



MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Verb Washington, Board Chair
Dr. Victor McCarley, Vice Chair
Kevan Beamon
Jill Bucaro
Kathy Emrick
Sherry Gale
Robert Gurry
Jeffrey Startzman
Jay Wainscott
Gregory West
David White
S. Tyler Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Helen E. Jones-Kelley
Bonnie Ashley
Tristyn Ball
Chandra Hightower
David Holbrook
Kimberly Priester
Tina Rezash Rogal
Christina Sanders

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Margaret Patterson
Teresa Russell

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Verb Washington called the meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County (ADAMHS) to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley acknowledged and welcomed the guests in attendance. Guests introduced themselves and identified their organizations.

3. **BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

Board Chair Washington stated that a Provider Spotlight has not been done for some time. We would like to get back to doing these sessions so Board members can hear directly from providers as they discuss their strengths and challenges, as well as the results of their contracted funding outcomes. Tonight is the first in an ongoing series of presentations that will be held in a fireside chat manner. As we move into the new levy season, this will help us in telling our story.

Tonight's spotlight featured Nova Behavioral Health CEO Bobby Jones, hosted by ADAMHS Director Tina Rezash Rogal. CEO Jones shared a presentation providing background information on Nova Behavioral Health. Their services include outpatient services (intensive, non-intensive, medication management, psychiatry, nursing, and transitional housing) and residential (substance use residential treatment, dual diagnosis residential treatment, and mental health only residential treatment). They have three transitional housing properties for clients to have a safe place to go for aftercare. They offer all of the services, both outpatient and residential, that Medicaid covers. ADAMHS helps by funding services for clients who are not Medicaid eligible and who do not have the resources to help themselves.

Nova Behavioral Health has streamlined their processes for referrals to other agencies and Medicaid certifications. A significant portion of the staff's time is spent assisting to connect clients to other agencies for services that Nova does not provide. They also work with the JFS Specialist who is funded by ADAMHS to process Medicaid applications. The biggest challenge to getting the certification complete is due to the client not having the required documentation.

Residential stays are 30 days. After the second stay, prior authorization is required. Since Nova does not always know if a client has been in residential treatment through another agency, they automatically submit a prior authorization for every client to avoid denials and reapplications.

The funding model is Medicaid billing (62%), ADAMHS (30%), and other grants (8%). ADAMHS used to provide 82% of their operating revenue, and that has gone down to 30%. Nova does not do fundraising and looks for other funding sources to help with the transitional housing program. They never turn away anyone for not being able to pay. They are put in the system as self-pay and many times are never able to pay for their treatment, and that is okay. Nova has a lot of beds open. There are 100 beds available, and they usually fill around 60 beds at a time in order to avoid overcrowding the facility.

The staff consists of clinicians/social workers who can deal with dual diagnoses and behavioral technicians who provide non-clinical therapeutic services. Staffing is the biggest challenge right now. Technicians used to be hired in at \$12/hour, but now the rate is \$16/hr just to get someone in the door. Every person on staff is required to obtain a Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) certification. They hire a lot of people who have lived experience who can have relevant conversations with clients.

Nova has seen a drastic change in clients' level of care, with more clients needing dual-diagnosed treatment. In 2019, 32.1% of clients presented with dual diagnosed level of care, and that number increased to 78.6% in 2024. Their biggest need currently is housing for dual diagnosed clients.

Nova continues to look at the services they provide and the funding available for those services so they can maintain the same level of care into the future. They continue to collaborate with other providers in the community to make sure clients are getting the best treatment available and removing as many barriers to treatment as possible.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

There being no changes or corrections to the minutes from the January 24, 2024 meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Gregory West and seconded by Trustee David White. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley introduced Kimberly Priester, Director of Treatment & Supportive Services, to report on her division’s funding recommendations.

