

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2023

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Bishara W. Addison, Ashwani Bhardwaj, Erskine Cade, MBA, Rebekah L. Dorman, Ph.D.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Carole Ballard, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Myra Henderson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Sabrina Mack, Linda Lamp, Mark Onusko, Tiffany Ponds-Kimbro, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Starlette Sizemore, Nick Weaver, Joicelyn Weems

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., called the General Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No audience input on agenda items was received.

3. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: OCTOBER 2023

The ADAMHS Board's monthly client art display program showcases client artwork, highlights our provider agencies, recognizes the benefits of art therapy and celebrates the recovery community. The monthly client art display program can be seen in-person and virtually on the Board's website.

Ms. Tiffany Ponds-Kimbro, Director of External Affairs, highlighted the work produced through Catholic Charities, which is one of the largest Health and Human Services organization in the region. The goal of the FIRST program is to promote early identification and provide best treatment practices as soon as possible. For this reason, the program is open to Cuyahoga County residents ages 14 to 30 who have had psychotic symptoms for no more than 18 months and have been diagnosed with one of the following: schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, schizophreniform disorder, or other specified/unspecified schizophrenia spectrum. The FIRST program is a partnership in Cuyahoga County between Catholic Charities and Northeast Ohio Medical University's Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center. The BeST Center promotes recovery and works to improve the lives of people with schizophrenia. On behalf of the ADAMHS Board, Ms. Ponds-Kimbro introduced the representative in attendance, who was awarded a Certificate of Participation for their impressive artwork. The representative thanked the ADAMHS Board for the opportunity to participate in the November 2023 client artwork display.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 25, 2023 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Fowler reported that the Special Meeting that was originally scheduled for 3:00 p.m. today was canceled. He shared that Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, would provide an update on the Cuyahoga County/ADAMHS Board Health and Human Services Levy Subsidy Agreement under item 13 on the agenda. Dr. Fowler reiterated that the Board recently received a resignation notice from Board member/state appointee, Ms. Sharon Rosenbaum. Ms. Rosenbaum explained in her communication that she is sorry that she has to leave but wanted to thank everyone for the great experience. On behalf of the ADAMHS Board, we sincerely want to thank Ms. Rosenbaum for her service on the ADAMHS Board since her appointment in August of 2017 and extend to her our very best wishes.

The Annual Board Director Training Retreat was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Board. Agenda items included, but were not limited to, ADAMHS Board Roles and Responsibilities, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 340 and

Statutory Changes, and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Focus of Crisis System, Workforce and Data Improvement. The candid conversations during this retreat made this a worthwhile session.

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

Due to the duplicative nature of the Planning & Oversight (P&O) Committee and the Finance & Operations (F&O) Committee, Dr. Fowler suggested that these two committees should combine and be called the Finance & Oversight (F&O) Committee.

Motion to combine the Planning & Oversight Committee and the Finance & Operations Committee of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. MOTION: P. James-Stewart / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Dr. Fowler also reported that Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., 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.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, Board Vice Chair, reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting that was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 4:05 p.m. Board Directors heard the following agenda items as listed below.

- Dr. Fowler reported that Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., 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.
- An Overview of Recent Provider/Services Survey Results was shared by Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer. Ms. Rosser shared results from three different Assessments/Surveys, which included a Racial/Health Equity Assessment, a Client Satisfaction Survey and a Workforce Survey.

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 23-11-01 through 23-11-03

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-01**

APPROVAL OF CY2024 AGREEMENTS FOR ADAMHS BOARD CLASS 2 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

- Ms. Allison Schaefer, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, reported on the CY2024 Agreements with Class 2 Residential Facilities. A motion was made and passed 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.
- ADAMHS Board staff highlighted Agenda Process Sheets for six agreements and one amendment, answered questions and provided clarification for committee members. All action items were approved and forwarded for Board approval at the General Meeting.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-02 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

- ADAMHS Board staff highlighted Agenda Process Sheets for six contracts and three amendments, answered questions and provided clarification for committee members. All action items were approved and forwarded for Board approval at the General Meeting. The contracts are as follows:

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

Ms. Schaefer reported that 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. A representative from Recovery Resources was present to respond to questions from the

Board Directors. A motion was approved 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.

2. 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 this program will provide Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (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. Catholic Charities will provide case management to Substance Use Disorder clients and CPST services to mental health clients in the Pilot Program.

