

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

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2024**

ADAMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW	Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Bishara W. Addison	Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S
Ashwani Bhardwaj	Steve Killpack, MS
Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.	Kathryn Y. Parks, MBA, MA, LPC, LICDC
Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.	Harvey A. Snider, Esq.
James T. Dixon	Molly Wimbiscus, M.D.

ABSENT: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Erskine Cade, MBA, Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, Sarah Adkins, Carole Ballard, Ariel Brownlee, Danielle Clark, Erin DiVincenzo, Ben Goodwin, Felicia Harrison, Latoya Hunter Hayes, Ian Jameson, Woo Jun, Britany King, Linda Lamp, Nancy Mundy, Mark Onusko, Clare Rosser, Jessica Saker, Allison Schaefer, Starlette Sizemore, Michael Smith, Maggie Tolbert, Nick Weaver, Jocelyn Weems, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chairperson, Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, called the General Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Mr. Harvey Snider, Esq., read into the record the Board's Mission Statement: *"Enhance the quality of life for our community through a commitment to excellence in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services coordinated through a person-centered network of community supports."*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items was received.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Kelli K. Perk, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Civil Division of the Office of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, officiated the Oath of Office for Ms. Kathryn Y. Parks, MBA, MA, LPC, LICDC, and Molly Wimbiscus, M.D., who were appointed by the Cuyahoga County Council, and Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj and Mr. Steve Killpack, MS, who received reappointments from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

Mr. Killpack expressed his honor in being reappointed for another term. Mr. Bhardwaj conveyed his gratitude to the Board for the opportunity to continue serving. Ms. Parks thanked the Board for allowing her to serve as a member and Dr. Wimbiscus similarly expressed her thanks to the Board for the opportunity to serve.

4. RECOGNITION OF CLIENT ARTWORK DISPLAY: JUNE 2024

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. Jocelyn Weems, External Affairs Officer, highlighted the contributions of Beverly S., who unfortunately could not attend. The Board will be presenting her with a Certificate of Participation and a gift card in recognition of her exceptional artwork.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 22, 2024 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. James-Stewart presented a Proclamation in recognition of Maggie Tolbert, RN, commemorating her 26 years of dedicated service to the Board and the residents of Cuyahoga County. She highlighted the ADAMHS Board's appreciation for Ms. Tolbert's

significant contributions to bolstering the county's public mental health, addiction, and recovery system. As a result, the ADAMHS Board of Directors extends heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Tolbert as she prepares for retirement in July 2024. Ms. James-Stewart personally thanked Ms. Tolbert for her tenure on the Board and for their interactions on various occasions. She highlighted Ms. Tolbert's extensive knowledge, exceptional skills, ability to answer questions promptly, and her keen awareness of the happenings in the City of Cleveland.

Ms. James-Stewart shared the Proclamation with everyone present, highlighting the ADAMHS Board's appreciation for Ms. Tolbert's clinical and program expertise. She emphasized that Ms. Tolbert's contributions significantly supported the Board's mission to enhance the community's quality of life through excellence in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services within a person-centered network of community supports.

Ms. Tolbert has held several significant positions with the ADAMHS Board and the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB), including Assistant Chief Clinical Officer (2018-2024), Utilization Review Specialist (2003-2018), and Hospital Clinical Specialist (1997-2003). She has demonstrated leadership in supervision, management, and program responsibility, collaborating with provider agencies, governmental entities, community partners, and hospital and health systems. As a Registered Nurse, Ms. Tolbert has contributed her knowledge to improving systems, processes and client care through her work with the Board.

Ms. Tolbert was also recognized with a Top Nurse Award in the Innovation category by Cleveland.com, the Greater Cleveland Nurses Association and the Ohio League of Nurses for her project management of the Cuyahoga County Diversion.

Therefore, be it resolved that the ADAMHS Board recognizes the valuable contributions of Maggie Tolbert, RN, in supporting the public mental health, addiction, and recovery system of care in Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board of Directors commends Maggie Tolbert, RN, for her 26 years of service to the Board, benefiting the residents of our county. Additionally, the Board extends its best wishes to Maggie Tolbert, RN, upon her retirement in July 2024.

Ms. Tolbert reminisced about her first day at the CCCMHB and expressed her deep gratitude for being appointed Assistant Chief Clinical Officer, a position created by Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer, which she applied for and received. She mentioned that she always had goals she wanted to achieve, and she succeeded in accomplishing them. Ms. Tolbert expressed her deep love for nursing and her strong passion for behavioral health. She emphasized her belief in every individual's potential, stating that having a behavioral health issue does not preclude someone from living a good and happy life. During her tenure at the Board, she has diligently worked to expand access to treatment, providing individuals with the opportunities they need to succeed in their lives. Ms. Tolbert shared her appreciation for everyone at the Board, acknowledging their support and collaboration.

7. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION:

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, DISPARITIES AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Mr. Osiecki introduced Mr. Jerry Primm, Strategy Consultant at CEO 360, The SOLUTION, upon the recommendation of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. Mr. Primm thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and mentioned that he is present to talk with the Board as a result of his recent conversations with Rev. Gohlstin. Mr. Primm shared that he is a minister and has experience as Foreman of the Grand Jury. He is the longest-serving Foreman of the Grand Jury in the State of Ohio and has presided over more cases than anyone else. During this tenure, he had some interesting experiences. He mentioned that as the Foreman of the Grand Jury, which is responsible for indicting individuals for felonies, his signature appears on every one of these indictments.

Mr. Primm mentioned that during his time as a member of the Grand Jury and through the recent election cycle, he encountered significant behavioral health challenges. He acknowledged his non-expertise in this area and highlighted his concern about the alarming increase in violent crimes in Cuyahoga County during 2023. He mentioned that while the national average had decreased by 10%, the county's average had increased by 26%, resulting in a 36% difference. Consequently, the Grand Jury witnessed numerous violent crimes, many of which were captured on camera, whether by police officers' cameras or those belonging to the City of Cleveland. He mentioned questioning the behavior of the individuals involved and emphasized that these situations represent challenges in behavioral health. When asking police officers about these situations, their response was that they were not qualified to make such determinations. Mr. Primm expressed that he believed everyone involved in this process sought a safe community and aimed to achieve things correctly. He mentioned watching videos of carjackings targeting women and elderly individuals. He clarified

that with three Grand Juries running concurrently, each Grand Jury reviews between 30 to 60 cases daily, with approximately 60% of these cases involving violent crimes.

Mr. Primm expressed his concerns about indicting individuals who exhibited indiscriminately reckless behavior, behavior that seemed routine for them. As a minister, one of the most emotionally challenging tasks is aiding victims' families. Consequently, he expressed that the system requires assistance. He reflected on his role, questioning what more he could have done to prevent these incidents. His primary concern is observing the youth of Cuyahoga County dealing with undocumented behavioral health issues. He mentioned that over the past 12 months, he has visited the county jail twice and emphasized that Grand Juries are the only authorized inspectors of the jail, which they are doing an excellent job. However, a couple of concerning observations for Mr. Primm included the fact that over 75% of individuals in jail were Black, and 65% had documented behavioral health challenges. He noted that Cuyahoga County is not merely a county jail with a few individuals facing behavioral health challenges, but rather a behavioral health facility with a few criminals mixed in. He stressed that individuals with behavioral health challenges are approached from a criminal justice perspective rather than receiving medical treatment.

