

County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

Board of Directors' Regular Monthly Meeting

Via Zoom Conference

Minutes of March 23, 2021

FINAL

Board Members Present: John Williams, Chair; Dr. Todd Ivan, Secretary; Elizabeth England, Vice Chair; Jim Merklin; Irv Sugarman; Roula Braidy; Kim Huff; André Thornton, Jr.; Lucas Blower; Dan Flowers

Board Members Excused: Chrissy Myers, Dr. Peggy Halter, Vivianne Duffrin

ADM Board Staff Present: Aimee Wade, Interim Executive Director; Jen Peveich, Associate Director of Operations; Dr. Aaron Ellington, Acting Associate Director of Clinical Services/Evidence Based Practice Coordinator; Amy Woodland, Manager of Community Relations; Carrie Marceric, Manager of Administrative Compliance; Dr. Doug Smith, Chief Clinical Officer; Susan Hale, Administrative Assistant Operations

Other Parties Present: Judge Joy Malek Oldfield, Summit County Court of Common Pleas; Chris West, North Coast Community Homes; Tess Flannery, Catholic Charities; Dawn Glenn, Greenleaf Family Center; Tracy Yeager, Portage Path Behavioral Center; Donald Christian, Akron – UMADAOP; Michael Randle, Oriana House; Jackie Kautenberger, CHC Addiction Services; Rochelle Jimenez, Coleman Professional Services

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present John Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm with an introduction of Judge Joy Malek Oldfield.

II. Swearing in of Kimberly Huff by Judge Joy Malek Oldfield

Judge Oldfield welcomed everyone and proceeded to perform the swearing in of Kimberly Huff as the newest member of the ADM Board of Directors. It was noted that all the documentation needed to be signed is in DocuSign and will automatically be sent to each individual for signature.

Judge Oldfield also gave a brief overview of her Court's programs, support and assistance in drug and alcohol intervention. The main program she began is called Turning Point. This gives individuals an opportunity to receive court supervision and counseling with support in many areas to help them get their lives on track. She noted that the program is held virtually on Mondays at 9am and everyone is welcome to attend and observe.

John Williams thanked Judge Oldfield for her time and service to the ADM Board.

III. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2021 meeting

MOTION: Elizabeth England

SECOND: Dan Flowers

That the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 via ZOOM Meeting of the Board of Directors, as presented.

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VOTE: Roll Call by Dr. Todd Ivan Secretary: All present

RESOLUTION: 03-21-01

IV. Board Education- Dr. Doug Smith, Chief Clinical Officer, ADM Board

Dr. Smith gave a status update on Crisis Services in Summit County. He discussed various emergency situations and important contacts for each. He noted that by July 16, 2022 the number 988 will be replacing the 800-number used to call the Crisis line. He gave an overview of the CIT training schedule and the communities that have CIT personnel. He stated that the goal is to have at least one CIT personnel on staff for every shift. He reviewed several of the centers that are open for drop in or emergency assistance. He noted that there is no detoxification for methamphetamines, but research is being done on this matter. He gave praise to the Summit County Probate Court and the New Day Court program, noting that it is the premier model for assisted outpatient treatment across the nation.

Dr. Smith opened it up for any questions the BoD may have. There was a brief discussion, and he offered his presentation slides to be sent to all members for reference.

V. Ownership Linkage & Accountability

A. Chair Report – John Williams

- Groundwater Training experience – a lot of data on different topics. It was very enlightening, and the Board of Directors could benefit from this training. 9 ADM Board staff attended including all management.
- Ohio's 2021 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference will take place virtually May 11-13, 2021. ADM Board staff Kim Patton and Dr. Ivan will be attending on behalf of the Board. If anyone else is interested let Aimee Wade know. The ADM Board will help coordinate this. He encouraged everyone to attend.
- The Recovery Challenge will take place August 21, 2021. More information will be sent out as the event planning evolves.

B. Executive Director Report – Aimee Wade

- **FY22 Annual Funding Application:** Applications were due March 12, 2021. Staff will be reviewing these applications over the next couple months with a goal of approval and finalization of funding summaries and contracting for July 1, 2021.
- **FY22-Recovery Housing Annual Funding Applications:** Released on March 15, 2021, to Recovery Housing providers with a due date of April 13, 2021.
- **Capital Plan Applications**
 - FY21-22 Youth Resiliency Project: OhioMHAS released these applications for capital funding. These applications were released to the system on March 4, 2021, with a due date of March 19, 2021, for review, evaluation for other funding streams, and prioritization for submission to OhioMHAS on March 27, 2021.
 - FY23-24 General Capital Project: OhioMHAS released these applications in preparation for the next biennium's capital plan submission to the Office of Budget and

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Management. These applications were released to the system on March 10, 2021 for review, evaluation for other funding streams, and prioritization for submission to OhioMHAS on April 25, 2021.

