

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

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Ronald A. Rett (excused)

ADM Board Staff Present:

**Jerry Craig, Manager of Clinical Services
Audrey Flinn, Claims Adjudicator
Thomas Grande, Evaluation & Special Projects Coordinator
William P. Harper, Incoming Executive Director
Margaret Herring, Compliance Certification & Training Coordinator
Donelle Howland, Accountant
Gregory A. Kavinsky, Interim Executive Director
Tom Leffler, Manager of Finance
Andrea Loftin, MIS Associate
Sharon Reiter, Executive Assistant
Sheila Shuttlesworth, Member Enrollment Specialist
Mary Alice Sonnhalter, Manager of Community Relations
Jacqueline Steward, Manager of Administration
Nick Veauthier, Manager of MIS**

Other Interested Parties:

Rev. Byron Arledge, Pastoral Counseling Services
Rick Armon, Akron Beacon Journal
Susan Baker Ross, Attorney, Summit County Prosecutor's Office
Darryl Brake, Community Partnership of Summit County
Mike Bullock, Tarry House
Angela Cooper, Mental Health America
Terry Dalton, Community Support Services
Thomas Green, Attorney
Elaine Harlin, Child Guidance & Family Solutions
Jerry Kraker, Portage Path Behavioral Health
James Lawrence, Oriana House
Sally Longstreth-Fluck, Oriana House
Adrienne Lopp, Akron - UMADAOP
Karin Lopper-Orr, Blick Clinic
Tim Morgan, Portage Path Behavioral Health
James Orlando, Ph.D., Summit Psychological Associates
Mary Pogany, Education Outreach Center
Chris Richardson, Oriana House
Cheryl Shuttleworth, Edwin Shaw Rehab

Mr. Haskins called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

I. Approval of Minutes:

A MOTION was made by Dr. Todd Ivan and SECONDED by Michael Irby:

To approve the Minutes of the March 31, 2009 Board meeting as submitted.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

RESOLUTION NO.
09-04-01

II. Chairman's Report:

Mr. Haskins welcomed Mr. William Harper to the ADM Board as its new Executive Director.

He then announced the following:

- NAMI will host its 23rd annual dinner and benefit on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. The silent auction begins at 5:45 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. This year's keynote speaker is David B. Baker, Ph.D., University of

Akron Department of Psychology. Board members that are interested in attending should contact Sherry Reiter.

- This year's NAACP Scholarship luncheon will be held Sunday, May 24, 2009 at Tangier's Restaurant, 525 W. Market St., at 1:30 pm. Board members that are interested in attending should contact Sherry Reiter.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, 6:00 PM at the ADM Office, 100 W. Cedar St., Akron OH, in the AMHA Multi-Purpose Room.

III. Interim Executive Director's Report:

(See Attached)

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Committee:

No Report.

B. Alcohol & Drug Addiction and Mental Health Committee Joint Meeting Report:

Mr. David E. Martin stated that the April 14, 2009 meeting was a Joint meeting of both the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Standing Committee and the Mental Health Standing Committee. He said the 2008 Year-End Statistical Reports were reviewed as well as the Client Rights Report.

He also stated that the ODADAS/ODMH Community Plan was reviewed and a lengthy discussion was had regarding the Plan. The joint Committees recommended approval of the goals and priorities as outlined in the Draft Plan.

A MOTION was made by Thomas F. Haskins, Jr. and SECONDED by Patrick McGown:

To approve the goals and priorities as outlined in the Draft ODMH/ODADAS Joint Community Plan, and to approve the submission of the plan to the respective state departments.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-04-02**

C. Community Relations Committee:

No Report.

D. Finance Committee:

Mr. Crum stated that the prior year cost and purchase of service settlement reconciliations are being finalized and are in the process of being sent out to the various agencies for review.

He asked the Board to review the Check Registers and Financial Statements in their packets for the month ending March 31, 2009 and entertained questions.

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

To approve the Financial Statements for the month ending March 31, 2009 as presented, subject to the compliance audit as part of the audit of Summit County.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-04-03**

Mr. Crum reviewed the Capital Reserve Fund request made by Oriana House for the Crisis Center. This request was for cooling tower repairs and a new HVAC repair contract with K Company. Oriana House received bids from five HVAC companies and K Company was selected.

A MOTION was made by Dawn Jones and SECONDED by Thomas F. Haskins, Jr.:

To approve the Capital Reserve Fund request by Oriana House for \$48,295 to The K Company for Baltimore air coil fluid cooler HVAC replacement (ER repair); HVAC repair contract (3/1/2009 – 2/28/2010), The K Company, \$7,380; HVAC repairs and pre-bid meeting re Baltimore cooler, \$502.50; and legal advertisement for Baltimore cooler, Akron legal News, \$97; for a total of \$56,274.50.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

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

Mr. Crum stated that the Board staff reviewed information submitted by Community Health Center to support their request for transitional funding. The review was to assess the agency's need in the context of the intent for transitional funding, which was to

preserve the current level of services. The Finance Committee recommends that no award be granted.

A MOTION was made by David E. Martin and SECONDED by Thomas F. Haskins, Jr.:

To approve no transitional funding award to Community Health Center.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-04-05**

E. Personnel Committee:

No Report.

V. Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business:

Mr. Haskins thanked Mr. Greg Kavinsky on behalf of the entire Board, staff, and the citizens of Summit County for his service and dedication to the ADM Board over the past six months as Interim Executive Director. He stated that he and the rest of the Board knew that Mr. Kavinsky was the right person for the job and that Mr. Kavinsky proved them right. Mr. Haskins presented Mr. Kavinsky with an engraved mantle clock as a token of appreciation.