Mr. Primm posed questions about how different entities could collaborate to address this situation. He expressed that efforts in Cuyahoga County to assist the youth have been ineffective and hopes to raise awareness so that everyone can reconsider their approach. He mentioned the Diversion Center, highlighting that the entire system and the way we interact with it are broken. He clarified that this is not a criticism of the process, as it will take time to correct. However, as the Grand Jury Foreman and someone who has worked closely with Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley, he noted that law enforcement had concerns regarding the voluntary status of treatment at the Diversion Center. He also expressed gratitude to the ADAMHS Board for offering free Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to law enforcement but emphasized the need for the community to advocate for more officers to receive this training to effectively deescalate situations and promote safer communities. In conclusion, Mr. Primm urged the ADAMHS Board and the behavioral health community to prioritize culturally specific messaging and training concerning behavioral health services, noting that the current message is not effectively reaching the community.

PROBLEM GAMBLING OVERVIEW

Ms. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist I, introduced Mr. Cory Brown, MPA, OCPC, ICPS, who serves as the Manager of Problem Gambling Services at the Ohio Casino Control Commission, and Mr. Jimmie Hicks III, Deputy Director of the Office of Responsible Gambling at the Ohio Lottery Commission. Also in attendance were Mr. Milan Karna, OCPC, Problem Gambling Program Manager at the Office of Prevention Services, OhioMHAS; Ms. Susan Diamond, Responsible Gambling Manager at the Ohio Lottery Commission; and Mr. Nabil Pervaiz, Manager of Prevention Services at Recovery Resources.

Ms. Yarbrough-Franklin shared that Mr. Brown is an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant currently serving as the Manager of Problem Gambling Services at the Ohio Casino Control Commission. As a part of his role, Mr. Brown manages Time Out Ohio, the Ohio Voluntary Exclusion Program (Ohio VEP), oversees the responsible gaming plans of casinos and sports betting proprietors operating in Ohio, and collaborates with partners from Ohio for Responsible Gambling to ensure proper problem gambling service provision across the state. Mr. Brown also serves on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Problem Gambling Advisory Board where he co-chairs the Workforce Development Committee. Mr. Brown earned his Master of Public Administration from the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service.

Mr. Hicks III was named Deputy Director of Responsible Gambling in September 2022. In this new role Mr. Hicks III serves as the Lottery's Problem Gambling Advocate, ensuring best practices in corporate social responsibility. Prior to accepting this new role, Mr. Hicks III served on the lottery sales team as the Cleveland Regional Sales Manager for six years. Outside of the Ohio Lottery Mr. Hicks III is a Board Trustee for his family-operated non-profit, Start Right Community Development Corporation, located in the Caledonia neighborhood of Cleveland Heights. Prior to coming to the Ohio Lottery in 2016, Mr. Hicks III worked for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for three years in the Election Support Department.

Ms. Diamond joined the Office of Responsible Gambling in May 2022 as a Lottery Problem Gambling Advocate. Over her 29-year tenure, she has held positions in the Lottery's Operations, Marketing and Executive divisions. Currently, she serves as the Lottery's Responsible Gambling Program Manager, overseeing the Time Out Ohio Program, prevention advertising campaigns and special responsible gambling projects. She has actively contributed to the Lottery's commitment to responsible gambling for the past eight years in her previous role as a Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Regulation Manager. Ms. Diamond has been an active member of the

National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) since 2020. She has served on the NCPG Annual Conference Planning committee since 2017 as the volunteer coordinator and on the NCPG Communication Team since 2022.

Mr. Brown shared that the Ohio Casino Control Commission has the responsibility to ensure the integrity of casino gaming, sports gaming, skill-based amusement machine and fantasy contests in the State of Ohio. They were created in 2011 after State Issue 3 passed in 2009. They achieve this through licensing, regulating, investigating, and enforcing state laws. They consist of seven Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor. An Executive Director reports to the seven Commissioners. Eight divisions are tasked with reporting to the Executive Director to enforce the law and ensure regulatory compliance. These eight divisions consist of Communications, Regulatory Compliance, Enforcement, Investigations, Licensing, Legal, Operations and Problem Gambling Services.

Two employees staff the Division of Problem Gambling Services: Ms. Amanda Blackford, Director of Operations and Problem Gambling Services at the Ohio Casino Control Commission, and Mr. Brown. Their regulatory responsibilities include overseeing the disordered and problem gambling plan as well as advertising and promotions. In managing the disordered and problem gambling plan, they review and approve internal controls and required procedures, supporting documents, quarterly and annual reports, and incident reports, which encompass issues such as underage access and Time Out Ohio violations. In the realm of advertising and promotions, they conduct rolling audits to ensure compliance.

Mr. Brown reported on Time Out Ohio, formerly known as the Ohio VEP. Created in 2012, this program allows individuals to ban themselves from Ohio's casinos, racinos, and sports gaming for one year, five years, or their lifetime. Once the request is validated, the individual is not permitted access to any Ohio casino, racino properties, or participate in Ohio sports gaming during the self-imposed ban. This ban may also extend to affiliated properties outside of Ohio.

From 2012 to 2019, the program was exclusive to the four casinos. In 2019, it merged with the seven Ohio Lottery racino programs. In 2022, the program was renamed Time Out Ohio and updated to include sports betting. It has since expanded to offer additional support, including Gamban, an internet gambling blocking software that individuals can download for periods ranging from six months to five years.

Additionally, Time Out Ohio has partnered with Recoverme, a self-help application offering asynchronous cognitive behavioral therapy and mindfulness sessions for individuals who may not be suitable for clinical care or meet the diagnostic criteria for a gambling disorder. Lastly, the program has established a partnership with GamFin, a group providing financial counseling specifically for individuals with problem gambling.

Ohio for Responsible Gambling provides financial support for problem gambling services and strategic direction for problem gambling services in the State of Ohio. Mr. Brown shared that Pause Before You Play is a responsible gambling awareness campaign created by Ohio for Responsible Gambling (ORG) and is supported by funds collected through Ohio's taxes on gambling. ORG, an initiative of the State of Ohio, is dedicated to preventing or reducing problem gambling and building awareness of resources for preventing and treating gambling disorders. Pause Before You Play educates the public and grows awareness about problem betting and gambling, helps keep gambling and betting responsible and fun for those who engage in it and connects people who need help with resources.

Change the Game was developed to raise awareness of the realities of youth gambling and equip parents and educators to help prevent behaviors that can form into greater issues later in life. Change the Game is not only striving to prevent future gambling issues among youth but also actively assisting those currently affected. They seek the support of parents, teachers and children of all ages to help spread awareness.