- **OACBHA HB 110 Language and Funding Recommendations Update:** As a result of discussion with statewide partners and stakeholders, the Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities released an updated response to opposition and their Language and Funding Recommendations document. Open dialogue with Summit County providers will continue.
- **Akron Public Schools—College & Career Academies:** On March 3, 2021, we received notice from the Ohio Department of Education that the application we sponsored to have the Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant credential added to the Industry-Recognized Credential list under the Health career field will be posted on the state website and will give students 4 credits toward graduation.
- **Board of Directors Document Management Platform:** On March 18, 2021, we had the first of three planned demonstrations of a platform. Any information will be shared along with the availability of a demonstration of the platform/s to Board members. If all goes well and the Board is interested, we hope to purchase the platform in May and begin use in June/July.
- **Child and Family Leadership Exchange (CFLE)-Prevention Day:** Because of COVID-19, CFLE did not host a class this year. Our organization typically helps to coordinate Prevention Day with Greenleaf Family Center every spring; however, this year, we were asked to provide something in a virtual platform to inform past class members about the prevention services in Summit County and how they have adapted during the pandemic. Thank you to Kim Patton of ADM and Dawn Glenn of Greenleaf family Center for their work on this project.
- **Opiate & Addiction Task Force Report:** As part of your Board packet, you will find the report provided during the Summit County Opiate and Addiction Task Force Meeting by Nick Baechel, our Research and Quality Improvement Coordinator for your reference. This information is broken down by zip code and looks at the demographics of the area.
- **2020 Summit County Suicide Rate Data:** As part of your Board packet, you will find a one pager developed by Nick Baechel and Amy Woodland, providing an overview of the 2020 Summit County suicide data. There has been an increase in African American male overdoses and suicides. There has been an increased effort to assist in this area. When we hear more on this, we will share the information. You will be hearing from the Youth Subcommittee of the Suicide Prevention Coalition for Board education in April.
- **COVID Mitigation:** On March 8, 2021, we increased staff capacity to a maximum of 11 people in the office on any given day. The transition has gone well, and it has been nice to regain some

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sense of normalcy and see each other in person again! We have continued all other mitigation strategies as directed by SC Public Health.

- We are currently wrapping up our PPE distribution.
- Dr. Smith continues to provide information, education, and resources to partners and our providers on the COVID-19 and vaccination access.

- **Comments and Questions:**

It was noted that the unfunded RFP's will continue to be a regular part of the Board's monthly meeting packet.

Board of Directors asked about the dramatic increase in African American male overdoses from 2019 to 2020.

ADM Board staff noted that preliminary data shows it may be due to a change in the type of drug being used. They also noted that so far in 2021 the rates for suicides have dropped for this population. The Akron Beacon Journal is in process of doing an article concerning this.

VI. **Comments from the Public**

ADM Board staff announced that the Akron Rubber Ducks will be opening for the season at 1/3 capacity. The ADM board is a sponsor and we have been asked to be their special guests.

The Heart-to-Heart Breakfast will have 4 tickets. These will be offered to the Board of Directors. There is an option for virtual or in person. The Board of Directors noted that Judge Joy Malek Oldfield will be the main speaker. The ADM Board noted that they will add that to the promotional information.

They also noted that the Monthly Engagement Snapshot was 163 and highlighted several encounters.

VII. **Consent Agenda**

A. **ADM Funding Awards Report for February 2021**

B. **New Contract(s) and Authorization to Sign**

After review and with no questions or comments:

MOTION: Jim Merklin

SECOND: Dan Flowers

That the ADM Board of Directors, approve the funding awards for February 2021, and, having funds available and certified by the Fiscal Officer as required by ORC 5705.41(D), the Board Authorizes the Executive Director to sign the contracts presented in the attached list on behalf of the ADM Board, in accordance with the requirements contained with ORC 340.

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VOTE: Roll Call by Dr, Ivan, Secretary: All Present **RESOLUTION:** 03-21-02

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. New Business

A. March 2021 Executive Limitations & Board Self- Monitoring Reports

1. Policy 2.7 Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts
 - a. Vote on Compliance

MOTION: Elizabeth England

SECOND: Lucas Blower

That the ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in Compliance with Policy 2.7 Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts.

VOTE: Roll Call by Dr. Ivan, Secretary: All Present

RESOLUTION: 03-21-03

2. Policy 3.6 Board Committee Principles
 - a. Discussion - Once a new Executive Director is selected, the Board will need to give them extra support. The Board's policies dictate what they can and cannot do. Discussion surrounded the loosening of some of the policies to enable the Board to provide the support necessary for a smooth transition. This will be revisited later, if deemed necessary.

No changes. No action needed.

B. Akron Summit County Public Library Levy Endorsement – Issue 10

MOTION: Dan Flowers

SECOND: Irv Sugarman

That the ADM Board of Directors endorse the Akron Summit County Public Library, Issue 10, on the May 4th, 2021 ballot.

VOTE: Roll Call by Dr, Ivan, Secretary: All Present

RESOLUTION: 03-21-04

C. Committee Reports

1. Assurance Committee – Dr. Todd Ivan

- a. No February meeting. Next meeting will be in April. There will be a direct inspection of out of county youth and adolescent residential placements during this meeting. The agenda will also include a review of adult residential discharges and an update on medical marijuana.

2. Board Development Committee – Dan Flowers

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- a. Meeting monthly, sometimes more. Reminded everyone of the upcoming training in May and noted that they want to update the manual. He also has shared the survey results with Bill Charney from the last training. Dan and John Williams will be meeting with Mr. Charney to streamline the training to better meet the Board's needs.
 - b. Discussion around if the training could be recorded in the event a member could not attend.
 - c. Discussion regarding in person training over ZOOM or having both options available.
3. **Personnel Committee – André Thornton, Jr.**
 - a. No Report-the Personnel Committee has not met.
 4. **Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee – James Merklin**
 - a. This committee has been busy. We will have two full days of interviews – March 24th and 25th. We are interviewing several candidates in person. We felt this was better for this type of interview. We will go through a ranking process then report back to the Board.

D. Meeting Assessment

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MARCHBODMEETINGASSMT>

XI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15

XII. Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday April 27, 2021 5:30pm via Zoom

Meeting Minutes Approved – April 27, 2021 at regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting.
Resolution 04-21-01