College - \$43,550

Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, reported that the purpose of these contracts is to enhance the Countywide CIT 40 Hour Training by contracting for supplemental resources like actors for scenario based activities and use of the Cuyahoga Community College Public Safety Training Scenario Village. These contracts will serve up to 300 or more officers.

As part of the Countywide CIT Training, officers will spend the week of training at the Tri C Public Safety Center for their CIT Training. The ADAMHS Board will contract with Traumatic Players of Cleveland, Inc., who will provide “actors” to assist by performing various scenarios of people in crisis. Scenario based training will occur on Fridays with the support of the resources at the Public Safety Center and Traumatic Players of Cleveland, Inc., Officers will be paired and engage these “actors” during their scenarios, demonstrating active listening skills, tactical communication and non-lethal engagement.

The ADAMHS Board will contract with Cuyahoga Community College Public Safety Training Center for the use of the Simulated Scenario Village. Scenario Village is a newly developed training facility located on the campus of Cuyahoga Community College in Parma. Scenario Village is made up of a series of mobile props such as a “house”, “emergency room”, “fast food restaurant”, “apartment building”, and “group home”. These props will be used to conduct the scenario based activities between “actors” and the officers. As part of the Scenario Village, officers will also utilize the Virtra Simulator which displays computerized scenarios in which officers will demonstrate de-escalation skills in order to reduce the use of force. Board staff recommend approval of the following contracts in the amount of \$63,350 to enhance the Countywide CIT training with law enforcement officers throughout Cuyahoga County. These contracts are with Traumatic Players of Cleveland, Inc., for \$19,800 for the use of “actors” for scenario based activities and Cuyahoga Community College for the use of Scenario Village for \$43,550 for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 15, 2024.

Mr. Osiecki shared that this funding is not part of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center’s funding but is ADAMHS Board funding; and is dependent on whether the Board moves forward with the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center’s contract for 2024. Mr. Snider reported that 22 years ago he was involved with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); whereby a special appreciation was shared regarding Tennessee’s involvement with CIT; and that lives have been saved throughout the State of Ohio because of this program. He also provided accolades to staff for their continued involvement with this vital program.

Motion to recommend approval of the following contracts in the amount of \$63,350 to enhance the Countywide CIT Training with law enforcement officers throughout Cuyahoga County. Traumatic Players of Cleveland, Inc., for \$19,800 for the use of “actors” for scenario-based activities and Cuyahoga Community College for the use of Scenario Village for \$43,550 for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 15, 2024 to the full Board.

MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- f. Cuyahoga County Suicide Prevention Coalition (CCSPC) Community Outreach to Vulnerable Youth – \$50,000
- Removing the Stigma - \$25,000
 - Colors+ Youth Center - \$25,000

Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children’s Behavioral Health Programs, reported that the Cuyahoga County’s Suicide Prevention Coalition (CCSPC) was awarded Public Health Fund of Ohio’s (PHFO) Youth Suicide Prevention grant, which is an opportunity specifically targeted for 27 Ohio counties based on suicide death and attempts data. Eligible applicants were Suicide Prevention Coalitions in those counties. The PHFO facilitates public/private partnerships and conducts critical, enduring, sustainable, and cost-effective public health projects and programming. The PHFO issues grants and conducts work related to public health awareness and educational campaigns, implementation and administration of innovative public health programs and prevention strategies, and priority public health issues. The ADAMHS Board serves as the fiscal agent for the CCSPC.

Removing the Stigma (RTS) and Colors+ Youth Center (Colors+), two partners from CCSPC, will work together to create a pilot population health event program embedded in the local community to promote the removal of stigma around suicide; creation of a safe environment for youth to connect with peers, parents and supporters; and identification of resources for ongoing help and support. The target population is youth/families who are part of two highly vulnerable groups, African-Americans and the LGBTQ+ community. The program will begin with a community survey/focus groups to determine comprehension and stereotypes related to suicide and suicide prevention in the community. RTS and Colors+ will facilitate a series of six - eight community outreach and engagement activities that will be held at a location

where the target populations are already engaged, such as a city recreation center or library. The series will use both experts and peers to lead interactive learning activities to build a safe, supportive environment around the discussion of mental health and suicide prevention. Representatives from RTS and Colors+ were present to respond to questions from the Board Directors; and emphasized the impact this pilot program will have on youth and the intersectionality of youth. Board staff recommend accepting \$50,000 of funding from PHFO and contract with RTS and Colors+, each for \$25,000, for the term of November 15, 2023 through November 14, 2024.

Mr. Snider thanked the representatives of RTS and Colors+ for providing this program to youth/families who are part of two highly vulnerable groups, African-Americans and the LGBTQ+ community.

