

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 27, 2009

MINUTES

Approved: 9-29-09

Board Members Present:

**David E. Martin, Chair
Kevin K. Crum
Lois A. Foster
Todd M. Ivan, M.D.
Dawn R. Jones
Gordon Keaton
Linda L. Marcum
Patrick McGown
David J. Peter, M.D.
Milan P. Salchak
Jules F. Sauvageot
George Wertz
Christine C. Yuhasz**

Board Members Absent:

Mike Irby (excused)

ADM Board Staff Present:

**Jerry Craig, Manager of Clinical Services
Fred Frese, Ph.D., Recovery Project Coordinator
William P. Harper, Executive Director
Tom Leffler, Manager of Finance
Mark Munetz, M.D., Chief Clinical Officer
Sharon Reiter, Executive Assistant
Mary Alice Sonnhalter, Manager of Community Relations
Jackie Steward, Manager of Administration
Nick Veauthier, Manager of MIS**

Other Interested Parties Present:

**Rev. Byron Arledge, Pastoral Counseling Services
Terry Dalton, Community Support Services**

Jeanne Fazio, CPA, Bruner-Cox
Phil Heislman, Portage Path Behavioral Health
Dr. James Orlando, Summit Psychological Associates
Chris Richardson, Oriana House
Frank Sepetauc, Community Support Services

David E. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

I. Approval of Minutes:

A MOTION was made by Dawn Jones and SECONDED by Kevin Crum:

To approve the minutes of the July 28, 2009 Board of Directors meeting as submitted.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

RESOLUTION NO.
09-08-01

II. Chair's Report:

The Chair had no Report.

III. Executive Director's Report:

(See attached report.)

Executive Director Bill Harper also thanked the ADM Board staff for the great job they are doing.

IV. Committee Reports:

- A. Executive Committee: No Report.
- B. Alcohol & Drug Addiction Standing Committee: No Report.
- C. Community Relations Committee: No Report.
- D. Mental Health Standing Committee: No Report.
- E. Personnel Committee: No Report.
- F. Finance Committee:

Dr. Frese Contract:

Mr. Crum stated that Choices has had a professional services contract expenditure with Dr. Fred Frese. It has been determined by ADM Board staff that these services should be directly funded by the ADM Board. This was highlighted during the 2010 budget presentation with the intent to contract with Dr. Frese directly beginning 9/1/2009. This change will not affect client programs and services provided by Choices.

A MOTION was made by Kevin Crum and SECONDED by George Wertz:

To approve the decrease to the Community Support Services calendar year 2009 contract from \$14,722,399 to \$14,706,399 to reflect the decrease in the allocation to Choices for the Dr. Fred Frese contract (9/1/2009 – 12/31/2009) which will be contracted directly by the ADM Board, \$16,000.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-08-02**

Summit 2010:

Mr. Crum stated that the Summit County ADM Board has participated in the Summit 2010: A Quality of Life Project since its inception. The project is funded by the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, Summit County Children Services Board, County of Summit Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and the County of Summit ADM Board. The ADM Board share of the cost of the 2009 contract is \$65,000.

Mr. Harper stated he recently attended a Summit 2010 meeting where concerns were raised as to how this project will be funded going forward due to the current financial situation. He stated that County Executive Russ Pry will be attending the September 29, 2009 ADM Board of Directors meeting to discuss the Summit 2010 project.

A MOTION was made by Kevin Crum and SECONDED by Jules Sauvageot:

To approve the funding of the Summit 2010: Quality of Life Project for the period 1/1 – 12/31/2009 in the amount of \$65,000.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-08-03**

Cost Settlement:

Mr. Crum stated that the Board contract includes a cost settlement for ADM funds paid to agencies for grant funded services. The basic assumptions in cost settlement are that ADM funds restricted for a grant service must be utilized by the agency for that service and that ADM funding is last dollar spent to subsidize the service. If an agency does not spend the funds for the service or the combination of the ADM grant funding and outside non-ADM Board revenue exceeds the service cost, the agency is compelled to refund the savings to the ADM Board. If an agency's expenditures exceed the ADM grant and outside non-ADM Board revenue, the agency absorbs the loss.

Seven agencies have an amount due the Board from past years. Amounts due have been confirmed with each agency. Agencies that have additional payments due from the purchase of service reconciliation with the ADM Board will have their cost settlement liability reduced or eliminated. For any remaining amount due, each agency will develop a proposal that identifies:

- Service cost expended that exceeded the grant award
- Other services provided to benefit clients that were not reimbursed
- Future services to be delivered to offset the amount due the Board

The agency proposal will be due during September. ADM staff will meet with each agency to review the proposal and come to an agreement. An update will be provided to the Board of Directors in October.

