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

Board of Directors' Regular Monthly Meeting
Tarry House, Inc.
Minutes of October 23, 2018
Final, as approved December 11, 2018

Board Members Present: Joseph P. Saporito, Chair; Deanna Horrigan, Vice Chair; John M. Williams, Secretary; Lucas M. Blower; Roula Braidy; Vivianne Duffrin; Elizabeth A. England; Daniel R. Flowers; Peter Goheen; Russell T. Ham; Todd M. Ivan, M.D.; Christine Myers; Irving B. Sugerman; André Thornton, Jr.

Members Absent: None

ADM Board Staff Present: Jerry Craig, Executive Director; Chrissy Gashash; Carrie Marcercier; Jennifer Peveich; Aimee Wade; Fran Rudell

Other Interested Parties Present: Karl Driggs, North Coast Community Homes; Tracey Yaeger, Ph.D., Portage Path Behavioral Health; Tina Tabler, ADM Crisis Center/Detox; Jackie Kautenburger, CHC Addiction Services; Karen Hrdlicka, VANTAGE Aging; Michael Bullock, Executive Director, Tarry House; Ron Rett, Natalie Greer, Tarry House Program Managers; Jim Ward, Tarry House Board Chair.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Joseph Saporito (hereinafter ‘Chair Saporito’) called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. Review/approve minutes

After review, a MOTION was made by John M. Williams, and SECONDED by Lucas Blower,

To approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018, meeting of the Board of Directors, as presented.

VOTE: Yes – ALL; Daniel Flowers and Deanna Horrigan abstained

RESOLUTION: 10-18-01

III. Board Education

Chair Saporito introduced Michael Bullock, Executive Director of Tarry House, and thanked him for hosting the meeting and for the residence tours offered by Tarry House staff. Mr. Bullock, who has been at Tarry House for 15 years, explained the relationship Tarry House had with the late Dr. Fred Frese and noted that their Conference Room was being dedicated in his honor to acknowledge how Dr. Frese had championed for the mentally ill and worked to erase stigma attached to mental illness.

Mr. Bullock presented the history of Tarry House and explained its programs and services as a halfway house to transition individuals living with mental health disorders to external living after inpatient care; their Respite Care program; and apartments for clients. He acknowledged the ADM Board for its support over the years. Mr. Bullock introduced Jim Ward, Chair of Tarry House Board of Directors, and reminded all of the ADM Recovery Challenge on June 1, 2019.

Mr. Bullock’s knowledge of the CARF accreditation process was acknowledged, as well as his willingness to assist other agencies regarding same.

IV. Ownership Linkage & Accountability

A. Chair Report

- Chair introduced new member Roula Braidy who shared her background and current work at Akron Children’s Hospital and with the immigrant community.
- Great turnout for ADM Board’s Annual Appreciation Luncheon, with almost 100 more attendees that 2017. Turnout from the Board of Directors was especially noteworthy.
• Peg’s Foundation invitation to the annual Morgan Impact Awards Dinner on Nov. 15th.
• Seating available for the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on Nov. 4th.
• Topic for December meeting. Board survey results will be presented.

B. Executive Director Report
• Board will present its Budget to County Council on Oct. 29th.
• Attended Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce celebration, “30 for the Future,” which featured Board members Chrissy Myers and Lucas Blower. Board offered congratulations to both.
• Summa Barberton has been operating its Intensive Outpatient Program for about two weeks. The ADM Board provided some seed funding for this project.
• The Change Direction Initiative convened a meeting of Stakeholders on Oct. 16th to begin to envision future goals and tactics for dissemination of the project and how to engage people in the community. Turnout of approximately 35 people from various sectors.
• Several community stakeholders convened a meeting to discuss translation and interpreting services. This was a continuation of an initiative led by the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB), but broadening out the input from stakeholders. A coalition of agencies is working through the issues to resolve a problem that affects a wide sector of the community. Board members questioned who had paid for interpreting services in the past, with Mr. Craig reporting that the ADM Board has paid in the past but has had to limit the funds due to fiscal constraints.

Mr. Flowers reported that the Akron Canton Food Bank has been very interested in trying to work with charities which get food from the Food Bank and had made arrangements for a presentation of “Mental Health 101” for Food Bank staff. He commended Aimee Wade from the ADM Board for an extraordinary job, and recommended the training for anyone dealing with the public.

• There is no new information about the ADM Board’s role in the opiate lawsuit, although Board staff is continuing to work to put information together for discovery and depositions. Members were asked to contact Mr. Craig if they have questions.

Chair Saporito offered that on a visit to the Akron Police Department the Community Officer indicated that opiate related issues are still a main concern.

