



Board of Directors' Regular Monthly Meeting

10/26/2021 | 05:30 PM - 06:52 PM - (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Summit County Public Health Boardroom

Attendees (11)

John M. Williams, Chair; Todd M. Ivan, MD, Vice Chair; Christine Myers, Secretary; Lucas Blower; Roula Braidy; Elizabeth A. England; Kimberly Huff; Margaret J. Halter, PhD; James E Merklin; Irving B Sugerman; Andre Thornton, Jr

Board Members Excused

Vivianne Duffrin, Daniel R. Flowers

ADM Board Staff Present

Aimee R. Wade, Executive Director; Kathy Hagy, Administrative Assistant of Clinical Services; Carrie Marceric, Manager of Administrative Compliance; Kimberly Patton, Associate Director of Clinical Services; Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations; Dr. Douglas Smith M.D., Chief Clinical Officer; Olivia Warther, Administrative Assistant of Operations; Amy Woodland, Manager of Community Relations

Other Parties Present

Evaughn Cagle, Urban Ounce of Protection; Donald Christian, Akron UMADAOP; Keri Deyling, Coleman Professional Services; Tammy Jensen, Oriana House; Jackie Kautenberger, CHC Addiction Services; Chris West, North Coast Community Homes; Tracy Yaeger, Portage Path Behavioral Health

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair John Williams, called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from September 21, 2021, meeting

MOTION: Peggy Halter

SECOND: Christine Myers

That the ADM Board of Directors approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021, meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

III. Board Education

We did not participate in any Board Education events this month.

IV. Ownership Linkage and Accountability

A. Chair Report - John Williams

- Chair Williams thanked everybody for attending Board Training on October 8th. As a result of that training and the adoption of new governance documents, the Fiscal Oversight Committee was founded. All Board Members now have a copy of all committee assignments. Mr. Merklin was removed from the Executive Compensation Committee, so no member is on more than two committees. Vice Chair Ivan will now be part of all of committees as ex-officio, so he is knowledgeable of where all the committees stand when he assumes the role of Chair. Chair Williams asked the Board if they agreed to Dr. Ivan attending all their committee meetings, and they agreed.
- Chair Williams reminded the Board of the importance of letting himself and the Executive Director know if they are going to be absent for a meeting. If they are to miss a committee meeting, it's the duty of that Board Member to reach out to the Committee Chair and Executive Director that they will be absent. There were a few meetings where committees did not have a quorum, and therefore could not discuss official business. No action items can come about in a meeting which doesn't have quorum, it would then be a freeform discussion. Ohio Sunshine Law requires that all members have to be in person to officially declare the gathering a meeting. The Chair asked that each committee have at least one more meeting in 2021 and requested the Committee Chairs to put together a schedule for 2022 at least through June.
- There was a brief discussion of having the Board, ADM Staff, and any community members willing the ability to take Roberts Rules of Order training.

B. Executive Director Report - Aimee R. Wade

- Ms. Wade brought to the attention of the Board that the Ohio Ethics Commission provides trainings for ADM Staff and offered to extend these trainings to Board Members.
- Ms. Wade thanked the Board Members for attending the IBH Restoring Hope Gala. ADM was awarded with the Restoring Hope Award due to the ADM Board's historical and on-going support of the organization and advocacy of addiction treatment throughout Summit County. Ms. Wade expressed thanks to IBH for hosting the gala.
- Ms. Wade discussed the moneys associated with the Summit County Opioid Healing Fund. \$500,000 is being disbursed amongst our agencies as they were not considered for the allocation of opiate settlement funds.

