

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Minutes of February 24, 2015  
(FINAL, as approved March 31, 2015)

**Board Members Present:** Phillip J. Montgomery, Chair; Dustin K. Blakeslee, D.O., Secretary; Peter Goheen, Reneé L. Greene, Rose Juriga, Penny Mason, Patrick A. McGown, Kevin D. Strickland, Sr., Christopher T. Teodosio, Patrick W. White.

**Board Members Absent (Approved):** David J. Peter, M.D., Vice Chair; Margaret J. Halter, Ph.D., Deanna Horrigan, Joseph P. Saporito.

**ADM Board Staff Present:** Jerry Craig, Executive Director; Andrew DeFratis, John Ellis, Tom Leffler, Doug Smith, M.D., Mary Alice Sonnhalter, and Nick Veauthier.

**Other Interested Parties Present:** Don Finn, IBH Addiction Recovery Center; Fonda Freeman and Denise L. Martin, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities; Fred Frese, Ph.D., Northeast Ohio Medical University; Dawn Glenny, Greenleaf Family Center; Phil Heiselman, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Emalie Laramore and James Lawrence, Oriana House; Darletta Logan, Coleman Professional Services; Frank Sepetauc, Community Support Services; Major Dale Soltis, Summit County Sheriff's Office; Ashley Stead and Deborah Walsh, Ph.D., Summit Psychological Associates; Janice Mercier-Wade, Ph.D., Akron-UMADAOP.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Phillip J. Montgomery (hereafter referred to as "Chair Montgomery") called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m., and thanked the guests and audience members in attendance.

Chair Montgomery called for inclusion of discussion about a needed board resolution on the Agenda.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Patrick McGown, and SECONDED by Dr. Dustin Blakeslee,

**To add review of a Resolution to the "New Business" section of the agenda.**

VOTE: Yes – ALL

**RESOLUTION: 02-15-01**

**II. Attendance and Roll Call**

Chair Montgomery noted attendance would be recorded on the meeting sign-in sheet, and welcomed the Board meeting audience. He encouraged those in attendance to ask questions and participate in the meeting's presentations.

**III. Ownership Linkage & Accountability**

**A. Presentation by Sheriff's Office**

Chair Montgomery welcomed Major Dale A. Soltis from the Summit County Sheriff's Department to speak on the recent developments at the County Jail. Major Soltis gave a brief history of the financial state of the jail going back to 2006, and how that has affected the jail population and staffing levels. As a result of the failed Safety Levy in 2014, inmate population reductions became necessary. Through collaboration with Oriana House and Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), the jail has been moving and releasing inmates to meet requirements.

Dr. Blakeslee inquired about the effect changing staffing levels have had on the inmate population's mental health needs. Major Soltis and Jerry Craig, ADM Board Executive Director, noted that funding cuts are affecting the security element of the jails, and that the Board continues to fund mental health programs.

Ms. Penny Mason inquired about the criteria separating Glenwood Jail from the County's primary jail. Major Soltis and Mr. Jim Lawrence, Oriana House President, noted that the Glenwood Facility was for non-violent offenders, has been in operation since 1981, and was the first minimum security jail in the state.

#### **B. "Recovery is Beautiful" Presentation**

Chair Montgomery welcomed Ms. Fonda Freeman, Associate Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), to provide an overview of the "Recovery is Beautiful" blue print for providing a Recovery-Oriented System of Care across Ohio through a series of short-term goals and action steps, with a focus on clients. Ms. Freeman also provided an update on potential changes to the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) budget under the Governor's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2017 budget. (Presentation attached.)

Dr. Blakeslee inquired about the "Recovery is Beautiful" logo. Ms. Freeman noted the "C" in the word "Recovery" is backwards to symbolize that the path to recovery is not always linear.

Dr. Fred Frese, NEOMED, inquired about the inclusion of "Celebration Recovery" (a community event for professionals and consumers in recovery) in the "Recovery is Beautiful" framework. Ms. Freeman confirmed those types of events would be welcomed on the Recovery is Beautiful website. Dr. Frese also spoke about the need for peer support services to help those in recovery seek employment. Ms. Freeman confirmed peer support services are a part of the legislative agenda for the SFY 2016-2017 budget.

Dr. Janice Mercier-Wade, President and CEO of Akron-UMADAOP, inquired about meaningful career paths for those in recovery and fighting stigma – not just getting those in recovery a job, but a meaningful career. Ms. Freeman confirmed inclusion of second chance language items to allow non-violent felony offenders to close portions of their record for the purpose of seeking a job. Dr. Wade asked OACBHA to consider the "CETA program" in developing that goal further.

