

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**June 14, 2006**

Chairperson Bonita Caplan called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**Present:** Bonita Caplan, Ann Hull, Mieke Smith, Barbara Saltzman, Mary Warr / **Absent:** J. Bazyk

**Board Staff:** William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer; Kathryn Burns, M.D., Chief Clinical Officer; Cassandra Richardson, Chief Financial Officer; Rose Fini, Director of Risk Management; Tami Fischer, Director of Human Resources; Kathleen LoPresti, Performance Improvement Specialist/HIPAA Privacy Officer; Michael Doud, Residential Project Administrator; Terri Oldham, Children's Project Administrator; Terry Lester, Adult Project Administrator

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of May 3, 2006, were approved as written. Follow-Up Issue: See Gala Event discussion below.

**2. GALA EVENT**

A. Speakers Bureau – As recommended at last month's meeting, a letter was sent to Terry Bradshaw and the National Speaker's Bureau indicating the CCCMHB's disappointment with Mr. Bradshaw's last minute cancellation as keynote speaker at the Gala Event. The National Speaker's Bureau responded with a compensation offer. As a result of further negotiation, the final compensation offer was \$6,000. The Executive Committee concurred that the offer should be accepted.

B. Proceeds Discussion – Ms. Warr reported on the first proceeds discussion held to brainstorm additional ideas. Ms. Warr noted that the original ideas identified were considered. Others brought forth were to use proceeds to: assist with relocating clients, assist clients with Medicaid costs (RE: the need for birth certificates), strengthen wraparound services, consider a global, longer-lasting concept -- to support the hiring of a consultant to develop an All Hazard Disaster Preparedness Plan for our area.

Dr. Smith suggested the concept of a Consumer Art Gallery as a way for the CCCMHB to exhibit artwork of consumers and to provide a way for consumers to benefit from their creative pursuits. Ms. Saltzman advocated for using funds to benefit consumers; she felt that state or federal dollars should be used to develop the All Hazards Preparedness Plan. Ms. Warr noted that all feedback would be considered at the next Adhoc Gala Proceeds Committee meeting.

**3. NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

Three new Board members have been appointed by the County Commissioners. Carl Rak, Ph.D. is a retired researcher from CSU with a private practice in psychoanalysis; Kathryn Gambatese, a Richmond Hts. Councilwoman with a lot of experience in Board work; and Robert Fowler, Ph.D. is a chemical engineer. Contact will be made with the new appointees to swear them in at the June 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

**4. FACILITIES**

A. State Hospital - The Chair reported on the recent positive tour/meeting regarding the prospective new state hospital venture. Mr. Denihan added that the energy was evident--the local development corporation is supportive, the Council person agrees that a new state hospital is what is needed for the community, the County is sensitive to the need for additional land, and the state is advocating for getting the project moving.

B. East Side Crisis Shelter – Presently waiting for the current provider of the East Side Crisis Shelter to submit a proposal which is due by 6/16/06.

C. CCCMHB Headquarters - The Chair noted that a site is in view which is convenient to public transportation. Efforts have begun to interview groups to assist in moving forward to help decide how large the building needs to be, etc.

**5. CONSUMER PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Denihan noted that after meeting with agency staff, Mr. Denihan is satisfied with the answers provided to the concerns raised. The explanations were reasonable. An agreement was made to make some communication changes so that similar problems do not occur. An advocacy council consisting of consumers would meet to provide input from consumers to the agency. Mr. Denihan noted that the particular consumer's complaints were investigated and that the concerns have been resolved to his satisfaction.

**6. COSE MEETING REGARDING PARITY**

Ms. Hull reported that she along with Bill Denihan, Harvey Snider and Joan Englund met with Carole Carusso, head of Governmental Relations at COSE, an organization which has been opposed to parity for quite some time. Ms. Hull noted that the meeting went well. Ms. Carusso noted that mental health representatives would be welcome to address the advocacy committee which consists of 20 members. She also agreed to share COSE's study regarding parity to Ms. Englund, Executive Director of the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition.

**7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS** – Ms. Caplan noted that this meeting would be the last one shared with Mieko K. Smith, Ph.D., as she will be out of town on the night of the General Meeting. Executive Committee members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Smith for her service and dedication.

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.*

***Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist to the Board of Governors***

***Approved by: Bonita W. Caplan, CCCMHB Chairperson***