- In regard to our agencies' recruitment and retention efforts, the ADM Board is investing over \$500,000 for our agencies. We provided applications for funds between \$15,000 - \$37,000 per agency to help with recruitment and retention efforts. OMAHS released a similar application shortly after ADM did, so agencies have another opportunity to receive funds through their process.
- Ms. Wade had conversations with Akron area Superintendents to introduce herself and give some background and overview on what the ADM Board is. They discussed current collaborations with education partners and feedback on current behavioral health initiatives, needs, and concerns.
- Ms. Wade also met with local criminal justice partners to discuss behavioral health needs within the criminal justice system. Some topics of their discussion included safe housing for homeless inmates with behavioral health issues leaving the jail, streamlining handoff from jail to community behavioral health providers, and collaborative case reviews to identify the needs of those cycling in and out of jail.
- Amy Woodland gave a brief presentation on ADM's marketing efforts. The work on this campaign began in April, and the community is finally starting to see the results of these efforts. Advertising efforts include billboards, mobile advertising, postcards being sent to healthcare workers, cardboard easels, etc. Billboards were purchased, with intention, near zip codes where our data shows there are the most people in crisis. We hope this will help drive individuals toward our resources. The next step involves getting advertising into Summit County Local Schools.

C. Chief Clinical Officer Report - Dr. Doug Smith

- Dr. Smith brought to the attention of the Board House Bill 439, which would add a 5th criterium to the pink slip. This does not mean those given the slip will be hospitalized. Twenty-one other states have similar laws. There is a key group who is working on plans to testify that this is a good idea.
- Dr. Smith noted that regarding COVID-19, Ohio is 51.6% vaccinated, which is about 6 million people. Doctors have concluded that the spread will not go away unless more people get vaccinated. So far, there have been 1.5 million cases in Ohio, with about 2 new deaths per day. The United States sees about 1600 new deaths per day. Despite less media coverage, COVID is still running rampant. The CDC made recommendations that those who have been vaccinated would benefit from booster shots. He also mentioned that it is acceptable to mix and match the boosters. 3.8 billion people worldwide have received at least 1 dose of a vaccine.
- Dr. Smith also reported that there have been 4 potential bills introduced for recreational marijuana in Ohio. One of these bills' states that 10% of the funds from sales would be taxed and be allocated for mental health and addiction treatment. They are discussing those who could

purchase recreational marijuana would be 21 and older, and they could only purchase either a certain number of ounces of material or a certain number of plants.

V. Comments from the Public

- No guests in attendance had any comments or business to bring to the Board.
- ADM Staff Member Dr. Doug Smith stated that November 6th, 2021, is the ADM Board's 8th annual Integrated Care Conference. It will be a virtual event with 8 guest speakers. Dr. Smith offered; should Board Members wish to attend; they can do so for free through Dr. Smith. The event will highlight the intersections of mental illness, substance use and physical illness.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. ADM Funding Awards Report

B. New Contracts & Authorization to Sign

MOTION: Lucas Blower

SECOND: Elizabeth England

That the ADM Board of Directors, approve the funding awards for September 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.

VOTE: Verbal Vote – Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 10-26-02

VII. Unfinished Business

NONE

VIII. New Business

- Policy 2.8 Succession.

MOTION: James Merklin

SECOND: André Thornton, Jr.

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

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 10-26-03

- Policy 4.2 Accountability of Executive Director

- Policy 4.4 Monitoring Executive Director Performance

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Assurance Committee- Dr. Margaret J. Halter**

- The Assurance Committee attempted to meet on October 18th, 2021; without a quorum present the committee could not make any decisions or have official discussion. There was an informal discussion with guests Jonathan Wylly and Meredith Myers from IBH. Topics of discussion included: administrative discharge, local suicide and overdose data, marijuana legalization, and targeted suicide prevention initiatives. These topics will be discussed in depth at the next Board Meeting in December.

- **Governance Committee- Daniel R. Flowers**

- Nothing to report. Next meeting will take place on November 10th.

- **Executive Compensation Committee- André Thornton, Jr.**

- Nothing to report. The next meeting will be sometime in November.

- **Fiscal Oversight Committee- James E. Merklin**

- Nothing to report. Mr. Merklin will be reaching out to Ms. Wade to schedule their next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: Irving Sugerman

SECOND: Dr. Margaret Halter

That the ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this Regularly Scheduled Meeting of October 26th, 2021, with the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting to be held Tuesday, December 14th, 2021, at 5:30pm in the SCPH Board Room.

VOTE: Verbal Vote- Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 10-26-04

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

X. Next Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, December 14th, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Summit County Public Health Board Room.