



**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Jacquelyn Jackson, Board Chair
Jim Newby, Vice-Chair
Dan Foley
Sherry Gale
Michael McKewen
Margaret Patterson
Jeffrey Startzman
Verb Washington
Greg West

STAFF PRESENT

Helen Jones-Kelley
Tazeen Ahmed
Tristyn Ball
Rhianna Crowe
Chandra Hightower
David Holbrook
Doug Thompson

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Clarence Williams, with notice

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jacquelyn Jackson, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County (ADAMHS) to order at 5:33 PM. A quorum was declared present.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

ADAMHS Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley acknowledged and welcomed the guests in attendance.

3. OATH OF OFFICE – New Trustee Sherry Gale

ADAMHS Executive Assistant Rhianna Crowe explained any person appointed to a public office under the laws of the State of Ohio must take an Oath of Office before entering upon the discharge of his/her duties. The Oath of Office was administered to Trustee Sherry Gale who was then sworn into her position. Trustees congratulated and welcomed Sherry Gale as the newest member of the board.

4. BOARD SPOTLIGHT – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health Grant Award Recipient

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley introduced Tristyn Ball, ADAMHS Director of Prevention and Early Intervention, and Tazeen Ahmed, Senior Program Coordinator for Strategic Initiatives and Communication.

Director Ball reported that ADAMHS was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health Grant for \$400,000 per year, renewable for 3 years, with a \$1.2 million levy match for a total of a \$2.4 million investment in mental health for black youth in Montgomery County. ADAMHS was one of eight grantees in the country, and just one of two that are at the community level, others were state entities and large universities. The funding for this grant will be used to launch ACEs Aware, a program to provide early screening for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

Director Ball then provided an overview of how ACEs are categorized by three areas of adversity including child abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction, such as having a parent in the home with mental illness, a parent with a substance use disorder, having an incarcerated parent, parent separation, or domestic violence in the home. Individuals who experience ACEs are disproportionately more likely to develop mental and physical illnesses or engage in risky behaviors such as substance use, binge drinking, smoking, unhealthy eating, physical activity, and risky sexual behaviors at early ages. 93% of adults in Western Ohio have experienced at least one adverse event in childhood, which is higher than the national average of 60-65%.

Director Ball explained the scope of ACEs and how this is a mechanism by which ACEs influence health and well-being throughout an individual lifespan. Providing early intervention and treatment services can decrease poor outcomes in years to come and increase life expectancy. The more ACEs an individual experiences, the higher the likelihood of that individual developing health concerns and engaging in high-risk behaviors. Screening for ACEs provides an opportunity for healthcare providers to recommend early intervention strategies to mitigate toxic stress brought on by ACEs.

Tazeen Ahmed reported on the three implementation phases as well as who comprises the membership of the Advisory Council. In Phase 1, there will be three implementation sites: Montgomery County Juvenile Court, Montgomery County Children Services, and Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Phase 2 is comprised of community organization partners including Victory Project, Omega CDC, Boys & Girls Club, Miami Valley CDC, Brigid's Path, and East End Community Services. The final phase, Phase 3, will include the Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton and Five Rivers Health Centers as Zero Suicide partners.

Director Ball explained the State of California has adopted this model encouraging universal screening of all Medicaid patients for ACEs to provide early intervention and prevent adverse health concerns related to ACEs. In partnership with Aurrera Health, and through the utilization of grant funding, ADAMHS will implement a scaled approach to replicate the same reimbursable model as the State of California. Aurrera Health will provide both the training and procedural input to assist with the launch of this model.

Director Ball reported that based on the projections from the program in California, 10% of Medicaid-enrolled children are screened annually. This would equate to 250,000 children in Ohio. All children screened receive education on stress busters with recommendations on how to promote these behaviors into everyday parenting. Similarly, individuals with ACEs are more likely to meet the standards for Medicaid eligibility in adulthood: 1-2 ACEs equates to approximately 18% higher healthcare costs, whereas 3+ ACEs equates to 30% higher healthcare costs. After one year of ACE screening in a California healthcare network, providers saw an 11% decrease in emergency department visits and a 35% decrease in office visits among patients

who were screened for ACEs.