Signature Health will provide case management services to clients in the Pilot Program. A representative was present from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Corrections Planning Board to respond to questions from the Board Directors. A motion was approved 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.

3. 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 the ADAMHS Board has partnered with the 17 providers listed to expand access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and recovery support services to persons in Cuyahoga County with Opioid Use Disorder (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. A motion was approved 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 in the Agenda Process Sheet for the specified amounts to the full Board.

4. 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 attorneys represent the ADAMHS Board at civil commitment hearings, involuntary treatment hearings, special hearings and file motions on behalf of the ADAMHS Board. Attorneys will be compensated \$200 per hearing and motion. Attorneys 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. A motion was approved to recommend approval of contracts with the Attorneys identified for \$200 per hearing/motion/hour for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 to the full Board.

5. 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 the CIT Training Supplemental 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. A motion was approved 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.

6. 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 Removing the Stigma (RTS) and Colors+ Youth Center (Colors+), two partners from Cuyahoga County's Suicide Prevention Coalition (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. A motion was approved to recommend accepting \$50,000 of funding from the Public Health Fund of Ohio (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.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 23-10-03 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

1. 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 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 through 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 and Fentanyl Test Strips) and transportation to behavioral health providers. A motion was approved to recommend amending Resolution No. 22-11-08 to increase funding for the Crisis Intervention and Harm Reduction Services Program with NORA in the amount of \$108,000 for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to the full Board.

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

Mr. Jun reported that 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 American Rescue Plan Act 2 ("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. A motion was approved 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.

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

Ms. Schaefer reported on 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. Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director of EDEN, was present to respond to questions from the Board Directors. A motion was approved 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.

- Mr. Osiecki provided a brief Cuyahoga County Diversion Center update and a brief Behavioral Health Crisis Center Update.
- Mr. Osiecki and staff discussed changes to the CY2024 ADAMHS Board budget for Board Director review - for final approval at today's General Meeting.
- 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. A final decision will be had at the today's General Meeting.
- As a result of the two additional contract amendments approved during New Business, it was 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 highlighted that he recently received a draft Subsidy Agreement request from Cuyahoga County and will follow up once Board staff have reviewed the document in detail.
- Since there was no Follow-up or Public Comment received, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 23-11-01 through 23-11-03). MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

7. ADAMHS BOARD 2024 ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH, AWARDS CEREMONY AND CLINT ART SHOW: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow reported that the Annual Meeting has traditionally attracted between 350 and 500 guests and is held during May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month. During the Annual Meeting, the Board provides a yearly update to the community and acknowledges exceptional accomplishments in the community through the presentation of awards to clients, family members, legislators and professionals. It also showcases client art. The videographer – to be determined (TBD) – will record the Helping Hands Award recipients' video to be shown during the Annual Meeting. The ADAMHS Board sells tickets to the event to defray the cost of the food and service charge. The contract that the Board enters into will not exceed \$35,000 and the cost to the Board should be less than \$15,000. The 2023 Annual Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Independence; and offers a centrally located space with free self-parking and easy highway and bus access and can easily hold up to 500 guests. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors authorize the 2024 Annual Meeting Brunch, Awards Ceremony and Client Art Show on Monday, May 13, 2024, allowing the Chief Executive Officer to contract with Holiday Inn South Cleveland – Independence and a videographer, TBD, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the term of December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-04**
APPROVAL OF ADAMHS BOARD 2024 ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH, AWARDS CEREMONY AND CLIENT ART SHOW: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-11-04. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Killpack / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

8. ADAMHS BOARD 2024 ROADS TO RECOVERY CONFERENCE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, reported that the Roads to Recovery '24 Conference has been successfully held in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2022. Based on the tremendous success of these nine conferences, the Board of Directors and staff agree that it is a worthwhile endeavor that should be held every other year. The purpose of the Roads to Recovery '24 Conference is to educate clients, family members, providers, mental health professionals, alcohol and other drug addiction professionals and legislators that personal recovery from mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction is possible. Specifically, the goals and objectives of the conference include:

- Illustrating successful mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction recovery models and best practices.
- Establishing a trusting relationship between clients, family members, and providers to foster recovery.
- Educating the public that personal recovery from mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction is possible.
- Educating the public, providers, family members and others about the ADAMHS Board's commitment towards diversity, equity and inclusion and the role it plays in recovery.

