



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Erie County was held on **January 21, 2025**, at Erie County Office Building, 247 Columbus Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

THE MEETING was CALLED TO ORDER at 4:01 P.M. by Steve Poggiali, Chair.  
The presence of a quorum was established.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Poggiali, Lisa Crescimano, Nancy Martin, Tom Tucker, Alexis Koch, Rev. Herman S. Robinson

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Adrienne Gibbs, Celine Hemminger, Nancy McKeen, Rob Quinn

**STAFF PRESENT**

Diane Taylor and Alyssa McGue

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Brenda Baum (Erie Shore Network); Victoria Orshoski (NAMI); Henrietta Whelan (Bayshore Counseling); Melissa Fowler (Bayshore Counseling); Michelle Porter (Firelands Health); Mary Supina (Sandusky Artisans); and Hank Solowiej (Erie County Administrator)

**WELCOME**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOTION</b>	The Board Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes of the <b>December 10, 2024</b> , meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County. The motion was carried.		
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Lisa Crescimano	<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nancy Martin

**FISCAL MANAGER REPORT**

Alyssa McGue, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the FY2025 board revenues, expenses, cash balance summary, changes in fund balances, and docket prior to the meeting and presented them during the meeting.

**MOTIONS REQUIRING ACTION**

The Board Chair called for motion(s) to approve the following Resolutions:

Motion	<b>RESOLUTION 01-2025-01</b> The Fiscal Manager’s Report on <b>Expenditures and Vouchers Processed</b> for payment during <b>January 2025</b> in the amount of <b>\$527,107.82</b> . Protocol: <b>Roll Call Vote</b> . Resulted: <b>Resolution Carried</b> .		
<b>Motion Made by:</b>	Steve Poggiali	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Lisa Crescimano
<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>			
ABSENT_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	YES_ ALEXIS KOCH	ABSENT_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ REV. ROBINSON	ABSENT_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	
YES_ STEVE POGGIALI			

Motion	<b>RESOLUTION 01-2025-02</b> To approve the <b>Then and Now Resolution</b> for payment during <b>January 2025</b> in the amount of <b>\$10,122.53</b> . Protocol: <b>Roll Call Vote</b> . Resulted: <b>Resolution Carried</b> .		
<b>Motion Made by:</b>	Steve Poggiali	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Lisa Crescimano
<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>			
ABSENT_ ADRIENNE GIBBS	YES_ ALEXIS KOCH	ABSENT_ CELINE HEMMINGER	
YES_ LISA CRESCIMANO	ABSENT_ NANCY MCKEEN	YES_ NANCY MARTIN	
YES_ REV. ROBINSON	ABSENT_ ROB QUINN	YES_ THOMAS TUCKER	
YES_ STEVE POGGIALI			

**ACTIONS DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

Board members requested that the previously adopted, and following updated Policies and Procedures be sent to them for review to be voted on during the next meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2025. No action was taken today.

Motion	<b>RESOLUTION 01-2025-03</b> To approve the <b>Public Records Request, Response Policy, No. I-A.3</b> in compliance with ORC Section 149.43 and 149.011. Protocol: <b>Roll Call Vote</b> . Resulted: <b>No Action</b> .		
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Motion	<b>RESOLUTION 01-2025-04</b> To approve the <b>Open Meetings Act Policy (Sunshine Law), No. I-A.2</b> in compliance with ORC Section 121.22(G). Protocol: <b>Roll Call Vote</b> . Resulted: <b>No Action</b> .		
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Motion	<b>RESOLUTION 01-2025-05</b> To approve the <b>Meetings Procedure Policy, No. I-A.10</b> in compliance with ORC Section 121.22. Protocol: <b>Roll Call Vote. Resulted: No Action.</b>
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**PRESENTATION**

**HANK SOLOWIEJ, ERIE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Discussion on the Process to Reduce Board size to 9 Per ORC 340.02, the purpose will be to solicit feedback on the proposed change.

- The Erie County Board of Commissioner’s designated Hank Solowiej, Erie County Administrator, as representative to discuss reducing the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Erie County to a 9-person Board.
- Hank explained that the new 9-person Board would consist of 6 Commissioner appointed, and 3 OhioMHAS appointed seats.
- Any questions or feedback on this proposed action can be directed to Hank by email ([hsolowiej@eriecounty.oh.gov](mailto:hsolowiej@eriecounty.oh.gov)) or by calling his office at 419-627-7672.
- A decision to approve this change will be voted on during the next regular Board meeting in February.

**GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ★ Mary Supina, Sober Super Bowl Party will be held February 9. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with food and fun; game starts at 6:30 p.m.
- ★ Victoria Orshoski, NAMI Erie’s annual fundraiser will be coming up soon on March 29. Resilience Club will be held on Saturday, January 25, and the 5 subsequent Saturdays. This group is intended for children 8-11 years old, and will be held at the Sandusky Public Library, 9:30–11:30 a.m. A new bilingual support group was created and will start January 27. This group will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in Milan at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.
- ★ Melissa Fowler, Bayshore Counseling has started an adolescent emotional regulation group for ages 14-17. The group consists of 8 ongoing sessions and will cover topics such as anger management and communication skills. Any referrals for this program can be sent to Bayshore.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Nancy Martin, Planning Committee Chair gave report from the January 7, 2025 meeting.

- Nancy discussed that many funding topics were addressed at the meeting and will be explained more in depth by Diane during her Executive Director report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

No meeting was held in the month of January.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**1) TELEHEALTH CRISIS SERVICES**

- Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services has been previously able to bill Medicaid for telehealth crisis services. They were recently given notice by Medicaid that these types of services will no longer be covered. The accumulation of the uncovered charges is roughly around \$130,000. This amount includes Erie County, as well as Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, Wyandot (SOSW) and Huron County ADAMHS Boards. The share for Erie County is around \$50,000.
- Tracey Campbell from Firelands is scheduled to talk with Ohio Medicaid to see if this can be resolved or partially resolved by being reimbursed for at least part of these expenses. This has been an especially challenging situation as many providers have had to utilize telehealth services to compensate for the shortage of staff levels. Firelands has a limited number of crisis support staff that cover several counties around the area.
- Diane recommends that Erie County pay their share of the request as this was no fault of the provider. More information will be forthcoming in February.

## 2) COST SHARE

- AJ Lill, Executive Director of Erie County Job and Family Services, has been in contact with Diane regarding a client that has been diagnosed with both mental health and developmental disabilities and requires a very high level of care. The client's total cost of care per day is \$1,269, with a yearly total cost of \$466,560. If the Board were to contribute to this, the share would be \$155,00 per year.
- This case is challenging because the client is currently undocumented and does not hold American citizenship. The client recently turned 18, and was in the process of being adopted prior to that, but it ultimately fell through. Due to their status, Job and Family Services and the Board of Developmental Disabilities are unable to draw down on alternate funding had the client gained citizenship.
- Previous discussions on Board funding for an individual who is undocumented have been addressed, with the decision being that the only funding available is limited only to crisis services, which follows Board statute, O.R.C Chapter 340. The client is currently not considered to be in crisis.
- Diane has reached out to OhioRISE, a program created to help young people with significant behavioral health issues. She is hopeful that they may be able to provide guidance.
- This is an ongoing topic, and updates will be shared as the situation progresses.

## 3) HEALTH ASSESSMENT

- Diane gave an update that Eliot Dyer from the Erie County Health Department will be attending February's Full Board meeting to present information from the Annual Assessment that was conducted.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned AT 4:43 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR SIGNATURE

