



**Cuyahoga County Diversion Center Board Meeting**

**Thursday, May 04, 2023**

**Administrative Headquarters Conference Room 5-006**

**\*A recording of this meeting can be accessed at the following link:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/live/y3XAT0cDOPU?feature=share>**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Dr. Akram Boutros, Chair of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center (CCDC) Board, called the meeting to order.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- A. Director of Public Safety and Justice Services Brandy Carney conducted a roll call for all board members. In addition to Akram Boutros and Brandy Carney, the following board members were also in attendance: Vice Chair Crystal Bryant-Agyemang, William Mason, Donna Weinberger, Joan Englund, Chris Julian, Chief Dornat Drummond, and Dr. Ted Parran.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Public comment was made.

**4. VOTING ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Minutes – 03/01/2023 CCDC Board Meeting.
  - a) Chairman Akram Boutros made a motion to approve the minutes with one change and seconded by Brandy Carney. All board members in attendance voted to approve.

**ACTION ITEM: Brandy Carney will amend the 03/01/2023 meeting minutes.**

**5. METRICS OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

- A. Clare Rosser -Chief of Strategic Initiatives for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County provided an overview of the metrics dated January 01 through March 31, 2023. Discussion ensued throughout Clare Rosser's presentation, which highlighted trends and patterns. Discussion followed regarding a decrease in law enforcement participation in CIT training.

**ACTION ITEM- The County will forward the approximate total number of law enforcement in Cuyahoga County compared to the total CIT trained.**

## 6. OLD/NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### A. Pilot Programs(s) With Common Pleas for Jail Reduction/Increased Diversion Beds (**Brandy Carney**).

- a) Specialty courts pilot program had sent 33 individuals in the past six months to the CCDC.
- b) For the second pilot, probation violations, Ms. Carney advised that the lack of available GPS bracelets in the court had been a continued issue. Mr. Mason asked Ms. Carney to follow-up with the courts and request if they could remove the bracelet requirements.
- c) Ms. Carney mentioned concerns with Oriana House not admitting individuals based on their interpretation of "active crisis." Ms. Carney mentioned that a follow-up meeting with Oriana House had been scheduled to discuss this matter.

**ACTION ITEM: Brandy Carney will follow-up with the court. A future meeting may be set-up with Mr. Boutros, Mr. Mason, Ms. Carney, and the court if necessary.**

### B. RFP Diversion Program (**Brandy Carney**)

- a) Cuyahoga County's RFP Diversion Program contract will expire on 12/31/2023. A new RFP will be released in May for services to begin on 01/01/2024. The discussion ensued about the CCDC Board providing RFP feedback.

**ACTION ITEM: The County will send admission requirements listed in the RFP to CCDC Board for input.**

### C. Community Input Committee Report

- b) Vice Chair, Crystal Bryant-Agyemang, provided a brief introduction about the Community Input Committee seeking involvement with the CCDC Board to enhance collaboration and coordination efforts outside of scheduled quarterly meetings.
  - Chairman Akram Boutros stated the CCDC Board does not have the authority to develop subcommittees. However, individual board members could choose to work with the Community Input Committee on any identified issues.
  - Chairman Akram Boutros stated himself and included William Mason to attend a Community Input Committee meeting if invited. Additionally, Joan Englund expressed her agreement to participate in the discussion to further support the Community Input Committee.
- a) Larry Heller discussed recommendations from the Community Input Committee on areas for improvement regarding CCDC operations and enhanced coordination with the Board, which has been previously discussed and identified.
  - The Community Input Committee will submit a single page document outlining recommendations to the County and the County will share recommendations with the CCDC.

**D. NEW PERSONNEL**

- a) Chairman Akram Boutros announced Jakolya Gordon as the new Public Safety and Justice Services staff support position for the CCDC Board. Jakolya Gordon provided a brief introduction of background and experience.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Chairman Akram Boutros adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.