Motion to recommend accepting \$50,000 of funding from PHFO and contract with RTS and Colors+, each for \$25,000, for the term of November 15, 2023 through November 14, 2024 to the full Board. MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

- a. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-08, Crisis Intervention and Harm Reduction Services
 - Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) - \$108,000

Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer, reported that NORA's Crisis Intervention and Harm Reduction Services Program started at the end of 2022 through State Opioid Response (SOR) funds. The ADAMHS Board included funding for a portion of the program during the 2023 budget cycle. The SOR funding covered specific peer positions that are integral to the implementation of the crisis program. This amendment is to provide funding to cover peer positions through the end of the current year in order to maintain the current level of services provided by the crisis program.

NORA operates the Crisis Intervention and Harm Reduction Program consisting of a 24-hour hotline (providing behavioral health assessment, linkage and referral) and community outreach Wednesday – Saturday from 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. The community outreach consists of a multidisciplinary team including peer supporters, nursing staff and other behavioral health professionals and serves all zip codes in Cuyahoga County, with a focus on underserved areas. The community outreach team provides behavioral health assessments, linkages and referrals, health screenings, behavioral health and harm reduction education, harm reduction supplies (including Narcan & Fentanyl Test Strips), and transportation to behavioral health providers. Approximately 5,000 individuals will be served/outreached in 2023. Board staff recommend amending Resolution No. 22-11-08 to increase funding in the amount of \$108,000 for the Crisis Intervention and Harm Reduction Services Program with NORA for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Ms. Anita Bradley, Founder and Executive Director of NORA, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Ms. Sadigoh C. Galloway complimented Ms. Bradley regarding NORA's outreach efforts in the community.

Motion to recommend amending Resolution No. 22-11-08 to increase funding in the amount of \$108,000 for the Crisis Intervention and Harm Reduction Services Program with NORA for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to the full Board. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. **IDENTIFY CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. James-Stewart recommended including the CY2024 Agreements with Class 2 Residential Facilities, the six contracts and one contract amendment be included into the Consent Agenda to be recommended for approval to the full Board.

Motion to recommend including the CY2024 Agreements with Class 2 Residential Facilities, the six contracts and one contract amendment be included into the Consent Agenda for approval to the full Board. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVERSION CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Osiecki provided a Cuyahoga County Diversion Center update. He reported that on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, and Wednesday, November 8, 2023, Board staff met with representatives of Cuyahoga County and Oriana House to discuss the CY2024 contract for the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. As a result, Board staff are presently waiting to hear back from Cuyahoga County's representatives regarding the status of this contract. Mr. Osiecki shared that the Board's intent is to have two CIT Training Officers' positions funded in CY2024 through the grant. Previously, three CIT Training Officers were utilized through this grant, however, one CIT Training Officer has taken another position at the Board.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Osiecki also provided a Behavioral Health Crisis Center update. He reported that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023, on the St. Vincent Campus. Participants include representatives from The MetroHealth System, St. Vincent, Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell, Cuyahoga County (Ms. Brandy Carney) and Board Staff. He shared that Councilwoman Conwell requested to participate in planning meetings regarding the Behavioral Health Crisis Center. Ms. Carney is also involved due to discussion regarding the provision of diversion services at the Behavioral Health Crisis Center. Mr. Osiecki reported that there are a few other options on the St. Vincent Campus that might work; and shared that representatives of St. Vincent will inform the Board of this status at this scheduled meeting.

Mr. Osiecki reported that discussion has transpired with OhioMHAS regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding regarding the "Adam – Amanda" Center (Step Up Step Down). He shared that the Board will act as a fiscal agent for payment of invoices from ORCA House; and that most of the costs were switched from capital to operational. The capital funding is \$450,000 for a generator; however, ORCA House has to advertise for bidders.

11. REVIEW OF CY2024 ADAMHS BOARD BUDGET

Mr. Osiecki stated that a few adjustments have been made to the CY2024 ADAMHS Board budget; and requested Ms. Harrison to share the adjustments made. The adjustments referenced included changes based on requests and information gained since the CY2024 ADAMHS Board budget material was originally distributed. The major changes are on the projected revenues page, which included a minor correction regarding moving Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) from the federal portion to the state funding. Additional changes made included the following:

- The contract with Applewood Centers for Mental Health in the Detention Center will be increased due to a request from Juvenile Court to allow Applewood Centers to hire two additional clinicians to handle the increased need at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, an Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) funded provider, has declined funding for CY2024.
- Cleveland Treatment Center (CTC) will have the ability to bill pooled funding for MAT services at Hattie House.
- NORA has a new recovery housing program; whereby Seasons of Hope has closed, which will allow NORA to provide recovery housing for women who are pregnant and/or have infant children at this location. This program is projected to open in early January 2024.