Board staff recommends that Monday, October 21, 2024, would be the best day to hold the conference because it does not interfere with any religious or national holidays. Staff is recommending holding the Roads to Recovery '24 Conference at Holiday Inn Independence. This facility offers free parking, up to 10 breakout rooms, use of audio/visual (AV) equipment, food and ample space for vendors. The Holiday Inn Independence offers a broad variety of menu options. Ms. Ballard reported that conference expenses are paid for by registration fees, sponsorships, display table sales, net revenue from the Training Institute and ADAMHS Board funding. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors approve a request not to exceed \$50,000 in food, beverage, service charge, conference room rental, A/V rental, speaker guest room pick-up and speaker honorariums for the term of November 16, 2023 through November 30, 2024.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-05**
APPROVAL OF ADAMHS BOARD 2024 ROADS TO RECOVERY CONFERENCE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-11-05. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: S. Galloway / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

9. 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE QUARTERLY UPDATE

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

modified with the ever-changing environment, reviewed and updated as needed with periodic updates provided to the Board Directors on the goals achieved and progress made on the plan.

Mr. Osiecki provided a detailed review of each of the six goals outlined in the Board's 5-Year Strategic Plan by sharing a few of the activities and progress made on each of the identified goals, in addition to DEI achievements, during the last quarter, which includes Saturday, July 1, 2023, through Saturday, September 30, 2023. In total, 25 pages of accomplishments were made during the last quarter. (The 5-Year Strategic Plan and DEI in Behavioral Health Care Quarterly Update is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit and can be found on the Board's website.)

Dr. Fowler commended staff for their efforts with the 5-Year Strategic Plan and DEI In Behavioral Healthcare; and shared that this detailed document is thorough.

10. CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVERSION CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Osiecki provided a Cuyahoga County Diversion Center Update. He reported that Cuyahoga County, Oriana House and the Board are close to finalizing an agreement for the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center for CY2024. An agreement with FrontLine Service has been finalized to provide prescreening for eligibility for the Diversion Center. Previously, the Board was funded for three Training Officers, however, one Training Officer has moved to the External Affairs Officer position; As a result, the contract for CY2024 will move forward with two Training Officer positions for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, as well as attending police roll calls, to educate the local police departments regarding the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center.

11. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Osiecki also provided a Behavioral Health Crisis Center update. He originally reported that the Board received \$6.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from OhioMHAS to expand the crisis services on the St. Vincent Campus, whereby 3 different components would be present, a receiving center (The Living Room Model where an individual will be triaged.), Psychiatric Emergency Services area (A facility to hold an individual up to 23 hours.) and a 16 bed Crisis Center. Mr. Osiecki shared that with any extensive planning process, there have been a few bumps in the road, such as the initial location identified at St. Vincent not being a viable location.

Presently, Mr. Osiecki is working with Cuyahoga County and The MetroHealth System to coordinate diversion services as well as all the crisis care components, for the identification of an alternative location. He also shared that Board Directors, as well as the community, will be updated as more details arise.

12. CY2024 ADAMHS BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Osiecki reported that several inquiries were received from the Board Directors based upon their review of the budget material and that questions were answered as they came in. He also highlighted that the Board Directors recently received revised CY2024 budget material and requested Board approval of the CY2024 Board's Operational Budget and CY2024 Service Provider Contracts. Mr. Osiecki shared that once the CY2024 ADAMHS Board Budget is approved by the Board Directors, the budget material will be placed on the Board's website.

Dr. Fowler complimented staff for their efforts relative to the presentation of the CY2024 ADAMHS Board budget material. Additional Board Directors concurred.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-06**
APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-11-06. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-07**
APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2024 SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-11-07. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: P. James-Stewart / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

13. CUYAHOGA COUNTY / ADAMHS BOARD HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY SUBSIDY AGREEMENT

Mr. Osiecki reported that the purpose of the Cuyahoga County / ADAMHS Board Health and Human Services Levy Subsidy Agreement is to share responsibility with Cuyahoga County for how the Board utilizes Health and Human Services Levy funding. He reported that a meeting transpired with Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell, Cuyahoga County Council staff and Board staff to discuss the draft Subsidy Agreement in detail. As a result, Mr. Osiecki distributed revised copies of a draft Subsidy Agreement for Board Director review; and highlighted revisions within the agreement. After a lengthy discussion of various changes to the draft Subsidy Agreement, in addition to the Board's reporting requirements, Board staff recommended to the Board Directors to grant authority to the ADAMHS Board's Chief Executive Officer for endorsing the Health and Human Services Levy Subsidy Agreement with Cuyahoga County, contingent upon the approval of all parties for any modifications.