Trustees received the ACEs Aware implementation timeline. The first quarter (October 2022-December 2022) will focus on building readiness and accessing partner agencies on their current programming and potential fit. In the second quarter, (January 2023-March 2023) there is a focus on training staff in both Phase 1 & 2 agencies. Similarly, during the second quarter, there will also be a focus on providing policy templates. Lastly, in the third quarter and beyond (April 2023-September 2025) the focus will be on implementing screenings and conducting ongoing training.

Chair Newby voiced concerns regarding how many parents are not involved in their child's lives and wanted to know if there was a component to assist with this. Director Ball advised this is a critical component of the program thus the reason we included the child welfare system and juvenile justice system for two of the three implementation sites. Additionally, it will allow the program to address the entire continuum of care.

Chair Newby requested additional updates to be provided to the Board as the work continues and progresses through the various phases.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution # 22-050 - Approval of the June 22, 2022, Board of Trustees Minutes

Jacquelyn Jackson, Board Chair, asked if there were any changes or corrections to the June 22, 2022, minutes. Since no corrections or changes were noted, June 22, 2022, minutes can stand as distributed.

A motion was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee Verb Washington to approve the June 22, 2022, Board of Trustees minutes as distributed. Trustee Gale abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Jacquelyn Jackson, Board Chair asked if there are any items that any of the Board Members would like pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate discussion. No items were requested to either be pulled or have additional discussions by the trustees who were present.

A motion was made by Trustee Jeffrey Startzman and seconded by Trustee James Newby to approve the funding recommendations from the Program & Services Policy Committee and authorized the Executive Director or board designee to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	
22-003 Amended	DataYard dba Donet, Inc.	\$185,088
22-059	Bev Stewart (Legal Counsel)	\$100,039

22-060	Job and Family Services – Medicaid Liaison	\$48,600
22-061	National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montgomery County	\$125,346
22-045 Amended	OhioMHAS Ohio School Wellness Initiative	\$144,500
22-062	Truth Initiative Foundation dba Truth Initiative	\$40,000
22-005 Amended	Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office (Pass-Thru) – Jail Psychotropic Medication Reimbursement	\$198,232
22-006 Amended	Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office (Pass-Thru) – Jail Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement	\$54,087
22-051	Specialized Court Dockets (Drug Court)	\$330,000
22-052	Women’s Recovery Center	\$306,557
22-053	Children Adolescent Inpatient	\$25,000
22-054	Interpreter Services (language and deaf)	\$92,500
22-055	Guardianship Services	\$15,000
22-056	ICAT – Inter-Agency Clinical Assessment Team	\$300,000
22-057	Out of County Non-Medicaid Treatment	\$10,000
22-058	Patient Labs	\$5,000
22-063	OhioMHAS Recovery Housing Initiative Funds (Awarded) – His Hope Adult & Teen Challenge, Inc., Miamisburg, OH	\$59,750

6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Jacquelyn Jackson, Board Chair, thanked the ADAMHS staff for the creative and innovative ways in which they collaborate with their fellow county agencies and partners within the community. Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley reported that ADAMHS has returned 14.7 million to the Human Service Levy since 2020 due to its innovation in obtaining and finding a variety of other revenue sources.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

a. RESOLUTION # 22-066 - CY2023 BUDGET OVERVIEW AND RATIFICATION

ADAMHS Fiscal Officer Thompson reported the ADAMHS Board of Montgomery County is budgeting CY2023 revenues in the amount of \$23,465,510 which is a decrease of \$2,900,000 or -11% over CY2022 revenues. The ADAMHS Board will return \$2,000,000 to the Levy and a \$ 900,000 reduction in the Samaritan Behavioral Health/OneFifteen as this is the last year for the commitment of additional levy support. The Board has returned \$14,745,170 in levy funds since CY2020. We will continue to fund Morning Star and New Hope Villa at the same level as CY2022. The Board will continue its focus on generating additional non-levy revenue by charging for its services, training, and administering claims for other ADAMHS Boards, and NextGen providers.

On the expense side, The ADAMHS Board has planned a spend down in the amount of \$12,452,822, continuing the Board's strategic plan to expand services and programs for the Montgomery County citizens.