Ohio for Responsible Gambling allocates funding based on a per capita formula, with 2% of casino tax revenue directed to OhioMHAS. This funding is then distributed to the 50 Mental Health and Recovery Boards across Ohio, which in turn allocate it to local providers. Additionally, statewide partners like the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Prevention Action Alliance support workforce development initiatives throughout the state.

Mr. Brown shared some projects that the Ohio Casino Control Commission is currently working on, specifically related to problem sports betting. The Commission receives 2% of the sports gaming fund and has entered into contracts with Kindbridge Research

Institute and Sportradar as a subcontractor to develop the Ohio Athlete Wellness Application. This app allows Ohio's collegiate student athletes to anonymously report incidents of harassment related to sports betting. The application is currently being piloted at a university in Ohio to evaluate its effectiveness. If successful, it will be implemented statewide.

The Ohio Casino Control Commission is also collaborating with Origo Branding, a long-time partner of Ohio for Responsible Gambling (ORG). ORG, a coalition of state agencies, aims to prevent and reduce problem gambling by raising awareness about available resources for individuals at risk or experiencing gambling disorders. Since 2015, Origo has been the primary partner of ORG, contributing to numerous awareness and outreach campaigns, including the Get Set Before You Bet campaign. This campaign featured over a dozen video public service announcements (PSAs), various online experiences, content marketing strategies, media outreach and conference strategies. Facing new challenges, Origo is now proud to assist in rebranding the initiative and launching Pause Before You Play as Ohio's main responsible gambling prevention campaign.

Lastly, the Ohio Casino Control Commission is collaborating with The Behavioral Insights Team, a research firm focused on identifying best practices for platform design in Ohio's mobile sports books. Their goal is to determine effective strategies to prevent and mitigate harm on these platforms.

Mr. Hicks III shared that his department at the Ohio Lottery Commission consists of two individuals, Ms. Diamond and himself. The Ohio Lottery's goal is to provide tools for responsible gambling and to offer programs and resources for those experiencing problems and their loved ones. The Time Out Ohio program allows individuals to ban themselves from casinos and sports gaming. Since 1974, the Ohio Lottery has generated over \$29 billion for education.

Previously, this department consisted of a single individual, Ms. Karen Russo, who dedicated 30 years to the Ohio Lottery Commission. She successfully implemented a gambling diversion program through Cuyahoga County Courts, specifically under Judge Sheehan. In collaboration with Mr. Pervaiz and Recovery Resources, she launched this unique program, which remains active today and is the only one in the country to feature an actual gambling diversion court.

Mr. Hicks III emphasized the importance of the Keep It Fun Ohio initiative. The Ohio Lottery Commission aims to ensure that players enjoy gambling responsibly and stay within their limits, making responsible gambling initiatives essential. To support this effort, the Ohio Lottery launched the Keep It Fun Gamble Responsibly & Keep It Fun Ohio campaign and website. The goal of Keep It Fun Ohio is to educate Ohioans on maintaining controlled gambling habits and recognizing the signs of a gambling problem.

With the addition of video lottery terminal (VLT) games to the seven horse racing tracks, the Ohio Lottery took on the role of regulating the VLTs. Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3769.087, the Ohio Lottery adopted a rule requiring video lottery sales agents (known as racinos) to contribute 0.5% of their commission to support programs that provide gambling addiction and related services.

Mr. Hicks III also discussed racino regulations, referenced the websites www.gamblinghelpohio.org and www.changethegameohio.org, and mentioned the Pause Before You Play campaign and Ohio K-12 school initiatives. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Hicks III addressed questions from the Board Directors. Ms. James-Stewart recommended considering this program for inclusion in the Roads to Recovery Conference in October 2024. (The Problem Gambling Overview PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original minutes stored in the Executive Unit.)

[Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, called Ms. Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, to be the presiding Chair.]

8. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Ms. Kern-Pilch expressed gratitude to the Nominating Committee for their service and praised Mr. James T. Dixon for his leadership as the Nominating Committee Chair. Ms. Kern-Pilch asked for nominations from the floor. Given there were no nominations generated, it was noted further that the election of Board Officers is scheduled in compliance with the ADAMHS Board Bylaws.

The May 2024 Nominating Committee meeting resulted in the following Slate of Board Officers for FY2025-FY2026 that is subsequently being recommended to the full Board:

- Chairperson: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
- Vice Chair: Patricia James Stewart, M.Ed., LSW

- Second Vice Chair: James T. Dixon

Motion to elect the recommended Slate of Board Officers for FY2025-FY2026. MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, S. Killpack, K. Parks, H. Snider, M. Wimbiscus / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

[Ms. Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, regained the Chair.]

9. FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Gohlstin, Sr., Faith-based Outreach Committee Chair, reported on the Faith-based Outreach Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. The Board Directors heard the following agenda items.

- Mr. Osiecki introduced Ms. Latoya Hunter Hayes, Chief of External Affairs. Ms. Hunter Hayes oversees the Board's public relations, media relations, social media, community engagement, faith-based initiatives and special projects. Additionally, she provides supervision to Mr. Ian Jameson, External Affairs Officer, along with Ms. Starlette Sizemore, Director of Special Projects, and Ms. Weems.
- Faith-based Outreach Program 2024 1st Quarter Report / Current Status Highlights
Ms. Sizemore reported that the 2024 1st Quarter Report contains nine pages of in-depth analysis of information that includes measurements for all seven providers individually, plus combined data; along with observations about outcomes. Ms. Sizemore reported that the grand total of individuals served for all seven faith-based providers during the 1st Quarter 2024 was 377; and the expected annual total was 785, reached two of the expected 25 faith institutions, and held two of the expected 12 community conversations. Discussion was had regarding the objectives concerning the number of people served, and Rev. Gohlstin praised the excellent work of faith-based providers, noting a significant increase in community needs.
- Ms. Sizemore reported on a variety of current highlights from each of the seven faith-based providers.
- Program Provider Presentations

OhioGuidestone – Utilizing Spiritual Care as a Bridge to Mental Health Services

Mr. Michael Krainak, Community Chaplain and Case Manager, at OhioGuidestone, reported that Workforce 360° is paid job training programs for 18–24 year-olds in Cuyahoga County. Their mission is *“To assist students with reaching goals related to finding meaningful employment, attending additional training, and/or enrolling in post-secondary education.”* The goal for students at the end of the program is *“That students will be in a secure job that has room for growth – really a career – or furthering their education!”*

The Faith-based services are supported by the ADAMHS Board, are offered in group and individual sessions and are a referral pathway to mental health services. The 2023 Outcomes shared consisted of 91 participants in the program who completed a DARS 1 and DARS 2. Out of those 91 participants:

- 65% of the participants gained knowledge to develop healthy relationships.
- 45% of the participants learned skills to increase self-worth to enhance their internal beliefs and values.
- 55% of the participants learned strategies to develop/enhance self-motivation to increase independence. – Initiatives
- 62% of the participants learned how to self-regulate without the use of substances and negative influences. – Self-Control
- 83% of clients demonstrated an increase in Overall Score from DARS 1 to DARS 2

2023 highlights were shared. OhioGuidestone's Community Chaplain continued client engagements in group settings and provided an increased number of one-on-one engagements in 2023 and into the 1st Quarter of 2024. The Program utilized Spiritual Care as a Bridge to Mental Health Services with 22% of enrolled clients receiving both Spiritual Care and Mental Health Services in 2023.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Cleveland (GC) – Faith-based Project

Mr. Matt Gesicki, Community Outreach and Education Coordinator, at NAMI GC reported that NAMI was founded in 1979 and is the largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for millions of individuals in North America, with affiliates in every state and in more than 500 local communities across the country. NAMI GC was founded in 2005 when two affiliates established in the 1980s consolidated operations and programs to form NAMI GC, serving all of Cuyahoga County. NAMI GC's Faith-based Program includes Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Understanding Mental Illness (UMI), Faith-based Community Education and Psychoeducation and Faith-based Outreach Events.