Mr. Haskins then called upon the new Executive Director, William P. Harper.

Mr. Harper said that he was honored that the Board has entrusted him to serve as Executive Director. He stated that the selection process challenged him and the other candidates for the position to reflect truthfully on what they would bring to the position.

He said that the Summit County ADM Board has performed exceptional service to the citizens of Summit County for over forty years and at no time during that period has the Board demonstrated a stronger commitment to public service than the past 12 months. He said we are all indebted to the sacrifice made by former Board member and Interim Executive Director, Greg Kavinsky, who brought leadership and stability to the management of the Board at a critical time.

He said we have a lot of work to do. Awareness of the reality of addiction and mental illness and their impact on our society has never been higher and the demand for effective treatment and prevention services has never been greater. He said there are three goals, described by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, that he would like to set for the

coming months and years: 1) Improve the health of the population; 2) Enhance the client experience of care (including quality, access, and reliability); and 3) Reduce, or at least control, the per capita cost of care.

Mr. Harper said to succeed, cooperation will be the key. Each of us must fulfill our role with integrity while supporting others – consumers and clients, family members, providers, practitioners, advocates and governing boards) to excel.

VII. Comments From the Public:

There were no Comments From the Public.

VIII. Adjournment:

A MOTION was made by Thomas F. Haskins, Jr. and SECONDED by Christine Yuhasz:

To adjourn the April 28, 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION NO.
09-04-06**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Thomas F. Haskins, Jr., Chair

Christine C. Yuhasz, Secretary

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 28, 2009

1. The ADM Board continues to receive numerous requests for public records. We are working with legal counsel and, to date, have devoted over 80 work hours in the effort to fulfill these requests in a timely manner.
2. We're near the end of the Transition funding, Cost reconciliation (back to 2000) and the remaining parts of the contract/budgeting process. Since all of the potential transition funding will not be allocated, The Board will need to make some decisions on what to do with any non-assigned funds.
3. Dr. Fred Frese will be presented with a faculty award as the best guest lecturer at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School (USUHSS). He was voted this honor by the 2011 Class of Medicine, which are military students who are beginning their careers as physicians by serving in the U. S. Military
4. This evening at 9:00pm PBS will air "The Released". This is a film that tells Ohio's next chapter with mentally ill offenders and the disturbing story of what happens when they leave prison.
5. On March 18, 2009, Cuyahoga County's Representative Barbara Boyd introduced House Bill 84: Sean's Law to require health-trained personnel to perform a medical, dental, and mental health screening on each inmate upon arrival at a jail, to establish procedures that health-trained personnel must follow if an inmate is taking Xanax, Ativan, Valium, or any other benzodiazepine, and to provide that the sheriff ensure that health-trained personnel responsible for medical, dental, and mental health screening be trained as to symptoms and consequences of withdrawal from addictive drugs.
6. On April 21, 2009 the House Finance & Appropriations Committee released the substitute budget bill. The following is a summary of changes in the substitute bill that affect the behavioral health system.
 - **"Medicaid Elevation" Language**
This language was changed in the substitute bill to read "Medicaid Behavioral Health Advisory Group," charged with the task of studying the

administration of Medicaid covered community behavioral health services. The group shall submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than June 30, 2010.

➤ **Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)**

Language was placed in the substitute budget bill instructing the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to work with the Departments of Mental Health (ODMH) and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) to submit a State Medicaid Plan Amendment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to obtain federal approval to implement MAC for the behavioral health system. It is estimated that MAC would generate approximately \$10 million in reimbursement to boards per year.

➤ **Medicaid Rate Increases**

The substitute bill calls for Medicaid rate increases for both mental health and alcohol and drug (AoD) Medicaid services at a rate of 0.5% each year of the biennium. To offset the cost, additional funds were placed in the ODADAS 401 line item and the expectation is that the ODMH 505 line item will be utilized to fund the mental health increase.

➤ **Tangible Personal Property Tax**

The substitute bill extends the hold harmless for the Tangible Personal Property Provision of the Commercial Activity Tax for local governments through the end of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2011.

➤ **ODMH and ODADAS Funding**

ODMH line item 505 is now 100% General Revenue Funds (GRF) in SFY 2010 at \$85,510,483 with \$0 in stimulus funds, and for SFY 2011, ODMH line item 505 is \$65,097,856 (GRF), and line item 636 is \$27,697,699 in stimulus funds. ODMH line item 405 that funds Family and Children First Councils saw an increase from \$1,808,000 in the as proposed version to \$2,322,000 in the substitute bill for both years of the biennium. ODADAS line item 401 received a small increase for a new total of in SFY 2010 - \$37,241,513 and SFY 2011 - \$35,497,058.

➤ **IDAT Funds**

The Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) funds language reverted to having the courts be accountable for the dollars and having the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards submitting an annual report to ODADAS on funding spent and carryover funds.

7. I thank the Board for the opportunity to serve as the interim director these past several months and I thank Bill Harper for replacing me. I wish you all the best.

There are two suggestions I wish to make to the Board and the new Executive Director:

- Make open communication among Board, Provider Agencies, Board Staff and Citizens a priority.
- Create, monitor and adjust a Strategic Plan that: 1) includes the use Culture of Quality (or similar concept) to benchmark the Board and staff, 2) involves/ integrates all stakeholders into the process and 3) works towards raising the Medicaid reimbursement ceiling (beyond the .5% identified in the current house bill.)