Mr. Osiecki reported that Catholic Charities will also have a Hispanic Recovery House, which is already reflected in their budget. Representatives from NORA and Catholic Charities were present to respond to questions from the Board Directors

Ms. Harrison reported that Board Directors will receive a copy of the final bound updated CY2024 ADAMHS Board Budget at the General Meeting of Wednesday, November 15, 2023; and for recycling purposes, Ms. Harrison requested that the Board Directors return their original CY2024 ADAMHS Board Budget material.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-08, Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Funding
 - Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc. (EDEN) – No New Funding

Ms. Schaefer reported that since 1991, EDEN has been providing housing options and assistance for people living with mental illness. EDEN was awarded funding in CY2023 for their new Transitional Age Youth Supportive Housing

Program, which was projected to open in Fall of 2023. Due to construction delays, the Transitional Age Youth Supportive Housing Program will not be opening in 2023. EDEN reported (due to an increase in fair market rents, household size of participants, and less households reporting income) the HAP program is projected to be operating at a loss for 2023.

Ms. Schaefer recommended amending EDEN's CY2023 contract to shift unused funds from the Transitional Age Youth Supportive Housing Program and other identified unspent funds within the EDEN contract to the HAP Program. HAP is a rental assistance program for clients who have a behavioral health diagnosis and are receiving services from an ADAMHS board provider agency. HAP allows the clients in the program to choose where they want to live in Cuyahoga County. The clients pay 40% of their adjusted income toward rent and utilities. The HAP Program provides a temporary housing subsidy with private landlords: singles, duplexes, multi-family, and apartment buildings. The goal is for clients to move on to a more permanent housing subsidy as vouchers become available, such as the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP/Mainstream). Eligibility guidelines include households that meet Federal low-income guidelines, a household member with a documented mental illness, whereby the member of the household living with the mental illness must be linked with services through an ADAMHS board provider agency. Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director of EDEN, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors.

Motion to recommend amending Resolution No. 22-11-08 to reallocate funding within EDEN's approved CY2023 contract for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to the full Board. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: H. Snider / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- b. Amendment to Resolution No. 23-09-05, "Adam – Amanda" Center
 - Signature Health - \$1,275,800

Mr. Jun reported 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 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. In error, OhioMHAS approved funding not allowable for federal funding and noncapital costs to be included in capital funding for ORCA House. As a result, OhioMHAS approved moving \$825,800 of "operational costs" to what it is calling "ARPA 2" and approving \$450,000 of capital funding for a total project cost of ORCA House in the amount \$1,275,800. The ADAMHS Board has already contracted with Signature Health for the 10% match in the amount of \$145,080. OhioMHAS originally awarded funding in the amount of \$1,305,720 which required 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.

Motion to recommend amending Resolution No. 23-09-05 to accept ARPA funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$1,130,720 and enter into contract amendment with Signature Health to increase the amount by \$1,130,720 for a total of \$1,275,800 for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 to the full Board. MOTION: S. Galloway / SECOND: G. Boehm / AYES: G. Boehm, E. Cade, J. Dixon, R. Fowler, S. Galloway, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

As a result of the two additional contract amendments approved during New Business, Ms. James-Stewart recommended that the CY2024 Agreements with Class 2 Residential Facilities, the six contracts and three contract amendments be included into the Consent Agenda to be recommended for approval to the full Board.

Mr. Osiecki shared that Board staff will be bringing forth a formal request at the General Meeting of Wednesday, November 15, 2023, regarding approval for the CY2024 ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting Brunch, Awards Ceremony and Client Art Show. He

reported that Board staff are requesting Board Director approval to host the event on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Holiday Inn Cleveland-S Independence.

Mr. Osiecki distributed copies of a draft Subsidy Agreement request that he recently received from Cuyahoga County and reported that he will follow up with Cuyahoga County; and provide an update once Board staff have reviewed the document in detail.

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

Ms. Harrison reported that the Board anticipated paying \$1.2 million for T Suites in CY2023, however, have not received an invoice to date. She shared that in CY2022, the Board paid this invoice in November, and have requested an invoice for payment prior to Cuyahoga County's closing deadline for CY2023. Hence, if this invoice is received, this request will be discussed at the General Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Dr. Fowler discussed the CY2024 Board Meeting schedule and reported that due to the duplicative nature of the Planning & Oversight Committee and the Finance & Operations Committee, these two committees should be combined. He shared that a final decision will be had at the General Meeting.

13. FOLLOW-UP

No follow-up was received.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was received.

15. UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024 BOARD MEETINGS:

- General Meeting: November 15, 2023
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: January 3, 2024
- Finance & Oversight Committee Meeting: January 17, 2024
- General Meeting: January 24, 2024

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant

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