MHFA is a 7.5 hour evidence-based training program administered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing that teaches participants how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges. Faith communities trained in MHFA include Community of Faith Collaborative (x2), Ekklesia Church and Embajadores del Reino Church. The total number of participants trained in MHFA in 2024 so far is 78.

UMI is a 60-minute presentation that provides an overview of common mental health conditions, dismantles some of the myths and misconceptions about mental illness, and outlines strategies for communicating better with individuals with mental illness in one's personal and professional life. The total number of participants trained in UMI in 2024 so far is 148.

NAMI GC offers virtual education on topics related to the intersections of religion, spirituality, and mental health from both clinical and community perspectives on a quarterly basis. In CY2023, NAMI GC provided faith-based community education and psychoeducation to 217 individuals. In CY2024, they have already served 84 individuals.

Mr. Gesicki also shared NAMI GC's goals for CY2024.

- Rev. Gohlstein announced that the legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee and Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Bootsie Collins, along with his wife Peppermint Patti Collins, will co-host Cleveland's first annual Funk Not Fight Love Fest. This festival will serve as the closing event for Cleveland's History Days, benefiting the historic Leo's Casino, now commemorated as the Leo's Casino Arts & Music Collaboratory, led by Ron and Maria Fuqua and Dr. Fred Wheatt. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Osiecki added that the Board advertised this event on social media.
- Dr. Deborah Watson-Daniels, Program Operations Director/Manager at Trinity Outreach Ministries, announced that they hosted "The Art of Social Justice" on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Holy Trinity Church & Cultural Arts Center, located at 7209 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44104. This summit featured a full day of action-oriented activities, including workshops, panel discussions, and a complimentary dinner for all participants. The event aimed to empower individuals passionate about social justice who want to make their voices heard but may need guidance on how to effectively do so.

10. FINANCE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Bishara W. Addison, Finance & Oversight (F&O) Committee Chair, reported on the F&O Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. and highlighted the Working River Leadership Consulting ADAMHS Board Leadership Assessment and Development Contract, the Expenditures and Vouchers processed for payment during April 2024, Contracts and Contract Amendment as listed below.

• **RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-01**

WORKING RIVER LEADERSHIP CONSULTING ADAMHS BOARD STAFF LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

Ms. Addison reported that the ADAMHS Board of Directors Executive Committee recommended that the ADAMHS Board management team receive a 360-evaluation to enhance the Board's organizational health, which includes communication, leadership, employee wellbeing, employee engagement, culture, accountability and recognition. The purpose of this initiative is to develop and retain staff as we all work toward our mission of enhancing the quality of life for the people of Cuyahoga County through mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery supports. It is not meant to be punitive to any management team member.

One of the 2024 CEO Goals is: Continue internal succession planning that includes: aligning staff for advancement within the ADAMHS Board and documenting institutional knowledge to prevent loss during staff transitions and retirements and reviewing and updating job descriptions for all staff members, especially for the senior staff. The Cuyahoga County/City of Cleveland Youth Mental Health Workforce Sprint Task Force, which the ADAMHS Board is a member, made seven recommendations or ways to attract, retain and better support mental health professionals serving young people in Cuyahoga County. One of the recommendations requests that providers define clear career ladders, including training programs, competencies and skills, professional development, continuing education, and opportunities for licensure and certification at all levels of education across all professional disciplines. Since we are asking this of providers, it only makes sense for the ADAMHS Board to require the same for its staff.

WORKING RIVER LEADERSHIP CONSULTING, was selected based on experience and a presentation made to the Board Directors during the June 12, 2024 Finance and Oversight Committee. WORKING RIVER LEADERSHIP CONSULTING, a northeast Ohio training boutique, designs and delivers B2B and B2C learning products and services for working professionals, managers, and organizational leaders. Their business is anchored in the principle of supporting the rise of people who would serve as highly effective leaders in their organizations: leaders who drive results with and through others; leaders who bring about positive change and lasting value; leaders who can serve as a strategic advantage at work. Their core offerings are Executive Coaching, Leadership Development and Leader-Craft, Management Training and Professional Career Development, Mastermind Groups, Live and Online Workshops and Strategic Consultation. The funding will be utilized to provide all 12 ADAMHS Board management team members with a 360-evaluation to enhance the Board's organizational health. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors select WORKING RIVER LEADERSHIP CONSULTING as a consultant in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the implementation of a 360-evaluation of all 12 management team members.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-06-01. MOTION: S. Killpack / SECOND: B. Gohlstin / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, K. Parks, H. Snider, M. Wimbiscus / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution Nos. 24-06-02 through 24-06-04

- **RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-02**
ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON EXPENDITURES AND VOUCHERS PROCESSED FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL 2024

Ms. Addison stated that the Administrative Budget approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2024 is \$8,388,412. For April Actual Year to Date (YTD) 2024, administrative expenses totaled \$2,401,046.82, approximately 29% of the total Administrative Budget. Ms. Addison pointed out that in the Board Voucher Report for April 2024, two notable expenses were attributed to RAMA Consulting Group. These expenses, totaling \$15,500 and \$41,625, were specified by Ms. Addison as related to the Board's Community Needs Assessment. The other expenses listed in the report were described as routine expenses.

The Funding Source Budget to Actual YTD, April 2024, 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 \$72,706,483; and through the end of April 2024, the Board has received \$24,234,029.50. Ms. Addison reported that through the end of April 2024, 33% of the budget has been received.

The Revenues By Source By Month report reflects that in April 2024, the Board received revenues of \$7,382,267.10. This total includes the County Subsidy of \$3,416,666.66.

The ADAMHS Board Budget vs. Actual Expenses 2024 YTD reflect that April YTD Actuals is \$28,088,813.84, that is roughly 31% of the Board's anticipated expenditures for the calendar year.

The Revenue and Expenditures All Accounting Units By Month reflect that the total expenditures in April 2024 is \$6,189,724.32; bringing the total expenditures through the end of April 2024 to \$28,088,813.84.