Director Preister reviewed the funding recommendation as reviewed and recommended by the Program & Services Policy Committee at the February 14, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Jeffrey Startzman, and seconded by Trustee Jill Bucaro, to approve consent agenda item Resolution #24-025, as presented below, and to also authorize the Executive Director to sign all documents necessary to execute this process. The motion carried unanimously.

TREATMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES

The Program & Services Committee recommends to the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for review and approval to fund and contract with the following provider not to exceed the amounts identified in the table below for the period of January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024 for the provision of services. Further the Executive Director or Board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	CY2024	Source of Funding	Notes
24-025	We Care Arts Supportive Recovery services using art mediums for mental wellness and health promotion	\$ 110,000.00	Levy	

Director Preister reviewed the funding recommendation as reviewed and recommended by the Program & Services Policy Committee at the February 14, 2024 meeting for Resolution 24-026 as presented below. Trustee Bucaro asked for clarification as to whether the Board was voting now to accept the funding and then will vote later when

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The Program & Services Committee recommends to the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for review and approval to fund and contract with the following provider not to exceed the amounts identified in the table below for the period of August 31, 2023 - August 30, 2024 for the provision of services. Further the Executive Director or Board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	SFY2024	Source of Funding	Notes
24-027	Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton	\$ 75,103.00	Levy	
24-028	Five Rivers Health Centers	\$ 70,000.00	Levy	
24-029	Haven Behavioral Hospital of Dayton	\$ 49,995.00	Levy	
24-030	YWCA	\$ 50,000.00	HHS-SAMHSA	

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley reviewed the funding recommendation as reviewed and recommended by the Program & Services Policy Committee at the February 14, 2024 meeting for Resolution 24-031 as presented below. This is a contract with Ascend (who will attend the next Board meeting to provide the Board Spotlight). We are moving Local Help Now from a mobile app to a web-based version, which will allow us to manage it in-house and will not require updating through the app stores. They will also be working to update the overdose notification system along with other projects that align with our strategic plan. Board Chair Washington asked about the timeline for the launch of Local Help Now. Executive Director Jones-Kelley responded that it was currently in a soft launch with staff and would be launched in the community on April 1, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Robert Gurry, and seconded by Trustee David White, to approve consent agenda item, Resolution #24-031, as presented below, and to also authorize the Executive Director to sign all documents necessary to execute this process. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Program & Services Policy Committee recommends to the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for review and approval to fund and contract with the following provider not to exceed the amounts identified in the table below for the period of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 for the provision of services. Further the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	CY2024	Source of Funding	Notes
24-031	Ascend Innovations	\$ 377,830.00	Levy	

5. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Board Chair Washington advised that the newly constituted Program and Services Policy Committee launched this month. For those who did not respond to the email, please do so. Executive Director Jones-Kelley will re-send the original email. We would like to have a record of everyone's response so the next iteration of the committee will be ready to move into place at the end of the year.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Jones-Kelley presented her report as noted below.

a. **Financial Report**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley introduced ADAMHS CFO Christina Sanders to present the financial report.

Director Sanders provided the budget report for the period ending January 31, 2024. This report is for the first month of the year and it is the first report that reflects the 2024 budget. We started with budget revenue of \$21,865,510. This is not yet reflected in the actuals due to the timing issue of when we receive the funds and when we expend them. We show a decrease in yearly salaries between 2023 and 2024 because we had the opportunity to move more salaries and benefits to grants. The ending cash balance is \$4,687,585, or 19%. We are estimating by the end of the year it will drop down to \$162,749 or 0.7%.