Purchase of Service Settlement:

Prior service contracts with providers for the years 2000 – 2008 included a process which required settlement of non-Medicaid purchase of service (POS) payments. This was a performance based contract. For the years 2000 – 2001, payments for POS services were made in 12 equal installments. Beginning in 2002, several agencies were paid based on their established unit rates through submission of claims in MACSIS. In both cases, at the end of the fiscal year there was a settlement procedure which allowed a provider to receive additional compensation if the provider over-produced units and required the provider to repay the ADM Board the difference between the actual units provided for all non-Medicaid payers vs. the approved budget at the negotiated unit cost provided. This system remained in place after MACSIS was implemented in the early 2000, despite the fact that MACSIS rendered the contracted compensation system obsolete by 2002.

All providers have been compensated for their allowable costs of units actually produced for all of the years in question. Under the procedures defined in the

prior contracts some providers owe substantial back payments to the Summit ADM Board for services that were neither delivered nor paid for by non-Medicaid payers.

A MOTION was made by Kevin Crum and SECONDED by Dawn Jones:

Approval to authorize the Executive Director to amend and modify terms of affected annual contracts for the years 2000 – 2008 to reflect the payment system change that was not reflected in the contracts. The amendments for each contract shall state all of the following:

- **Notwithstanding any provision of said contract, or any attachment thereto, the provider shall not be required to repay to the Summit County ADM Board any amount for non-Medicaid services contracted on a purchase of service basis which may be due from the provider to the Summit ADM Board under the provisions of said contract;**
- **The obligations of the parties under said contract related to non-Medicaid services contracted on a purchase of service basis shall be deemed by the parties to be satisfied in full.**

Each amendment shall be signed by the Executive Director of the Summit County ADM Board and a representative of each party. A copy of each executed amendment shall be appended to each contract set forth above.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-08-04**

V. Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business:

There was no New Business.

VII. Comments from the Public:

Kevin Crum recognized Jeanne Fazio who will be coming onto the ADM Board at the September meeting. He welcomed her and said she will be an asset to the Board.

David E. Martin reminded Board members of the Board Governance® retreat being held tomorrow, August 28th, at the Coventry Oaks Pavilion and also the

Saturday, August 29, 2009 Strategic Planning Kickoff, which will be held at the Akron Urban League.

VIII. Adjournment:

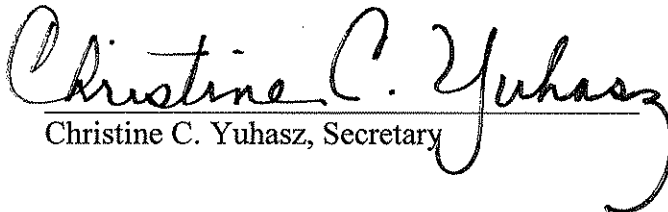
A MOTION was made by David E. Martin and SECONDED by Christine Yuhasz:

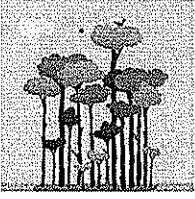
To adjourn the August 27, 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
08-08-05**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.


Christine C. Yuhasz, Secretary



Seeing the Forest

A Monthly Report to the County of Summit ADM Board from the executive director

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A Missed Opportunity

The passing of Senator Ted Kennedy has mainly focused on his legacy as a lawmaker through five decades and indeed, he has influenced our national debate on many important issues. His advocacy for those who have been marginalized by our society is unparalleled.

The missed opportunity from Ted's life was the way in which he described his fight with the disease of alcoholism.

There is little doubt that he suffered from this disorder. As reported in the 4/29/91 *Time* magazine article entitled, "The Trouble with Teddy":

Kennedy does drink a lot when he is drinking. He has a considerable capacity for booze. But he also possesses amazing stamina and resiliency for a man his age. During an afternoon and evening, he may toss down many drinks (Scotch, wine, frozen daiquiris) -- sometimes, when he is on one of his sailboats. He may drink far into the evening. But with only a few hours' sleep, he is on time for his morning tennis game at the Cape (usually 9 a.m.) or for his business on the Hill in Washington.

Later that same year, in often quoted speech, Senator Kennedy he acknowledged the problem behaviors that resulted from his struggles with alcohol, saying, "I realize that I alone am responsible for them, and I am the one who must confront them." His second wife, Victoria Anne Reggie, has been widely recognized as "his rock, a soul mate he discovered late in life" and the one who helped him to change his behavior and repair his image.

As with former President George W. Bush, Teddy Kennedy, to the best of my knowledge, never used his personal experience with alcohol dependence to advance the public's understanding of the disease. What was missing from his legacy has been taken up by his son, Patrick Kennedy, the congressman from Rhode Island. Rep. Kennedy stunned many when he disclosed his struggle with mental illness for the first time in 2000, while sharing the stage with another courageous public figure, Tipper Gore. Since then, he also has fought sometimes a very public battle with drug addiction. Like his mother, Joan, Patrick sought professional help to deal with his disease. He brings a personal humility and compassion to his advocacy for mental health and addiction issues.

Maybe it will take this new generation of public figures to be committed to this cause. To quote Senator Kennedy, "The work begins anew. The hope rises again. And the dream lives on."