- Salaries are budgeted at \$2,564,569 which funds 31.9 total positions. This represents an increase of \$232,197 or 10% from the CY2022 budget. The total ADAMHS staff count was budgeted with an increase of 1.9 FTE which reflects the timing of staff moving from grants to levy. The salary line increase includes a 4% salary increase.
- Fringe Benefits are \$905,811 due to budgeting actual employee costs. This is an increase of \$111,747 or 14% from the 2022 adopted budget and reflects a projected increase in health insurance costs. The budget includes a 4% increase in health insurance premiums.
- Operating Expenses, Travel and Training Expenses, Contractual Professional Services, Insurance Expenses, and Rentals are budgeted at the same level as CY2022.
- Social Services Contractual Services are budgeted at \$30,295,054 for contracts with certified agencies in Montgomery County to provide mental health, drug abuse treatment, prevention services, and the operation of the Morning Star program and New Hope Villa. In addition, \$1.6 million for OneFifteen/SBHI partnership which provides a behavioral health treatment center, rehabilitation housing, and wrap-around services. This funding level continues the Board's strategic plan to increase services in our community utilizing the funds not expended by Providers in the prior year.
- Maintenance and Repair Services are budgeted at \$452,750 representing an increase of \$120,000 or 36% from the 2022 budget. This increase represents the contracts for NextGen and IT services.
- Capital Outlays are budgeted at \$56,000 for a decrease of \$25,000 or 31% from the 2022 budget. The planned purchase of physical servers is not needed with the move in CY2022 to virtual servers.

Lastly, the Board's cash balance is \$14,255,919 or 37% of its annual operating budget. The expected revenue and reserve balance will adequately cover the projected CY2023 budgeted expenses.

Trustee Verb Washington made a motion and Trustee Margaret Patterson seconded the motion for authorization to submit the CY2023 ADAMHS Budget to Montgomery County Auditor. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. The motion carried unanimously.

b. LATE CONTRACT ITEMS

ADAMHS Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley reported on the late contract items listed below.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherry Gale and seconded by Trustee Greg West for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to accept Department of Health and Human Services funding in an amount not to exceed those identified in the chart below for the period of September 30, 2022 – September 29, 2025. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description – Prevention & Early Intervention Services	
22-064	Department of Health and Human Services Grant – Demonstrating Effective Policies to Promote Black Youth Mental Health	\$2,400,000

A motion was made by Trustee Dan Foley and seconded by Trustee Verb Washington for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to accept the OhioMHAS State Opioid Response grant not to exceed those identified in the table below for the period of September 30, 2022 – September 29, 2023. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description – Treatment and Supportive Services	
22-065	Ohio MHAS State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 – No Cost Extension	\$1,479,036

c. WEEK OF APPRECIATION

ADAMHS Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley advised during the Week of Appreciation, which is co-sponsored annually with OHMAS and OACBHA. Community providers were able to schedule chair massages at four various locations. In addition to the chair massages, providers were also given individually sealed cookies from Ele Cake Company as a token of appreciation. In total over 2,000 appreciation cookies have been distributed to staff members within our various community providers.

d. OTHER BUSINESS

ADAMHS Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley reported through various conversations with the Montgomery County Auditor and a review of processes, the Auditor has agreed to issue a P-card for the Board to utilize for various IT software purchases, licensure renewals, and CEUs expenses.

In addition, Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley advised the Treatment & Supportive Services Application for Funding closed on Friday, September 21, 2022, at 4:00 pm. Approximately 18 funding requests will be presented for review and recommendation at the October 12, 2022, Program & Services Policy Committee meeting. All recommendations will then be presented to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on October 26, 2022.

8. **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Trustee Jeffrey Startzman questioned if there were any follow-up conversations regarding the General Jail Division and jail assessments. Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley advised there is a current Request for Proposal (RFP) in process. Through the RFP process, a provider will be selected to provide the jail assessments moving forward.

Discussion continued among the trustees regarding the conversations being held through the various court systems including Probate Court and Common Pleas. ADAMHS Executive Director Jones-Kelley advised meetings continue with Judge Brannon. More follow-up conversations will occur and the information from these conversations will be reported back to the Board.

9. **GUEST COMMENTS**

Linda Stagles, Executive Director of NAMI Montgomery County thanked the ADAMHS Board for their continued support. She reported NAMI Montgomery County is currently working on a state-level project called Adam & Amanda. In conclusion, Linda noted she will be transitioning out of her role as Executive Director for NAMI and introduced the incoming Executive Director Rebecca Hall.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Greg West made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Margaret Patterson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson, Chair

Prepared by Rhianna Crowe, Executive Assistant