Mr. Jun provided an update regarding a response he received from Cuyahoga County regarding language around capital expenditures as outlined in the draft Cuyahoga County / ADAMHS Board Health and Human Services Levy Subsidy Agreement. He shared that Cuyahoga County revised the language to state "any purpose for which the Health and Human Services Levy revenue is prohibited by federal, state and county law." He also shared that a revision regarding "direct payment or indirect formula-based calculations while excluding cost of living or equity adjustments made to the base compensation of employees." This explicitly states that the formula excludes bonuses and only considers the base compensation without factoring in cost of living or equity adjustments.

Mr. Harvey Snider thanked staff for their efforts relative to the draft Subsidy Agreement. He also referenced that the second "Whereas" within the draft Subsidy Agreement outlines the Board's responsibilities; and suggested the inclusion that the ADAMHS Board operates pursuant and subject to the legislature and the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Mr. Jun reported that the existence of the Board is included within the document; and Mr. Snider expressed that legal text should be included as a "Whereas" and not only in the preamble. He shared that the relevant legal provisions, considerations, or background information should be incorporated as "Whereas" clauses. This helps ensure that the document maintains a clear separation between the background context ("Whereas" clauses) and the operative provisions. Mr. Jun responded to additional questions from the Board Directors; and provided clarification regarding the draft Health and Human Services Levy Subsidy Agreement.

Motion to grant authority to the Chief Executive Officer of the ADAMHS Board for endorsing the Health and Human Services Levy Subsidy Agreement with Cuyahoga County, contingent upon the approval of all parties for any modifications.

MOTION: H. Snider / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- **Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and OhioMHAS Data Modernization Discussion:**
 - Due to Mr. Osiecki's involvement with the OACBHA Executive Committee, he participated in a data modernization discussion / focus group in Columbus.
 - Mr. Osiecki shared that the state is giving significant attention to collecting and exchanging data in various ways.
- **Baldwin Wallace Health Equity and Research Education Institute Announcement:**
 - Ms. Rosser participated in the Baldwin Wallace Health Equity and Research Education Institute announcement with Senator Sherrod Brown to discuss the new developments at Baldwin Wallace regarding research on health equity.
- **University Hospitals Meeting:**
 - Ms. Maggie Tolbert, Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Leslie Koblentz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant, and Mr. Osiecki met with Executive staff of University Hospitals to discuss behavioral health issues with children; and have agreed to continue meeting with them to discuss those issues.
- **Recovery Within Reach-Cleveland Training Event:**
 - Mr. Osiecki reported that on Friday, November 10, 2023, he participated on a panel at the Recovery Within Reach-Cleveland Training Event, which was held at the Cleveland Marriott East. This event was held for financial planners and was part of the state's outreach efforts to financial planners.

- Mr. Osiecki shared that he served as a moderator for the Veterans Administration.
- Ms. Rosser participated in My Recovery Day Jam on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
- Ms. Ponds-Kimbrow attended both events to capture photographs and oversee the ADAMHS Board's resource table.

