



MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT

James Newby, Board Chair
Dan Foley, Vice-Chair
Katherine Emrick
Sherry Gale
Jacquelyn Jackson
Dr. Victor McCarley
Margaret Patterson
Greg West
Verb Washington
David White

STAFF PRESENT

Helen Jones-Kelley
Bonnie Ashley
Rhianna Crowe
Kimberly Farrier
Chandra Hightower
Jennifer Hochdoerfer
Brittany Long
Tina Rezash Rogal
Larry Sexton
Doug Thompson

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Michael McKewen, with notice
Jeffrey Startzman, with notice
Clarence Williams, with notice

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Dan Foley called the meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County (ADAMHS) to order at 5:44 PM. A quorum was declared present.

2. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

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

3. **BOARD SPOTLIGHT– Crisis Now/RI International and East Palestine Reflections**

Crisis Now/RI International

Vice Chair Dan Foley introduced Vincent Sabino, State Director of Ohio – RI International, who welcomed everyone to the Crisis Receiving Center. The center will be a place where people can come on their worst day to get engaged and linked to mental health and SUD providers within our community.

Vincent Sabino explained the “RI Way” model. The model is comprised of four (4) pillars –

1. Peer Powered (peers assist from the time an individual walks through the front door until their departure)
2. Safety (this focuses on making an individual feel this is a safe space to talk and discuss their situation)
3. Engagement (this pillar focuses on keeping individuals engaged throughout their crisis)
4. Performance.

In addition to the four (4) pillars of the “RI Way,” there are three (3) core services within the Crisis Now model. The first service is the Crisis Call Center (someone to call). In 2022, Crisis Now received 12,000 calls. Of those 12,000 calls, 88% of the calls were resolved on the phone. Less than 1% of the calls needed law enforcement support.

Crisis Now’s second core service is the mobile crisis response team (someone to come to you). In 2022, Crisis Now dispatched the mobile crisis team to over 600 locations. Of those 600 visits, 79% of the mobile dispatches were resolved within the community, with 10% needing some form of law enforcement support. Similarly, less than 10% required a higher level of care.

RI International is in the final construction phase for the Crisis Receiving Center (somewhere to go). The goal is to have the doors open by the end of May 2023. RI International will begin hiring staff in 30-60 days.

Vincent Sabino was excited to announce that the Crisis Now model is being rebranded to a new name, Montgomery County Behavioral Health Emergency Services.

Trustee Verb Washington enquired as to where the peers come from that are being utilized during the interventions. Vincent Sabino advised the peers are individuals with lived experience who are hired staff and have undergone a 40-hour official training course through the state. RI is partnering with local organizations that train peers for recruiting purposes.

Trustee Dr. Victor McCarley questioned if all the doors were locked to the facility. Vincent Sabino advised all points of entry are locked. Individuals can utilize services at the location on both a voluntary and involuntary basis. RI International anticipates an individual’s average length of stay to be 12 hours.

Vincent Sabino advised there are three types of anticipated needs for services:

1. The individual is already linked to services in the community and needs to be reengaged with their provider.
2. The individual was previously linked to services in the community but is not currently.
3. The individual has never experienced a crisis and needs to be connected to services.

RI International has begun meeting with those providers in the community to establish those relationships. The goal is for RI to take the individuals directly to their providers.

East Palestine Reflections

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley introduced Larry Sexton, ADAMHS Program Coordinator, Jennifer Hochdoerfer, ADAMHS Program Coordinator, and Tina Rezash Rogal ADAMHS Director of Strategic Initiatives & Communication, to reflect and discuss their recent experience assisting the community of East Palestine after the train derailment.

After the news hit regarding the derailment in East Palestine, Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley sent a text to Jennifer Hochdoerfer and Kimberly Farrier requesting the need for assistance. Jennifer immediately started identifying individuals who could be dispatched to aid. These three individuals, Larry, Jennifer, and Tina answered the call. All three have been trained through NOVA (National Organization for Victim Assistance) - Crisis Response Team training. Individuals who receive training in NOVA Crisis Response are specifically trained to provide trauma mitigation, education, and emotional first aid in the aftermath of a critical incident, either small-scale or mass-casualty.

All three individuals shared their personal stories of their lived experiences and the journey of how they were assisting those in need. While each staff provided aid throughout different phases of need and emotional response within the community, they all heard and felt the community's physical and emotional needs.

