

**ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 12-04-01**

**Pending Chapter 7 Bankruptcy & Closing of Bridgeway, Inc. Transition Plan**

**WHEREAS**, Bridgeway, Inc., notified William M. Denihan, CEO of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, on Friday, March 23, 2012, of the impending Chapter 7 bankruptcy and closure of Bridgeway, because of the following reasons:

- \$2.1 million in debt.
- Insolvent for the last 6 months.
- No longer paying vendors or utility bills.
- Needs to close to stabilize Community Care Network and Cleveland Christian Home; and,

**WHEREAS**, The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County's **ultimate goal is the continuity of care and a seamless transfer** of nearly 400 Medicaid consumers/clients to other providers and sustaining an additional 100 consumers residing in independent, crisis and residential care facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bridgeway, Inc., originally requested \$288,000 to keep the agency operating through April 30, 2012, to assist in the transition of consumer/clients, then revised the request to \$262,000 adjusting for reduced staff; and,

**WHEREAS**, ADAMHS Board staff has carefully reviewed Bridgeway's request, obtained permission from ODMH and ODADAS to provide direct services, reached out to behavioral health providers, and developed the attached plan for transition; and,

**WHEREAS**, Behavioral Health providers have committed to provide services through their agencies and hire Bridgeway employees where appropriate; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bridgeway's FY9 & FY10 independent financial audits were delinquent and required a corrective action plan by the auditor, and the FY11 audit is presently delinquent; and,

**WHEREAS**, ADAMHS Board has rejected Bridgeway's request for funding because of the following concerns:

- Providing back pay to Bridgeway staff for work performed in March.
- Staff would only be paid for work performed through April 13, 2012.
- Any funds provided to Bridgeway by the ADAMHS Board could be subject to the bankruptcy.

**WHEREAS**, The ADAMHS Board, with authority provided under the Ohio Revised Code (38 O.R.C. § 340.03), will assume responsibility to transition the Medicaid consumers and maintain the consumers in independent, crisis and residential care facilities through independent contracts with former Bridgeway staff; and,

**WHEREAS**, The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County previously allocated \$3,054,168 in Non-Medicaid funding to Bridgeway for crisis stabilization, residential and AOD UNBAR program, and as of April 1, 2012, there is approximately \$857,795 remaining on the contract, which can be used to transition and keep consumers in residential care facilities and provide independent contracts with former Bridgeway staff to provide services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The ADAMHS Board rejects Bridgeway's request for funding to keep the agency operating through April 30, 2012.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County allocates up to \$857,795 to use to transition consumers/clients to other providers, and employ former Bridgeway staff through independent contracts so that consumers may continue to reside in independent, crisis and residential care facilities through June 30, 2012.
3. The ADAMHS Board allocates up to \$50,000 in potential attorney fees that will be covered through our Operating Budget.
4. The ADAMHS Board allocates \$75,000 to assist with the transition and sustainability of the UNBAR program through June 30, 2012.
5. As former Bridgeway consumers and staff are transitioned to other providers, the independent contracts will terminate.

On the motion of Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, seconded by J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** April 2, 2012