- **Staff Update:**

- Mr. Osiecki reported that Ms. Sabrina Mack, Resource Specialist, started at the Board on Monday, November 13, 2023. Ms. Mack was previously employed by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Ms. Mack expressed her delight at being part of the ADAMHS Board and extended her gratitude to the Board for this valuable opportunity.
- Mr. Osiecki shared that Lori Criss, OhioMHAS Director, has accepted a new position at The Ohio State University. Her last day at OhioMHAS is Friday, November 17, 2023. Mr. Osiecki stated that in support of the Board's efforts, Director Criss has consistently demonstrated a staunch advocacy, actively contributing to the success of initiatives and campaigns aligned with the Board's goals. During the search for a permanent director, Mr. Jonathan Baker will be serving as the acting director, overseeing the responsibilities and ensuring continuity in leadership.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jun reported that the Cuyahoga County executive leadership began a cross-system collaborative planning and Request for Proposal (RFP) process to address the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS) placement crisis. Collaborating public child-serving systems included: Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, CCDCFS, Family and Children First Council (FCFC), the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD), and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court (CCJC). Contributing factors to the placement crisis include difficulties recruiting and maintaining a DCFS and behavioral healthcare provider workforce, treatment level licensed foster/kinship homes, and residential and community-based treatment staff who can provide intensive home-based treatment (IHBT). The Centers was selected for the Short-term Emergency Childcare Program through the RFP review process that included all systems. Each public child-serving system is agreeing to contribute \$1.2 million to Cuyahoga County to be used towards the Short-term Emergency Childcare Program, which is called Teen Suites. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed by Cuyahoga County and signed by each system to outline the details of this collaboratively funded program. The County Executive signed a three-year contract with the Centers in September of 2022 that was ratified by County Council in October 2022.

The Centers is administering the Short-term Emergency Childcare Program, which is a cross-system joint-funded program for children with significant co-occurring multi-system needs who are in the custody of DCFS and in need of an emergency placement. The program is serving multi-system hard-to-place youth who may have been declined or removed from multiple settings and are often left to stay in the DCFS administration building, hospitals, the detention center or residential treatment programs while DCFS completes a local and nation-wide search for a long-term/permanent placement. The Centers is providing eight beds with length of stays up to 14 days in a congregate care setting and provide 24/7 supervision, therapeutic services, resources and supports, and room and board to an estimated 150 to 200 youth. The Centers agreed to accept all youth referred by DCFS with no "eject" or "reject" restrictions. Each child served is receiving appropriate and necessary individualized supervision and accommodations to meet co-occurring needs related to behavioral health, medical, developmental disabilities, conduct or juvenile offending to ensure the personal safety and wellbeing of themselves and others until a long-term placement or living arrangement is identified. The Centers is in a strategic partnership with the Cleveland Christian Home. DCFS Short-term Emergency Childcare Program will be located at this site in a newly renovated area of the historic building. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors approve an amendment to Resolution No. 22-11-03 to approve additional funding in the amount of \$1.2 million to Cuyahoga County to be used towards the DCFS Short-term Emergency Childcare program provided by the Centers for the term of November 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024.

Ms. Sadigoh C. Galloway commended the Board for taking a stance on this matter.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-08
CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS) SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY
CHILDCARE PROGRAM**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-11-08. MOTION: G. Boehm / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, H. Snider / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

Mr. Osiecki reported that Rev. Gohlstin is recommending that the Board pursue Dr. Joy Angela DeGruy for a public speaking engagement during February, which is Black History Month. Rev. Gohlstin shared that Dr. DeGruy's research focuses on the

intersection of racism, trauma, violence and slavery. Dr. DeGruy has over thirty years of practical experience as a professional in the field of social work; and conducts workshops and trainings in the areas of intergenerational/historical trauma, mental health, social justice, improvement strategies and evidence based model development. Board staff is recommending that the Board Directors grant authorization for Board staff to explore the possibility of securing Dr. DeGruy for a public speaking engagement at a community event. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Fowler granted this authorization; and shared that additional information will be forthcoming during the January 2024 Board meeting cycle. Additional Board Directors concurred.

16. FOLLOW-UP

No follow-up was received.

17. AUDIENCE INPUT

No audience input was received.

18. UPCOMING JANUARY 2024 AND FEBRUARY 2024 BOARD MEETINGS:

- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: January 3, 2024
- Finance & Oversight Committee Meeting: January 17, 2024
- General Meeting: January 24, 2024 at Stella Maris, Inc. (Coffee Shop), 1302 Winslow Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113
- Faith-based Outreach Committee Meeting: February 7, 2024
- Finance & Oversight Committee Meeting: February 21, 2024
- General Meeting: February 28, 2024

Dr. Fowler conveyed that he intends to reach out to the identified Board Directors to seek their acceptance as the Chair and Vice Chair of the newly established Finance & Oversight Committee of the ADAMHS Board. The Board decided that the Finance & Oversight Committee will convene on the third Wednesday of each month when regular Board meetings take place, except for July, August and December.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by: *Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant*

Approved by:

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County