C. Chief Clinical Officer
Mr. Craig reported that future Agendas will be crafted to include an item for Dr. Doug Smith to bring the Board up to date on current events in the addiction and mental health fields.

Mr. Goheen presented sample materials obtained in Cambridge, MA, related to harm reduction materials for users to avoid overdose and infectious disease. He also reminded Board members of the Project DAWN program for Narcan training and materials, and the needle exchange program run by Summit County Public Health, for which the ADM Board funds the Fentanyl test strips. The program enables people to be more informed about what they are ingesting. Mr. Goheen also pointed out Ohio law regarding Blood Borne Infectious Disease Prevention Programs.

V. Comments from the Public and Announcements – None offered

VI. Consent Agenda
B. New Contracts & Authorization to sign
    Members reviewed the explanation of funding awards and contracts. With no questions or concerns offered, a MOTION was made by Joseph Saporito, and SECONDED by John M. Williams,
That the ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for September, 2018, and, having funds available and certified by the Fiscal Officer as required by ORC 5705.41(D), the Board authorizes the Executive Director, Gerald Craig, to sign the contracts presented in the attached list on behalf of the ADM Board, in accordance with the requirements contained within ORC 340.

VOTE: Yes – ALL

RESOLUTION: 10-18-02

VII. Old Business
A. Issue 1 information update
   1. Position Vote
      Mr. Craig provided an overview of Issue 1, and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities’ (OACBHA’s) position on same. Discussion ensued regarding opponents and supporters of the issue and effects on local courts.

      Mr. Craig reported that the Summit County Opiate Task Force’s Advocacy and Legislation committee had recently brought the discussion out of committee to a vote by the full Task Force. A first vote was taken to determine if the Opiate Task Force (OTF) wanted to take a position. After discussion about the purpose of the OTF as an educational coalition, members decided not to take a position on Issue 1.

      Board members reviewed materials and discussed the issue, taking all viewpoints points into consideration.

      After discussion, a MOTION was made by Elizabeth England, and SECONDED by Peter Goheen,

      That the ADM Board of Directors take a vote to determine whether to take a position on Issue 1.

      VOTE: Aye – 7; Nay – 7 — MOTION IS LOST

      No further action to be taken.

VIII. New Business
A. 2018 Education Planning
   Mr. Craig reported that similar to 2017, a Survey is being prepared to gauge interest in topics and offer additional suggestions that might be of interest to the Board in 2018.

B. Committee Reports
   1. Assurance Committee met on October 22nd.
      Chair Dr. Todd Ivan reported on the review of the Major Unusual Incidents (MUI) Report, noting
      • 2 administrative discharges from CHC (RAMAR)
      • 8 administrative discharges from IBH (property destruction, violence, rules violations)
      • 5 suicide attempts reported from Agencies
      • 2 overdoses on agency grounds
      • Not seeing any specific trends developing
      Waitlist will be reported in December

      Committee also received update on medical marijuana issues.
      Mr. Craig announced that OACBHA is offering a one day Medical Marijuana Symposium in Columbus on Nov. 9th. Board members interested in attending should contact the ADM office.

      With regard to monitoring and direct inspections, Board Chair Saporito pointed out that if anyone has any problems with financial variances or reports of any kind, they can request that
the Assurance Committee review. He stressed that direct inspection is available to any board member at any time.

2. Summit County ADM Support Committee met on Sept. 28th
   Board Chair Saporito reported that based on results of 2018 Recovery Challenge, the levy campaign next year will be fully funded. With this dynamic, the committee can concentrate on the campaign instead of fundraising. Committee next meets January 25, 2019.

C. September Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring Reports
   1. Policy 4.4 – Monitoring Executive Director Performance – Direct Inspection.
      No comments; no further action required.
   2. Policy 4.2 – Accountability of the Executive Director – Direct Inspection.
      No comments; no further action required.
      No comments. A MOTION was made by Daniel Flowers, and SECONDED by Peter Goheen

      **That the ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in Compliance with Policy 2.8, Emergency Management Succession.**

      VOTE: Yes – ALL

      RESOLUTION: 10-18-03

D. Meeting Assessment Form – Chair Saporito requested members complete and return the form.

IX. Adjournment
    With no additional business to come before the Board, a MOTION was made by Joseph Saporito and SECONDED by Lucas M. Blower, **to adjourn the meeting.**

    VOTE: Yes – ALL

    RESOLUTION: 10-18-04

Chair Saporito adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

X. Next regular meeting scheduled: December 11, 2018
   Summit County Public Health Board Room
   1867 W. Market Street – Entrance A
   Akron, OH 44313

Minutes as approved

December 11, 2018
RESOLUTION: 10-18-01

John M. Williams, Board Secretary