b. **Levy Language**

Executive Director Jones-Kelley advised that there is still a piece of legislation on track for passage. House Bill 344 is designed to eliminate replacement property tax levies. Replacement levies tend to be preferable in challenging economic times. Executive Director Jones-Kelley clarified for the Board members that a tax renewal goes before the voter and asks them to "re-up" what they voted on in the last levy cycle. It is a vote to continue at the same rate, but those same dollars eight years later do not fill the current need in the community. A replacement levy picks up new dollars without having to go back out and ask for additional money. It gives us dollars based on the new property tax levels. The third option, if replacement is not available, is essentially a new levy. Voters just received their new tax bills, and they are dismayed at the increase. We likely won't want to be in the position of having to ask for more funds or competing with other organizations. She reminded trustees that we are one of only two County agencies authorized to work on levy issues under state law. We are able to perform a lot of the education and advisory work and campaign while working.

c. Other

Executive Director Jones-Kelley reviewed the handouts. There was a dashboard showing deaths by suicide and accidental overdose deaths. This report is provided to keep Board members informed on how these trends are moving. It is a part of our strategic plan, as well as the State's strategic plan, to drive these numbers down.

The second handout was a brochure provided by Nova Behavioral Healthcare as a part of today's presentation.

Director Jones-Kelley advised the Board that some of our staff-trained Nova crisis responders (no connection to Nova Behavioral Healthcare) participated in an intervention at the Southeast Library in Belmont. There were two separate incidents recently with students fighting in the parking lot and inside of the library. During one of the incidents, an individual pulled out knives and was preparing to attack another student. A third student disarmed him, and no one was injured. The library staff members had concerns about safety and were upset that another student had to intervene rather than having security defuse the situation. Fortunately, Dayton Police Department was able to get there quickly. Executive Director Jones-Kelley informed the Board that we will conduct two Nova trainings this year with State funding.

Director Rogal presented a draft handout for the ADAMHS Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Strategic Priorities. This reflects the work the Board did with the consultant developing ADAMHS' strategic plan for the next two years. Please review the printout and provide Executive Director Jones-Kelley with any input, feedback, or suggestions. We would like to get this out as soon as possible so the community can see the new 18-month plan.

Executive Director Jones-Kelley announced that OACBHA is hosting two training webinars this week. Tomorrow's webinar will be based on the types of crisis models and Friday's webinar will discuss Medicaid funding for Crisis Services. Executive Director Jones-Kelley will send out links for anyone interested in the sessions.

Executive Director Jones-Kelley advised that we are continuing to work through our funding processes. We are almost finished with the six-month Treatment and Supportive Services contracts and should only have a few more in the next month. Then we will hold the Bidders Conference and start working on Prevention Services. We are moving Prevention contracts to a calendar year budget for consistency with our Levy process.

As we move into the next Levy allocations and our reduced base funding, we are going to ask our provider CEOs and their Board leadership to join us for a presentation and discussion by Dr. Michael Gillette entitled "The Scarcity of Resources." He is holding the session on April 17. It will be a virtual presentation and the time will be confirmed this week based upon Board responses. We will send a link asking you for your availability so we can choose the best time to host that webinar.

Reminder: On March 27, at 4:00 PM we have a virtual presentation by Dr. Iton on zip code data and how it impacts longevity.

Director Rogal highlighted the new display case for our awards!

7. **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

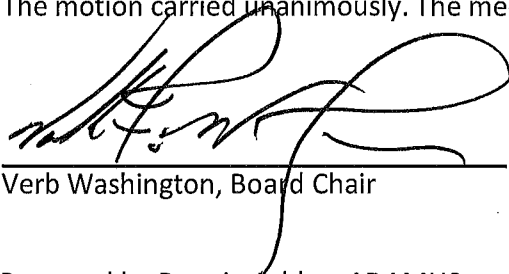
There were no Board member comments.

8. **GUEST COMMENTS**

We Care Arts Executive Director Katie Neubert spoke and thanked the Board for their support. She shared how her organization helps people in crisis by using art as a catalyst and wanted to take a minute to thank the Board and express how much the Board does for the community that the members may not see.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Greg West moved, and Trustee Jeffrey Startzman seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Verb Washington, Board Chair

Prepared by Bonnie Ashley, ADAMHS