The Revenues and Expenditures Grants YTD, April 2024 YTD reflects the Grant Accounting Units that include the ADAMHS Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Grant and State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant. The total revenue for grants YTD is \$1,119,308.13; and total expenditures for grants YTD is \$1,393,977.52. The variance

observed is a result of timing discrepancies. Expenses incurred in April and posted in the same month are not requested for reimbursement until a later period.

The Diversion Center Revenues and Expenditures YTD April 2024 reflects a total of \$466,701.36, bringing the total revenue through the end of April 2024 to \$153,277.95 and total operating expenses through the end of April 2024 to \$588,026.24.

Ms. Addison explained that invoices for the Diversion Center undergo an internal accuracy review, are then sent to Ms. Brandy Carney, the Director of Public Safety & Justice Services, for further review, and subsequently paid.

The Cash Flow Report April 2024 shows the 2022 Actual, 2023 Actual and YTD thru April 2024. This report shows a comparison of the available beginning balance, total available resources, expenditures and available ending balance. The available ending balance through April 2024 is \$35,518,563.21.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-03 – APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS:**

1. Agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) for Shared Funding of Waiver Match Payments
 - Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Not to Exceed \$135,000 Per Year (50% of Medicaid Waiver Match)

The Shared Cost Agreement between the ADAMHS Board and Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) is to allow the ADAMHS Board to share in the payment of the local Medicaid match for individuals involved with both systems and enrolled on an Individual Option (IO) Waiver. CCBDD is the local entity charged with facilitating and administering the IO Waiver in Cuyahoga County. This shared cost agreement will allow the ADAMHS Board to reimburse the CCBDD for half of the identified clients' local Medicaid match.

The Shared Cost Agreement for the Medicaid match payments has been in place for many years. The current Agreement covers July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. The IO Waiver allows for the use of Medicaid dollars to cover eligible services for individuals. The local Medicaid match requirement is approximately 40% of the total cost of services. CCBDD will submit the cost of services provided by both systems and the ADAMHS Board will reimburse the CCBDD for 50% of the required local Medicaid match. The amount invoiced by the CCBDD for the ADAMHS Board portion of the Medicaid waiver match for 2023 was \$103,139.81. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors approve the Shared Cost Agreement between the ADAMHS Board and CCBDD to cover half of the cost of the Medicaid waiver match for the identified individuals for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 per annum.

2. Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY): Whole Child Matters (WCM) Early Childhood Mental Health
 - Starting Point - \$441,906

The ADAMHS Board was requested to apply on behalf of several partners to OhioMHAS for the WCM ECMH Grant in 2015. OhioMHAS transferred oversight of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) initiatives, including the WCM grant, to the newly formed Ohio DCY in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, who has continued funding of this program for SFY2025 and awarded funding to the ADAMHS Board in the amount of \$441,906 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Ohio DCY was established on July 4, 2023 with the mission to promote positive, lifelong outcomes for Ohio youth through early intervention, quality education, and family support programs. Starting Point was founded in 1990 as the Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County and is now the designated childcare resource and referral agency for Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake and the centralized coordinating agency for WCM referrals and data collection for Cuyahoga, Lorain, and Summit Counties.

The WCM Initiative promotes strong mental health foundations for children to reduce preschool and kindergarten expulsions and improve school readiness among children ages eight and younger through the newly formed DCY beginning SFY2025. Starting Point is the centralized regional coordinating agency for WCM referrals and data

collection for Cuyahoga, Lorain, and Summit Counties and will act as the intermediary fiscal agent for the current WCM service provider agencies: Wingspan Care Group (Applewood & Bellefaire JCB), OhioGuidestone and Positive Education Program (PEP). As part of The Ohio Preschool Expulsion Prevention Partnership (OPEPP), WCM provider agencies also respond on-site at a preschool or Head Start program within 48 hours of an OPEPP request to provide support, tools, resources, and linkage to Ohio-approved trainings. ECMH consultants' team with early childhood learning or childcare providers to help them understand and problem-solve challenging child behaviors, both in and out of the classroom. Services include on-site child/family-focused technical assistance to parents, teachers and staff, resources for parents, including art therapy, play therapy or referrals to physical health services and training or professional development. Consultants offer interventions for children and respond to the providers' programming needs, which include providing family enrichment activities and modeling helpful interactions with children. Services are provided to local home visiting programs, pediatric offices, and early learning environments, like pre-schools, in high-risk communities. The grant also includes training to build capacity and promote professional development regarding early childhood mental health.

The WCM Initiative will serve approximately 600 children and families during the contract period and provide approximately 100 consultation trainings to early childhood professionals. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept funding from DCY for the WCM Initiative and to allocate \$441,906 to Starting Point for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

3. OhioMHAS: The Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI)
 - Educational Service Center (ESC) of Northeast Ohio - \$110,000

The OSWI was designed to explore, implement, and sustain a full continuum of care including prevention, early intervention, and treatment practices for K-12 students within local districts who adopt student assistance programs (SAP), multi-tiered systems of support, and staff wellness frameworks. The cornerstone of the OSWI is the development of an Ohio Model of a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that can serve as a best practice standard for Ohio's K-12 schools.

OhioMHAS has allocated a salaried position for the OSWI called School Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (SBHWC) in the amount of \$55,000 per hire. Cuyahoga County has been approved for two hires, resulting in a total allocation of \$110,000. The SBHWC will provide systematic approaches to support behavioral health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, referral processes and guided support services for K-12 students who are exhibiting a range of substance use, mental and behavioral health risk factors. The positions also provide resources, online training and guidance related to processes within the schools and with continuous improvement strategies for services to students.

In SFY2025, services will be provided to Euclid City School District and serve approximately 500 students and staff through coordination and linkage to behavioral health services, resources and training. Funds will support the hire of two full-time SBHWCs to benefit school-age children attending Euclid City School District. One position is designated to serve Euclid Middle School, and the other position is designated to serve Euclid High School. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept funding from OhioMHAS for prevention services for the OSWI in the amount of \$110,000 for SFY2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and to contract with the ESC of Northeast Ohio to implement the program.

4. OhioMHAS: System of Care Treatment & Recovery Services for Youth (System of Care) – \$215,796
 - Catholic Charities - \$88,296
 - OhioGuidestone - \$127,500

The System of Care program is a collaborative effort between OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) to provide care coordination and linkage for youth and young-adults ages 14 to 25 re-entering the community from juvenile correctional institutions or other out-of-home placements. Catholic Charities' ODYS Diversion and Reentry program provides intensive clinical counseling and case management services for youth ages 14 to 21 who are either detained or diverted. All clients receive assessment, care coordination, drug

screening, and an individualized re-entry and/or relapse prevention plan. Additionally, licensed staff work with the client to identify and engage their family/caregiver in services to assist with adherence to parole or diversion requirements. The program also provides clients with linkage to psychiatric services and resources related to employment/career development, education, and housing. OhioGuidestone's Transitional Age Community Treatment (TACT) program is designed to provide inter-disciplinary support for youth ages 16 to 25 with persistent behavioral symptoms and complex needs who reside within the community or are transitioning from out-of-home placements like hospitals, residential treatment, or juvenile correctional facilities. TACT aims to reduce symptoms and advance stability and independence by offering employment/vocational, substance use disorder (SUD), and peer support services.

