



**ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 1, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Derek Anderson, Dona England-Afek, Jerry Bahlmann, Tamara Davis, Dennis Lieb, Mitzi Kirkbride, Kim Kehl, Rory McGuinness, Dr. Kathleen Pajer, Ron Rotaru, Thomas Bonasera, Laura Thielbar, Jonathan Sadler, Preston Stearns

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** J.S. Jindal, Eric Troy

Mr. Ron Rotaru called the meeting to order at 4:38p.m.

**Dennis Lieb moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings:**

- ADAMH August Board Meeting.....August 25, 2009
- Coordinating Committee.....September 14, 2009, October 13, 2009, November 16, 2009
- Consumer & Family Advocacy Council.....September 14, 2009, October 5, 2008, November 2, 2009

**Kim Kehl seconded; MOTION CARRIED**

A. Community Participation

There was no community participation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Rotaru announced that all items on the *Consent Agenda* have been previously reviewed by the Coordinating Committee. He asked if there were any questions or requests to remove the following items from the *Consent Agenda*: *Revised CY 2009 Professional Services Contract, Southeast, Inc. Homeless Veterans Outreach and Engagement, Southpoint Place Supported Housing & Services (Continuation), Merger of Prevention Council & Community for New Direction, CY 2010 Professional Service Contracts, Behavioral Healthcare Consultation, Assessment, Linkage (CALL) Clinicians at Franklin County Children Services, Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Additional Funding, Mifflin Middle School Welcome Center Somali Program Evaluation.*

No questions or comments were received.

**Tom Bonasera moved to approve all actions listed as is on the Consent Agenda; Dona England-Afek seconded; MOTION CARRIED.**

*NEW BUSINESS:*

David Royer explained that the Board completed the process of revising the strategic results for 2010 to 2015. The resolution requests approval for the proposed results.

Mr. Royer read the resolution as follows: “WHEREAS, ADAMH’s Managing For Results system is designed to ensure that public resources are being used in the most efficient and effective manner to serve as many consumers as possible with quality alcohol/drug and mental health treatment and prevention services;

WHEREAS, the ADAMH Board of Trustees have met to close out the previous years’ strategic results and crafted new strategic results based on current and future anticipated business environment issues, which will guide the operations of the ADAMH Board Franklin County from 2010 – 2015;

WHEREAS, the ADAMH Board of Trustees ask the staff, under the direction of CEO David Royer, to now develop appropriate and measurable business plan results that achieve these strategic results;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the ADAMH Board of Franklin County approval of these new five strategic results;

WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name on this first day of December, Two Thousand and Nine. Ron Rotaru, acting chair, and David Royer, CEO.”

Mr. Royer explained that the business plan should be completed and ready to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in January 2010.

**Dona England-Afek moved to approve the Resolution requesting approval of the Board’s 2010 to 2015 Strategic Results; Dr. Tamara Davis second; MOTION CARRIED**

*REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:*

Jonathan Wylly explained that the financial reports begin on page 30 of the Board packet. Mr. Wylly explained that the presentation given would be related to the Board actions presented to the Board.

Mr. Wylly explained that a new report has been added to the packet on page 38. Page 38 reflects the estimated cash levy position of the ADAMH Board, and identifies the variance between the original projections and the current status of the levy model. The model is based on an updated version used to assist with recent budget reductions, and not the original levy model.

Mr. Wylly explained that the largest variance is reflected under Title XIX - Medicaid FFP, which is a federal reimbursement. The seven percent variance is due to a timing issue with the state reimbursing the funds to the Board. The federal Title XIX is reimbursed through Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services

(ODADAS) and payments are running behind of schedule. The delay in payment is due to new accountability systems initiated by the state.

Mr. Wylly explained that the dashboard indicator report represents pages 37 and 38 of the financial report. The revenue/expense indicators are reflective of page 38. Total fund-revenue is -2.70%, total fund-expense is 1.20%, and cash fund balance is -16.40% variance. The cash variance is due to state reimbursement delays.

Mr. Wylly explained that the financial stressors indicators of the dashboard report reflect page 37 of the financial report. The variation on the property tax revenue and Medicaid expenses are due to the revisions to the model. Medicaid is at a 14% increase from last year. The original assumption was 6% and continues to rise.

Mr. Wylly explained that the state hospital dial of the dashboard indicator report has changed and shows a 13.67% variance for SFY10 that began in July. The dial will continue to represent the current fiscal year. In July to November there is 13% more state hospitalization than originally projected. In two years it has increased from 60 to 100 beds per day. The Board previously purchased approximately 78 bed days, but operations are currently running at 100. There will be approximately \$2 million in reimbursements, but there will be an additional expense beyond the \$15 million already paid for state hospitalization.

Mr. Royer explained that Medicaid will continue to increase due to the economic climate as more individuals meet eligibility. He stated that approximately 60% of the state hospitalizations are new to the mental health system. Netcare is overflowing its capacity. There continues to be a search for private and public psychiatric beds due to capacity issues. He explained that individuals must have significant psychiatric impairments in order to qualify for hospitalization.

Mr. Royer explained that there is an overwhelming environment for the providers during this climate. There also continues to be a demand for non-Medicaid services.

Mr. Royer explained that through the work with the private hospitals, Netcare and state hospitals there has been a decrease in the volume of patients hospitalized with Medicaid. The rate of hospitalization has gone from 30% down to 17%. He stated that the current situation is very compounding and difficult for everyone involved. There is a continuum of stress in the environment related to consumer demand as well as provider response. Providers are attempting to provide services with a shrinking revenue base.

