

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
PROGRAM PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE
October 13, 2004**

The Program Planning & Policy Committee meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson, Mieko K. Smith, Ph.D. Dr. Smith was excited to share with those present the good news that her new book entitled, Mental Health Practice with Children and Youth—a Strengths and Well-Being Model was just published. She noted that she intends to provide a copy to the CCCMHB.

Committee Members Present: John Bazyk, Bonita Caplan, Bill Sheehan, Mieko Smith, Mary Warr
Absent: Ben Gohlstin, L. Douglas Lenkoski / **Others Present:** Ann Hull

Board Staff: William Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, Valeria Harper-Bledsoe, Chief Operating Officer; Kathryn Burns, M.D., Chief Clinical Officer; Cassandra Richardson, Chief Financial Officer; Mark Jones, Director of Finance; Terri Oldham, Children's Project Administrator; Michael Doud, Residential Project Administrator; Esmat Nasr, Provider Relations Specialist; Kathleen LoPresti, Quality Improvement Specialist, Mario Tonti, Ph.D., Tapestry Project Director

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Chair thanked Mary Warr for serving as Acting Chair at the 9/8/04 committee meeting and for her report to the full Board. Ms. Warr's summary report was distributed, and Dr. Smith reported that the official minutes from 9/8/04 would be approved at the November meeting.

Follow-up: Consolidated Culturalogical Assessment Tool (C-CAT) Update – ODMH has remained firm that the C-CAT is not a Medicaid reimbursable assessment. Based upon a suggestion from the audience at last month's meeting, a second letter was sent to ODMH suggesting the possibility that individualized service plans might address whether services are being received in a culturally competent manner. Feedback will be shared when ODMH's response is received.

2. TAPESTRY REPORT

Dr. Mario Tonti, Project Director, via power point presentation, presented a status report on Tapestry. Tapestry is: 1) a system of care for children who suffer from severe emotional disturbances (SED) and their families; and 2) a different way of thinking about, planning for, and providing services in partnership with SED children and their families.

Tapestry's Three Primary Goals:

- Δ To improve the integration of systems of care for children with SED problems and their families by better integrating the separate public and private child serving agencies in Cuyahoga County.
- Δ To create a strong voice for parents and youth who are served by those systems and to move the delivery of family services to the point where they are "parent driven".
- Δ To provide parent directed services to 240 SED children and their families per year through an innovative relationship involving the Family-to-Family Collaboratives and PEP/Connections.

The handout distributed accompanies the original minutes stored in the Board's Executive Offices. Dr. Tonti answered specific questions of committee members.

Discussion Points:

- Presently children with multiple needs are not getting their complex needs met.
- The wrap-around process is a better way to enable multi-need children to receive better services.
- The most dramatic change of this system of care is that it is "parent-driven."
- The Social Marketing Committee's goal is to share information about the Tapestry program with the community.

3. SYSTEM DATA INFORMATION REPORT

Ms. Bledsoe noted that the System Data Information Summary Report was presented at the 6/9/04 Program Planning & Policy Committee meeting. Feedback from Governors, audience members and Board staff was incorporated into the revised document. The report will be disseminated to the provider agencies shortly.

Once information is received from the agencies and compiled, a meeting to include providers and the internal work group shall be convened to review the data information request for the upcoming year as this will be an annual report for service providers.

4. FAMILY AND SYSTEM TEAM DOLLARS FOR SFY 2005 (FAST \$'05)

Mr. Denihan reported that the CCCMHB along with the Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services Board will receive funds from the state to deal with the issue of children who do not qualify for Medicaid because of their family situation. These dollars will prevent families across the state from having to give up custody of children in order to receive benefits. Mr. Denihan noted that historically Cuyahoga County has not had this problem as a Service Coordination Team has been in existence for a number of years that targeted wraparound funds for children who need services from several systems. Mr. Denihan noted that the Fast \$'05 dollars must go through the MACSIS system.

5. CENTRAL INTAKE

Ms. Harper Bledsoe referred to the Central Intake Internal Workgroup Meeting Summary and highlighted continued progress and follow-up activities listed on the matrix. Efforts are underway to investigate the possibility of hiring data processing staff from the Magnolia Clubhouse Transitional Employment program to assist with data entry needs connected with the Multnomah Community Ability Scale form.

6. PATH PRISON PROJECT

Dr. Burns reported the PATH/Criminal Justice Pilot Project supported by the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and the Departments of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) will provide additional dollars to CCCMHB to assist persons who are homeless and have mental illness, including those individuals leaving the criminal justice system into the community.

This pilot is targeted to provide 20-25 Cuyahoga County residents with severe mental illness released from prisons with outreach services prior to his/her release into the community. Dr. Burns shared the linkage scenario possible through this project. Approximately \$60,000 from ODMH for PATH and \$100,000 from the Ohio Department of Development for housing will be available for the project. Local match for federal PATH funds will be met by the Medicaid match for mental health services.

Mr. Denihan noted his concern with the equal distribution of funds to the 4-5 counties participating in this pilot when Cuyahoga County is receiving 25% of persons released from prison. Mr. Denihan has expressed his concerns in writing. For example, Columbiana County, another PATH recipient, shall receive the same amount of funds as Cuyahoga County.

Board of Governor Feedback:

- Once this project is approved, Ms. Caplan encouraged Board staff to implement it as soon as possible in order to demonstrate the extraordinary need in Cuyahoga County and our effectiveness in utilizing funds.

Motion to recommend support of CCCMHB participating in the PATH Criminal Justice Pilot Project supported by ODMH & ODOD to the Operations & Finance Committee. MOTION: J. Bazyk SECOND: B. Sheehan AYES: J. Bazyk, B. Caplan, B. Sheehan, M. Smith, M. Warr NAYS: None Motion passed.

7. POLICY REVIEW:

Ms. Fini elaborated on the purpose of the new proposed policy "Expenditure of Public Funds for a Proper Public Purpose." Purpose: To establish guidelines for the CCCMHB's purchases that advance a proper public purpose.

Motion to recommend review and approval of the Policy Statement: "Expenditure of Public Funds for a Proper Public Purpose to the full Board. MOTION: B. Sheehan SECOND: J. Bazyk AYES: J. Bazyk, B. Caplan, B. Gohlstein, B. Sheehan, M. Smith, M. Warr / NAYS: None Motion passed.

8. STRATEGIC PLAN PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Denihan reported that Board staff has continued to update and streamline the Strategic Plan Implementation document in an effort to make it more user-friendly. The Program Planning & Policy Committee will review the updated status report in November.

As many of the BOG committee responsibilities overlap, Mr. Denihan proposed consideration of combining committees quarterly in order to jointly review the Strategic Plan Implementation. Based upon the ensuing discussion, committee members agreed:

- Quarterly updates will be shared simultaneously with members of the Program Planning & Policy Committee and the Quality Improvement Committee.
- Committee meeting times for the combined review will be revised; decision to be made by the Executive Committee.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None**10. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Project Tapestry (on-going status report)
- Policy Reviews (on-going)
- Consolidated Culturalogical Assessment Tool (C-CAT)
- System Data Information Survey Draft (proposed to go out to provider agencies)
- Strategic Plan Implementation

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

Approved by: Mary R. Warr, Acting Chair, Program Planning & Policy Committee