Approximately 25 clients will be served by Catholic Charities, and 50 newly enrolled clients by OhioGuidestone. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept the System of Care funding from OhioMHAS in the amount of \$215,796 and contract with Catholic Charities in the amount of \$88,296 and OhioGuidestone in the amount of \$127,500 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

5. OhioMHAS: Crisis Funding - Children's Crisis Stabilization and Residential Services
 - OhioGuidestone - \$512,641

OhioMHAS provided Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds to the Board starting in July 2019 to enhance the Board's crisis continuum. Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure funds were allocated to the ADAMHS Board to help meet the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis in the community to access residential level of treatment. These funds are for the provision of approximately three crisis stabilization residential treatment beds at OhioGuidestone. The target population are youth ages 6 through 18 years who require intensive stabilization, assessment, intervention, and treatment in a residential setting with parents/guardians who are involved in treatment and plan to return home upon discharge. The length of stay can be from 24 hours up to 90 days; and provides 24/7 supervision and intensive, individualized, therapeutic services for mental health and co-occurring substance abuse needs. This funding is anticipated to serve 12 clients in residential treatment depending on the length of stay. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors approve use of Crisis Flex and Crisis Infrastructure Funding to contract with OhioGuidestone for Children's Crisis Stabilization and Residential Treatment in the amount of \$512,641 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

The South Euclid Municipal Court has continued to receive funding from OhioMHAS for their Specialized Docket each year since 2020; and has been Ohio Supreme Court certified since 2019. The South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health Court Judge is The Honorable Timothy Sterkel.

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 Mental Health Court (F.R.E.E. Docket) anticipates serving 15 clients. The funding is used for time-limited recovery supports that may be utilized to help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs. These include assistance with housing, transportation, childcare, job training, obtaining a driver's license or state identification card, or other matters considered relevant by the provider or Court. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept OhioMHAS funding for the MHCP in the amount of \$7,500 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and to contract with South Euclid Municipal Court.

7. OhioMHAS: Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support (SUPTRS) Services – Pass Through Funds – \$2,441,196
 - Catholic Charities Corporation for Hispanic Women's Treatment - \$59,701

- Catholic Charities Corporation for Juvenile Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) - \$232,102
- Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP) for AKOMA Women's Treatment - \$115,556
- Community Assessment & Treatment Services for Therapeutic Community - \$157,570
- Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for Drug Court - \$220,500
- Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for TASC - \$810,006
- Hispanic UMADAOP for CASA Maria Women's Treatment - \$79,813
- Hitchcock Center for Women for Women's Treatment - \$378,882
- New Directions for Female Adolescent Treatment - \$124,201
- Recovery Resources for Women's Program - \$30,365
- Recovery Resources for Gambling Treatment & Prevention - \$75,000
- Signature Health, Inc. for ORCA House Women's Treatment - \$157,500

OhioMHAS issues "Pass-Through" Notice of Awards to the Board for various programs each fiscal year. The contracts are listed above; and all listed programs are 100% state/federal funded with the exception of:

- Community Assessment & Treatment Services (Therapeutic Community) - \$59,019 of the \$157,570 contract amount is Board funded.
- Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (Drug Court) - \$82,590 of the \$220,500 contract amount is Board funded.

Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept the amount of \$2,299,587 for the Federal and State pass through programs from OhioMHAS and enter into contracts totaling \$2,441,196 with the agencies identified above for services for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

8. OhioMHAS: Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention – Casino Grant
 - Recovery Resources - \$415,215

Since 2013, the Board has received funding from OhioMHAS and the former Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) to provide support to Cuyahoga County in addressing problem gambling and other addictions. Also, since 2013, Recovery Resources has been the sole provider of these services, as they are certified to provide gambling prevention and treatment services for this target population. On March 1, 2020, Ohio started a new Casino/Racino Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP). Individuals who have been signed up for the program for one year or five years may request removal from VEP. They are required to fill out an application and complete a workbook that educates them on responsible gambling behaviors and strategies. The individual must meet with a clinician who is qualified to treat clients with a Gambling disorder.

The funding from OhioMHAS is to support the continued growth and expansion of prevention and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers in Cuyahoga County. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept the amount of \$415,215 from OhioMHAS and contract with Recovery Resources for the Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention Program for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

9. Forensic Services Allocation and Conditional Release Unit (CRU)
 - Murtis Taylor Human Services System - \$468,738.41

Murtis Taylor Human Services System serves as the Forensic Monitor in Cuyahoga County for the purpose of monitoring clients found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) and granted Conditional Release by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. The Forensic Monitor serves as the liaison between the entities involved in client care including the Conditional Release Unit (CRU), the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH). The Forensic Monitor role was formally created in 1996 as a result of House Bill 152 and became further defined with the enactment of Senate Bill 285, which became effective in 1997. The Forensic Monitor assesses client compliance with their individualized Conditional Release Plans, reporting updates to the courts and coordinating stabilization as needed.

Conditional Release must be granted by the Judge giving the NGRI offender permission to live in the community under specific conditions, while being monitored by the Forensic Monitor and receiving intensive behavioral health services from the CRU. Forensic Monitoring consists of intensive community support, referral/linkage to ancillary support as well as facilitation of reports and updates to the courts and OhioMHAS. The Forensic Monitor and CRU transitioned from Recovery Resources to Murtis Taylor Human Services System in May 2023. Murtis Taylor Human Services System is the primary provider for Conditional Release Services including the Forensic Monitor and CRU in Cuyahoga County. Murtis Taylor Human Services System's Forensic Monitor will monitor between 110 -125 clients in SFY2025. These clients will receive intensive community services via the CRU Team. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept the amount of \$130,562 from OhioMHAS for Forensic Monitoring and approve \$338,176.41 for the CRU, for a total of \$468,738.41 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to enter into a contract with Murtis Taylor Human Services System.

10. Access to Wellness Program – A2W (formerly Multisystem Adult Program – MSA)
 - The Centers - \$1,000,000

This 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 SFY2024 as more became aware and began to utilize the program.

The Centers use 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). As a result of this funding, we expect 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 streamlines support for high utilizers of behavioral health services in the community. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept \$1,000,000 from OhioMHAS and enter into an agreement with The Centers for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

11. Behavioral Health Criminal Justice (BH/CJ) Linkages Program Funding
 - Recovery Resources - \$83,333

Recovery Resources received BH/CJ funding for SFY2024 to provide services to Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) inmates diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness, SUD, or co-occurring disorders. This program and funding will continue in SFY2025. Recovery Resources will be awarded \$83,333 to provide the services with OhioMHAS funding through June 30, 2025.

The CBCF provides a sentencing option that diverts appropriate male felons from the state prison system. The program aims to aid offenders in making positive behavioral and lifestyle changes to decrease the likelihood of continued criminal behavior. The CBCF programs give offenders an opportunity to remain in their community while addressing such issues as mental health needs, substance abuse, thinking and decision-making skills, education, employment, anger management, and other life skills. Recovery Resources utilizes BH/CJ funding to provide mental health screenings, linkage to community-based services and educational services in a group setting. This also includes a trauma education group and peer support services. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors accept funding from OhioMHAS for the BH/CJ program in the amount of \$83,333 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to contract with Recovery Resources to implement the program.