Jonathan Sadler asked if ADAMH is still required to pay for bed day purchases that are left unused.

Mr. Wylly explained that ADAMH must still pay for unused bed days. The ADAMH Board purchased less bed days than what was thought would be used because of the savings with the state reconciliation system. Recently the Board attempted to purchase days that were projected to be used, which was not enough.

Mr. Wylly explained that there is a small discount with purchasing less than what is used, but there continues to be an increase in need. The beds days are purchased once a year as a state fiscal year process.

Mr. Wylly explained that the new handout reflects the state hospital report. The \$2 million indicated in the "Projected (Payment) Refund" category represents the payback for the end of the state fiscal year 2010, and is based on the current hospital bed utilization averaging over 80 per day.

Thomas Bonasera asked if the additional accountability from the state changed any of the reimbursement payments.

Mr. Wylly answered that no the delay has not changed the reimbursements just more reporting requirements.

Mr. Bonasera stated that while the Board does not accrue interest in the money it is a loss of income for the providers.

Mr. Wylly explained that the loss is actually to the Country Treasurer because it has not delayed payments to providers.

Mr. Bonasera asked if there has been consideration for the model with the possibility of the implementation of the new healthcare legislation and how it will impact the system. He stated that it is likely there will be an increase in Medicaid eligibility.

Mr. Bonasera asked if the possibility of healthcare legislation changes and Medicaid increase has been factored into the model for future projections.

Mr. Wylly answered no.

Mr. Bonasera asked when the changes would be included in the model projections.

Mr. Wylly explained that the changes would not be included until there was more information on what changes would occur with the healthcare changes. He stated that the Board would continue to monitor the progress on the healthcare legislation changes.

Mr. Royer explained that the expanding Medicaid issue is shifting the burden of payment for people that would otherwise not be eligible for Medicaid and ADAMH would have paid 100%, now only pays 40%. The problem is that it

is a state/federal compact and the obligation should be with the state to pay the Medicaid match and not from local levy funds.

Mr. Royer explained that there will be two issues brought forth to the Board in the future. There are two fundamental challenges that need to be considered. The first is that there is a provision that allows the Board to opt out of responsibility of state hospital payments by returning all revenues from the state to the state. The state is then required to provide all hospital care. With the \$2 million payback the Board will be down to \$5 million. The problem is that at the end of 2010 the Board will be supplanting the state's obligation through \$16 million of levy dollars. The state is attempting not to fund a community based care system and/or hospital based system, which will create conflict of deciding the proper use of the local money. The state uses the funds to meet the needs of the state citizens versus the local citizens, which is a policy issue.

Mr. Bonasera stated that the state is utilizing the local level dollars that are earmarked for Franklin County citizens are being taken by the state and used for Ohio citizens.

Mr. Royer explained that an effective mental health system needs to have federal, state and local contributions. It appears as if the state is renegeing on their contributions.

Mr. Royer explained that it is the ADAMH's Board responsibility to educate the Trustees of the policy issues that are affecting the community and the Board.

There were no questions regarding the financial report.

**Derek Anderson moved to accept the Financial Report as given; Kim Kehl seconded; MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Board Chair Report

Mr. Rotaru announced that there was no chair report.

*EXECUTIVE SESSION:*

**At 4:55 p.m. Dr. Kathleen Pajer moved to enter into Executive Session for conference with legal counsel, Laura Thielbar seconded; MOTION CARRIED.**

Members voting by roll call to enter into Executive Session included; Derek Anderson, Thomas Bonasera, Dr. Tamara Davis, Dona England-Afek, Kim Kehl, Mitzi Kirkbride, Dennis Lieb, Rory McGuinness, Dr. Kathleen Pajer, Ron Rotaru, Jonathan Sadler, and Laura Thielbar.

**At 5:20 p.m. Kim Kehl moved to exit from Executive Session, Dr. Kathleen Pajer seconded; MOTION CARRIED.**

Members voting by roll call to exit Executive Session included; Derek Anderson, Jerry Bahlmann, Thomas Bonasera, Dr. Tamara Davis, Dona England-Afek, Kim Kehl, Mitzi Kirkbride, Dennis Lieb, Rory McGuiness, Dr. Kathleen Pajer, Ron Rotaru, Jonathan Sadler, Preston Stearns, and Laura Thielbar.

Mr. Royer explained that the action taken from executive session would be included in the resolution as follows: "Resolution Requesting Approval to Dismiss the Lawsuit against the State of Ohio, Department of Mental Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the dismissal of the lawsuit against the State of Ohio, Department of Mental Health, subject to terms acceptable to the Executive Director and Prosecuting Attorney's office;

WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name on this first day of December, Two Thousand and Nine, David Royer, CEO, Ron Rotaru, acting Board Chair."

**Dona England-Afek moved to approve the Resolution requesting approval to dismiss the Lawsuit against the State of Ohio, Department of Mental Health; Dr. Tamara Davis second; MOTION CARRIED.**

*NOMINATION  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT:*

Mr. Kim Kehl explained that the nomination committee is recommending the Board of Trustees officers for 2010 to be: Ron Rotaru, Board Chair, Dona England-Afek, Vice Chair, Dennis Lieb, Treasurer, and Dr. Tamara Davis as Secretary.

**Jonathan Sadler moved to approve the nomination committee recommendations for 2010 Board of Trustees officers; Derek Anderson second; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Dr. Tamara Davis moved to approve adjourn; Kim Kehl second; MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Recorder: Lucinda Kuhlwein

Approved:

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Ron Rotaru, Chair

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Tamara Davis, Secretary