
ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY

Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

THE ADAMHS BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2024, WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:01PM BY LISA CRESCIMANO; *THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Crescimano, Chair, Adrienne Gibbs, Celine Hemminger, Alexis Koch, Nancy Martin, Nancy McKeen, Steve Poggiali, Tom Tucker, Rob Quinn, Vice Chair

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Herman S. Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Taylor, Bethany Parnell, Alyssa McGue, Caleb Stidham

GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Karen Russell from Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services commented that the new sheriff's deputy has started working for the Ride Along program and is currently undergoing training.
- Mary Supina from Sandusky Artisan's Recovery Community Center reminded members that there is ongoing "Soberoke" events, and an upcoming Wellness Symposium in April. More information to come about specific details.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SECRETARY'S REPORT:

December 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes, Rob Quinn moved to accept minutes as presented, second by Steve Poggiali. All members voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Planning Committee did not meet during the month of January.
- The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:30am.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1) **ANIMAL HOUSE SOBER LIVING:**

- There is an agency in Bellevue, called the Animal House – Sober Club, that currently serves three surrounding counties and is seeking additional recovery support. The agency contacted this Board, Huron, and Sandusky/Seneca/Ottawa/Wyandot County Boards seeking funding in the amount of \$1,200 per month. The Erie ADAMHS Board does not currently have a contract with this agency and would be responsible for \$400 per month after being split between the three boards. Mircea Handru, Executive Director from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, agreed to be the fiscal agent between the boards.

- **Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Animal House – Sober Living** for six months in the amount of \$2,400 (\$400/month) made by Nancy McKeen, second by Celine Hemminger; all in favor. Motion passed.

2) JOB & FAMILY SERVICES:

- Diane met with AJ Lill from Job & Family Services and a representative from the courts to discuss the increase in demand for assessments for children that require a high-level of psychiatric care. The type of assessment required can last from 4-5 hours and are completed by a psychiatrist; currently, there are about 10-12 conducted a year. Their hope is to increase the number of assessments to meet the rise in demand and have asked the Board to fund 10 additional assessments per year at \$2,400/session, for a grand total of \$24,000.

- **Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Job & Family Services** to fund 10 additional assessments for \$24,000 made by Rob Quinn, second by Steve Poggiali; all in favor. Motion passed.

3) REGIONAL UPDATES:

- The waiting list for the Northern Ohio Psychiatric Hospital has been decreasing.
- Diane will be meeting with the new OhioMHAS director, LeeAnn Cornyn during the upcoming Director's OACBHA meeting. Please let Diane know if there are any questions that may be presented to the new director.
- There is also new money available for Probate Court, and Diane will soon be meeting with Erie County Probate Court to discuss a possible collaboration.

4) COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TOP 3 MENTAL HEALTH PRIORITIES:

- The Erie County Community Foundation has developed three main priorities for their initiative:
 1. Reduction of Stigma
 2. Access to Care
 3. Workforce Development

5) LORAIN COUNTY MERGER:

- LCADA Way and the Nord Center in Lorain County have merged to provide behavioral health services. Services will continue until the official merger date of July 1, 2024.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT:

1) BEACON PROPERTY UPDATE

- No update currently.

- 2) All-Provider Meeting Reminder:** Caleb made an announcement of the next All-Provider Meeting which will take place on Thursday, February 1 from 1–3pm at the Erie County Health Department. Important updates about OneOhio will be discussed.

FINANCIALS:

Bethany Parnell, CFO, reviewed the FY2024 Board Revenues, Board Expenses, Cash Balance Summary, Fund Balances, Docket, Revenue Sources, and Then & Now's.

Motions Requiring Action:

- **Approval of monthly Bills to be Paid in January, Resolution No. 01-2024-01**, Whereas, the attached *January Financial Transaction Report* has been reviewed for appropriateness and compliance with Board Policies. Therefore, **Lisa Crescimano** resolved that the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Erie County approve the January Financial Transaction Report. **Total amount approved was \$385,676.35**, second by **Tom Tucker**.

Rollcall vote for monthly Bills to be Paid in January 01-2024-01: Celine Hemminger, yes; Nancy Martin, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Alexis Koch, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Rob Quinn, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Nancy McKeen, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes. **Resolution carried.**

- **Approval of THEN and NOW: Resolution No. 01-2024-02**, WHEREAS, the attached schedule of payment is requested to be paid without existence of a prior approved contract or order, and is in excess of \$3,000 or insufficient unencumbered funds; **Lisa Crescimano** RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. **Total amount approved was \$144,845.15**, second by **Tom Tucker**.

Rollcall Vote for Then and Now Resolution No. 01-2024-02: Nancy McKeen, yes; Alexis Koch, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Nancy Martin, yes; Celine Hemminger, yes; Rob Quinn, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes. **Resolution carried.**

- **Approval of Resolution to Approve Revised CY2024 Annual Appropriations and Revenues: Resolution No. 01-2024-03**, BE IT MOVED, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Erie County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses of said Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board, during the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2024, the following sums be (and the same are) hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said calendar year, and the following projected revenue. **Lisa Crescimano** RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, second by **Tom Tucker**.
- **Approval of Transfer of Funds: Resolution No. 01-2024-04**, to transfer **\$25,500** to the **Erie County Adult Drug Court – Judge Tone, Common Pleas Court** RESOLVED by Lisa Crescimano, second by Nancy McKeen. **Resolution carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 5:01pm, Tom Tucker moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Employment and Compensation of a Public Employee to include Board Members, second by Nancy McKeen.

Rollcall Vote to enter Executive Session: Nancy McKeen, yes; Alexis Koch, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Nancy Martin, yes; Celine Hemminger, yes; Rob Quinn, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

At 5:09pm, Chair Lisa Crescimano stated that the executive session had reconvened to the regular meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:09PM

SIGNATURE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa M. Crescimano", written over a horizontal line.