### **IV. Chair Report**

#### **A. Chair Report**

Chair Montgomery reminded the Board of Directors that the 2015 ADM Recovery Challenge 5K was fast approaching on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and that he had put a call out for Board member participation at the January meeting. He asked Board members who have not responded yet to contact Mr. Craig or Mr. Tom Leffler by the end of February.

Chair Montgomery noted the sympathies of the Board of Directors were with the families of the late David Fair, founder of ADM Board provider agency Shelter Care, Inc., and Alexander Teodosio, both of whom passed away in February.

Chair Montgomery further reported that he and Mr. Craig attended a legislative day on behalf of "Recovery is Beautiful" to inform elected representatives of local activities, and advocate for budget priorities.

Chair Montgomery noted that the March 31<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting will include a site visit by Mr. Bill Charney, the Board's Policy Governance® consultant. Chair Montgomery and Mr. Craig will work with Mr. Charney in advance to refine the monitoring report process and review the Board Policy Manual. The agenda for March 31<sup>st</sup> will include training during the afternoon for new Board members, and the Board Meeting will focus on development of Ends.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Craig acknowledged that fitting the magnitude of the "Recovery is Beautiful" blueprint into one hour can be challenging, and that the Board has started reaching out to Provider agencies for input via an electronic survey on how the ADM Board measures up to the different domains of Recovery is Beautiful. This will lead to focus groups meeting in mid-March, with a final analysis by the end of March to lay the groundwork for conversations on the Board's Global Ends.

Mr. Craig reported that the Board requested proposals for new prevention programs, and received 22 responses that are under consideration. Recommendations for funding will go out in the form of a press release.

On Presidents' Day, Mr. Craig attended a dinner with elected officials to discuss the Board's budget platform, with particular focus on aiming for budget stability. Feedback from provider agencies has noted the importance of being able to rely on program funding in the long term.

Mr. Craig noted that Board Members attending the Opiate Conference on March 31<sup>st</sup> have the option of leaving in time for the Board of Directors meeting that evening, but please contact him to confirm arrangements.

## **V. Comments from the Public**

Chair Montgomery clarified to those in attendance that following the "Comments from the Public" portion of the meeting, members of the public are welcome to stay for the balance of the meeting, and asked for any comments.

Dr. Wade thanked the Board of Directors for the personal note she received following the January Board of Directors' meeting.

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of minutes from January 24, 2015 meeting**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Patrick McGown, and SECONDED by Ms. Reneé Greene,

#### **To approve the minutes.**

VOTE: Yes – ALL

RESOLUTION: 02-15-02

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of a Legacy III Resolution**

Mr. Craig noted that the ADM Board has agreed to one-time funding match for a capital improvement agreement between provider Legacy III and OhioMHAS, which requires an ADM Board of Directors Resolution of support.

Mr. Patrick White inquired about the total project cost, capital and operating budget.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Greene, and SECONDED by Mr. McGown, that:

**The County of Summit ADM Board of Directors hereby resolves to support programs described in the Legacy III Project application, to at least annually monitor the program and operations of the Project, and to cooperate with OhioMHAS in seeking or developing alternative uses for the Project in the event of Legacy III's default. The ADM Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to sign documents related to this project.**

VOTE: Yes – ALL

RESOLUTION: 02-15-03

## B. Committee Reports

### i. ADM Support Committee, Inc.

Chair Montgomery announced that the Summit County ADM Support Committee, Inc. had met on January 23<sup>rd</sup> elected new committee officers and set a meeting schedule for the year. Mr. Tom Leffler reported that the committee is considering investment options for funds raised, and is developing a records retention schedule. The committee will next meet on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

Pursuant to the ADM Recovery Challenge 5K, the committee established a goal of 400 participants, and is planning a Sponsorship Recognition Breakfast on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## C. February Executive Limitations Monitoring Reports

A MOTION was made by Ms. Greene, and SECONDED by Ms. Mason,

**To approve the monitoring reports as presented.**

VOTE: Yes – ALL

RESOLUTION: 02-15-04

## VIII. Announcements

Mr. McGown sought clarification on 2015 Board of Directors' committees. Chair Montgomery asked that current committees meet to elect chairs for 2015, and that new members contact him to establish committee assignments. (Board members are asked to serve on at least two committees.)

Ms. Greene and Mr. Christopher Teodosio volunteered to serve on the ad Hoc Executive Director Evaluation and Contract committee.

## IX. Adjournment

With no additional business to come before the Board, Chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

## X. Next meeting scheduled: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

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Dustin K. Blakeslee, D.O., Board Secretary