12. Community Transition Program (CTP) Funding
 - FrontLine Service - \$400,000

FrontLine Service is the sole provider of the CTP, formerly referred to as the Mental Health Prison Reentry, for the adult prison population who are returning to Cuyahoga County. CTP started as a Pilot program with FrontLine Service in July 2018 and expanded to include referrals to those in need of SUD treatment and services in 2019. CTP connects individuals with behavioral health diagnoses that are being released from prison to behavioral health services in the community. This program provides support and assistance to improve each person's ability to successfully reintegrate back into the community and provides direct treatment services prior to (in-reach - when possible) and upon release. This program also provides recovery supports that help eliminate barriers to treatment and reentry and are specific to the participant's needs. A recovery support is a form of assistance intended to help an individual with mental health needs, or a member of the family of such an individual, to initiate and sustain the individual's recovery. Common recovery supports might include, but are not limited to, housing, employment services, peer recovery support, transportation, life skills, spiritual support, and other reentry needs. CTP also provides linkage to a variety of SUD treatment and recovery support services. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors approve funding for the CTP to FrontLine Service in the amount of \$400,000 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-04 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT:**

1. Amendment to Resolution No. 24-04-02, Recovery Housing Funding – No-cost Term Extension
 - Cleveland Treatment Center
 - Stella Maris

The Ohio Department of Development partnered with OhioMHAS to offer rental subsidies for individuals in recovery from SUD residing in Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) certified recovery homes. OhioMHAS is partnering with ADAMH Boards to oversee the implementation of the rental assistance program. Funding originates from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Recovery Housing Program. OhioMHAS is now extending the availability of funding through SFY2025.

Cleveland Treatment Center (CTC) and Stella were awarded \$267,000 and \$250,000, respectively, through June 30, 2024. The Recovery Housing Network, (administered by CTC & Stella Maris) is a program of the ADAMHS Board to fund individuals in need of safe, sober housing through referral to a select network of ORH certified sober housing providers in Cuyahoga County. Funds are available for time-limited housing subsidies, not to exceed two years, to low-income individuals who reside in recovery housing residences that meet level I, II, or III in accordance with National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards. Funds will be allocated to CTC and Stella Maris to increase the length of stay in certified recovery residences, from 90 days to 180 days for residents in need of additional time in this service. Board staff recommend that the Board Directors enter into a contract amendment for a no-cost term extension with CTC and Stella Maris through June 30, 2025.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 24-06-02 through 24-06-04). MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, B. Gohlstin, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, K. Parks, H. Snider, M. Wimbiscus / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- **Staff Update:**
 - Ms. Diana Clifford began her role as the Client Rights Officer II at the ADAMHS Board on Monday, June 10, 2024. Although she was unable to attend the recent meeting, she will be present at the General Meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
 - Ms. Clifford is a proud graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in social work.

- Ms. Clifford has had opportunities to work in various areas of the mental health and substance abuse field, including street outreach, clinical treatment, supportive housing and program development.
- Ms. Clifford is excited to join the ADAMHS Board, where she looks forward to helping clients access high-quality services that foster recovery, personal growth, and informed choices. She is committed to ensuring these services are provided in a safe, positive, and caring environment.
- **Crisis Center Update:**
 - During the Finance & Oversight Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Mr. Osiecki updated attendees that Board staff is actively engaged in planning for the Behavioral Health Crisis Center in collaboration with The MetroHealth System. He also addressed an issue concerning the requirement for entities receiving capital funding to place a "mortgage" on the building, committing it to behavioral health services for a decade.
 - MetroHealth has stated that as a public hospital owned by taxpayers, they are unable to place such a mortgage.
 - Mr. Osiecki reported that additional options were discussed with OhioMHAS, including placing money in an escrow account for 10 years, but that was not acceptable to MetroHealth. OhioMHAS is looking into other options.
 - Olusegun A. Ishmael, MD, MBA, Chief Operating Officer at MetroHealth, informed Board staff last week that MetroHealth will not be able to move forward with the Crisis Center if there is a mortgage requirement.
 - In the meantime, Board staff have discussed the possibility of having the Crisis Center at an alternate location with a provider.
- **Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED) Update:**
 - As St. Vincent Charity Community Health Center closes its psychiatric emergency services unit on Sunday, June 30, 2024, MetroHealth is preparing to open a new psychiatric emergency department at its Cleveland Heights campus later this fall.
 - Staffing and operations for the project will be funded by the ADAMHS Board when it opens.
 - Before the opening of the new facility, MetroHealth will continue to provide psychiatric care and coordination at its four emergency departments, including the Main Campus on West 25th Street in Cleveland.
 - Board staff have informed John Spiccia, Chief Psychiatric Magistrate at the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, that starting June 30, 2024, all Warrants of Detention (WOD) should be directed to The MetroHealth System's emergency department at the Main Campus, 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44109.
 - Board staff will develop a payment process for individuals seen in The MetroHealth System's emergency rooms who are not covered by Medicaid.
- **Senate Bill (SB) 105: Mental Health Services:**
 - An Op-ed piece about SB 105, highlighting its significance for Ohio's mental health and addiction services, was published on cleveland.com and the Plain Dealer on Saturday, June 15, 2024. J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., shared this article with the Board, prompting Mr. James Dixon to request an update.
 - The Op-ed was authored by Ms. Nikita Das, a medical student at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), and Mr. Kevin Goehring, the Northeast Hub Director of the Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAAC).
 - SB 105: Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 340 Modernization was introduced by Senators Terry Johnson and Vernon Sykes on April 5, 2023. It was referred to the Community Revitalization Committee on April 19, 2023, where it is currently pending.
 - The bill incorporates modifications that the Board, in collaboration with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), has been advocating for since 2022. Several aspects were addressed in the recent budget bill, including the number and composition of Board Members, with counties now appointing two-thirds of the members, as well as the certification of recovery housing and several other items.
 - The primary remaining concerns regarding Boards pertain to contracting and the Request for Proposal (RFP) provision.
 - The last hearing on the bill was in April 2024. During that hearing, OACBHA and Board Directors representing Lucas, Brown, Belmont, Harrison, Monroe, Delaware and Morrow Counties provided proponent testimony.
 - Representatives from the Ohio Council and the Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers provided opponent testimony.
 - Following the April hearing, the Chair of the Senate Community Revitalization Committee requested that OACBHA, the Ohio Council, and Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers get together to discuss the ADAMHS Board contracting provisions in the bill and attempt to reach an agreement on the language.

- The groups met and had some productive discussions, but further work is needed.
- This work was put on hold in May while questions were raised about data and data access for Boards.
- The groups reconvened in late June and agreed upon some additional items for discussion and consideration.
- The groups are still working through differences in a few areas with hopes of reaching agreement on language that can be shared with members of the Senate.
- With the House and Senate breaking for the summer soon, Board staff anticipate this work will continue and hope to have agreed upon language to share as the General Assembly reconvenes later this year.

