



MINUTES CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVERSION BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
5 TH FLOOR ROOM 5-006  
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chief of Special Projects Brandy Carney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Chief of Special Projects Brandy Carney called the roll. Board members William (Bill) Mason, Cuyahoga County Chief of Staff; Brandy Carney, Cuyahoga County Chief of Special Projects; Dr. Akram Boutros, President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System; Chief Calvin Williams, Chief of Police for the City of Cleveland; Donna Weinberger, Criminal Justice Project at the Coordinator Greater Cleveland Congregations; Crystal Bryant, Executive Director of the Cleveland's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Joan Englund, Executive Director of the Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition; and Chris Julian, Public Defender leading the Mental Health Unit were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**Dr. Ted Parran, Case Western Reserve University, was not in attendance.**

3. INTRODUCTIONS

**a. Board Members**

**b. Board Support Staff**

**c. Diversion Center Operators - *ADAMHS and Oriana***

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

**a. Chair**

**A motion was made by Bill Mason to nominate Dr. Boutros, seconded by Chief Williams and approved by unanimous vote to appoint Dr. Boutros as Chair of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board.**

**b. Vice Chair**

**A motion was made by Chair Dr. Boutros to nominate Crystal Bryant, seconded by Bill Mason and approved by unanimous vote to appoint Crystal Bryant as Vice Chair of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board.**

**5. CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVERSION CENTER OVERVIEW/UPDATE**

**Watched overview video of the Diversion Center. Brandy Carney provided additional information about the Diversion Center, discussed three components of the program rather than the center itself:**

- 1. Frontline that provides the hotline number for contact.**
- 2. Triage- the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) provided by the ADAMHS board.**
- 3. The actual diversion center staffing provided by Oriana House.**

**6. METRICS REVIEW/DISCUSSION**

**Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer of the ADAMHS Board presented a PowerPoint presentation of the overview of the activities and metrics. There are three areas of the metrics:**

- 1. CIT training provided by the ADAMHS board of Cuyahoga County started in January of '21**
- 2. The police helpline provided by Frontline services. This began in May of 2021 when the diversion center opened.**
- 3. The diversion center itself staffed by the Oriana House which also started and opened in May.**

**7. DIVERSION BOARD BYLAWS**

**Minor changes were made to the bylaws to ensure the use of appropriate terminology, changed from substance abuse to Substance Use Disorder. No other changes.**

**A motion was made by Chair Dr. Boutros, seconded by Bill Mason and approved by unanimous vote to adopt the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board bylaws.**

**Resolution No. R2020-0265 and Ordinance No. O2021-0001 from County Council was provided to the board members for review.**

8. METRICS DISCUSSION

**Diversion Center Metrics is provided to the Board via ADAMHS. Discussed potential ideas about the format the board will receive the data.**

9. NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**No new items were discussed.**

10. DIVERSION BOARD BYLAWS

Section 2 – Functions and Duties

3. Encourage community outreach and public participation in the goals and strategies of the Diversion Center.

**Proposed that at upcoming meeting to talk about how the Board intends to get public participation and input into this process. To ensure public has role, is transparent and is participatory.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Rosie Palfy

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without further business to discuss, Chair Dr. Boutros adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m., without objection.**