- **Medicaid Data:**
 - OACBHA continues to work with Medicaid and OhioMHAS regarding the recent limited access to Medicaid.
 - There have been several meetings with all Boards and representatives of Medicaid and OhioMHAS.
 - Currently, OhioMHAS has stated that the previous access to Medicaid will not be reinstated due to 42 C.F.R HIPAA regulations. Essentially, having the ability to access the data does not equate to permission to do so.
 - This is based on the requirement to restrict access to the minimum necessary.
 - Medicaid is offering a pathway forward to provide Boards with Medicaid information:
 - Non-technical eligibility look-up
 - Contracted trading partner
 - Enrolling as an ODM EDI eligibility lookup TP (270/271 reports)
 - However, none of these choices will enable access beyond the restricted data.
 - OACBHA has voted to seek to obtain agreement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to determine the minimum data necessary for Boards to meet their statutory requirements.
 - The steps toward building out the details for this goal will include at least the following:
 1. Have a group of technical staff/directors meet and make recommendations on a list of needed data points; and how they are utilized to meet statutory responsibilities.
 2. Hold Directors only meeting to approve data recommendations.
 3. Have a small group of directors first meet with Director Cornyn and her staff, so they understand/support the request.
 4. Meet with ODM to determine the minimum data necessary.
 - In the meantime, Boards are reporting the impact of not having full access to Medicaid data to OhioMHAS. The Board will also submit our impact, which is similar to that of other Boards.

- **Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment Update:**
 - The work on the Needs Assessment kicked off in January 2024, which began with a learning phase that included a review of existing materials and data along with the engagement of a variety of diverse stakeholders.
 - Over 650 people were engaged in this process through individual interviews, focus groups, and surveys.
 - This effort aims to better understand the primary challenges facing the community, the current behavioral health landscape, and the demographics and trends affecting the service population.
 - To this end, a number of themes have been identified including the need to make care more accessible, the importance of community education and reducing stigma, the need for increased collaboration and coordination among providers, the need to address service gaps and social determinants of health and the challenges caused by workforce shortages within the industry.
 - The next phase of this work was a community summit which occurred on Thursday, June 6, 2024. This event included more than 115 participants.
 - During this summit, the initial findings from the learning phase were shared with the group and then participants worked together on asset mapping, priority identification, and a stop, start, accelerate exercise around resource allocation.
 - The data from the summit will be included in the final needs assessment, however, key takeaways included the need to increase the accessibility of services, the need for improved coordination and integration of services, the need to expand and develop the behavioral health workforce, and the need to address affordable housing challenges in relation to behavioral health.
 - The final needs assessment will encompass all comprehensive findings, data from engagement efforts to date, along with other relevant materials, and will be presented at the Board's General Meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

- **City Club: Truth About Lethal Means, Suicide Prevention, and Mental Health**
 - The Board was a community sponsor of the Friday, May 31, 2024, City Club Forum: Truth About Lethal Means, Suicide Prevention, and Mental Health.
 - Mr. Osiecki recognized and congratulated Ms. Erin DiVincenzo, Director of Prevention and Children's Behavioral Health Programs, for being part of a panel and sharing her knowledge about suicide prevention and representing the Board in a positive light.
 - Mr. Osiecki shared that he provided a brief welcome at the event.
- **Ohio's 2024 Mental Health & Addiction Conference:**
 - Members of the ADAMHS Board participated in Ohio's 2024 Mental Health & Addiction Conference hosted by OACBHA on Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, 2024.
 - Mr. Osiecki was honored to present two breakout sessions, including one spotlighting the Board's three-year Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Implementation Plan, along with Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy and Performance Officer, and Mr. Rico Rice, President at Rice Education Consulting, and the other regarding Clubhouses and Recovery along with Magnolia Clubhouse and the new Broadway STARS Clubhouse in Youngstown.
- **Katz Panel:**
 - Mr. Osiecki was a participant on a panel during the 18th Annual Katz Lecture, sponsored by the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging.
 - The topic was Expanding Older Adults' Access to Mental Health Services: Policy & Practice Developments.
 - The presenter was Mr. Matthew Fullen, Associate professor, Virginia Tech, and Agewellcounseling.org.
 - The other two panelists were: Ms. Tam Cooper, Director of Behavioral Health Services at Benjamin Rose; and Ms. Adrienne Green, Director of Geriatric Services at Signature Health.
 - Mr. Osiecki shared insights into barriers preventing older adults from accessing behavioral health services, discussed how the ADAMHS Board has addressed these challenges, and outlined ongoing efforts to enhance access for the elderly population.
- **Hospital Consortium Meeting:**
 - Mr. Woo Jun, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Leslie Koblenz, Chief Clinical Officer Consultant and Mr. Osiecki participated in a Hospital Consortium meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.
 - Representatives from Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals (UH), and MetroHealth participated in discussions focused on collaborating to serve behavioral health clients. The group's objectives included workforce recruitment, intake standards, bed accessibility, and utilization of community resources like the Diversion Center and crisis stabilization unit.
 - Representatives also addressed issues regarding warrants of detention and the sharing of data with the courts.
- **Juneteenth Celebration:**
 - Mr. Osiecki thanked Ms. Carole Ballard, Director of Education and Training, and her team for providing an educational Juneteenth celebration on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. James Stewart announced the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter.

- **Motion to ENTER into Executive Session.** MOTION: B. Gohlstin / SECOND: K. Kern-Pilch / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, B. Gohlstin, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, K. Parks, H. Snider, M. Wimbiscus / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

[Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr. left.]

- **Motion to EXIT the Executive Session and resume the business of the General Meeting Agenda.** MOTION: K. Parks / SECOND: R. Blue / A roll call vote was taken. / AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, J. Dixon, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, K. Parks, H. Snider, M. Wimbiscus / NAYS: None / ABSTAIN: None / **Motion passed.**

13. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. James-Stewart shared that during the June 2023 General Meeting, the Board decided to hold only a General Meeting in July and every subsequent July. Therefore, there will be no Committee of the Whole meeting this July. Additionally, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Board Chair, had previously proposed moving the date of the July General Meeting to Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. This adjustment will allow Brian Bailys, Chief Executive Officer at Thrive Peer Recovery Services, to be present as the July General Meeting will be hosted at Thrive. The Board Directors reached a consensus to convene the July General Meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Thrive.

14. FOLLOW-UP

No follow-up was received.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was received.

16. UPCOMING JULY AND SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETINGS:

- General Meeting: July 31, 2024 at Thrive Peer Recovery Services, 29201 Aurora Road, Suite 400, Solon, Ohio 44139
- Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Meeting: September 4, 2024
- Finance & Oversight Committee Meeting: September 18, 2024
- General Meeting: September 25, 2024

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by: *Linda Lamp, Executive Assistant*

Approved by:



Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW, Vice Chairperson, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County