Chair James Newby recognized all three ADAMHS staff members for their exemplary service to Columbiana County, specifically to the community of East Palestine, and presented them each with an award to honor their continued dedication and community support.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair James Newby requested a motion to approve the consent agenda items listed below. A motion was made by Vice Chair Dan Foley and seconded by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson to approve the consent agenda as presented. No abstentions were noted. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	SFY2023	Source of Funding
23-006	Board of Trustees Mtg. Minutes February 8, 2023	N/A	N/A
23-007	YWCA of Dayton's OhioMHAS Capital Project	N/A	N/A

23-008	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (Pass Through) – Jail Psychotropic Medication Reimbursement	\$164,907	OhioMHAS Pass Through Funds
23-009	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (Pass Through) – Jail Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement	\$7,020	OhioMHAS Pass Through Funds
Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	March 1, 2023 – September 29, 2023	Source of Funding
23-010	OhioMHAS Ohio School Wellness Initiative – School Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator Demonstration Project	\$50,000	OhioMHAS
Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	September 30, 2023- September 29, 2024	Source of Funding
23-011	OhioMHAS Ohio School Wellness Initiative – School Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator Demonstration Project	\$50,000	OhioMHAS

5. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Board Chair James Newby had no report to provide at this time.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

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

a. **Financial Report**

ADAMHS Fiscal Officer Doug Thompson provided an overview of the Financial Report for "All Human Service Levy" dollars ending February 28, 2023. Total revenues are \$8,447,780 and are on target.

The Board's year-to-date expenses are \$6,6393,519 reflecting an increase in the "Agency Service Contract" line item compared to last year as part of the Board's strategic plan to increase services in our community. The estimated cash reserve balance is \$4,787,067, or

13.3% of the annual budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson and seconded by Trustee Greg West to approve the financial update as presented in the meeting packet. No abstentions were noted. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Late Contract Items

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	November 22, 2021 – March 14, 2024	Source of Funding
22-002 AMENDED	OhioMHAS – Alcohol Use/Misuse Disorder “AUD” – Specific COVID Relief Block Grant Funds	\$255,777	OhioMHAS – COVID Relief Block Grant Funds

A motion was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to accept OhioMHAS Alcohol Use/Misuse Disorder funding not to exceed the amount identified in the table above for the period of November 22, 2021-March 14, 2024. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. The motion carried without opposition.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	March 1, 2023 – September 29, 2024	Source of Funding
23-012	OhioMHAS – Older Adult Behavioral Health & Wellness Project Grant Funds	\$500,000	OhioMHAS

A motion was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to accept OhioMHAS Older Adult Behavioral Health & Wellness Funding in an amount not to exceed the amount identified in the table above for the period of March 1, 2023-September 29, 2024 for the provision of services. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. The motion carried without opposition.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	October 1, 2022 – March 14, 2024	Source of Funding
22-102 AMENDED	Ohio University – Community Collective Impact Model for Change (CCIM4C)	\$56,646	Ohio University

A motion was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to amend the Ohio University Funding in an amount not to exceed the amount identified in the table above for the period of October 1, 2022-March 14, 2024 for the provision of services. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. The motion carried without opposition.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	November 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Source of Funding
22-113 AMENDED	Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Prevention & Promotion	\$100,542	Ohio University
23-002 AMENDED	Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Prevention & Promotion	\$67,484	Ohio University

A motion was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to amend Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Prevention & Promotion funding in an amount not to exceed the amounts identified in the table above for the period of November 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 for the provision of services. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. The motion carried without opposition.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	April 15, 2023 – April 14, 2024	Source of Funding
23-013	Data Yard dba Donet, Inc.	\$142,451	Levy

A motion was made by Trustee Greg West and seconded by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson for the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to fund and contract with the following vendor not to exceed the amount identified in the table above for the period of April 15, 2023-April 14, 2024 for the provision of services.

Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. The motion carried without opposition.

c. **OTHER**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley announced the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition was being honored in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Prevention First on April 21st at Noon as the "Coalition of the Year." The Montgomery County Prevention Coalition currently has nearly 300 volunteers engaged within their organization. Similarly, the organization has several subsets involved in various programs and focus areas within the community.

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley thanked Colleen Oakes, Senior Program Coordinator, for her leadership of the coalition. If any trustees would like to attend the event, please contact Executive Secretary Rhianna Crowe.

In addition, Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley provided the following updates:

- The Behavioral Health Task Force convened by the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) has a meeting next week. The task force is currently reviewing the overall systems. Their report is due in August 2023.
- Familiar Faces has convened a task force. The task force will be conducting case reviews and reviews regarding recidivism. Similarly, Judge Brannon continues to convene a group called Mental Health Stakeholders consisting of individuals from law enforcement, the courts, and the jail.
- Everyone is closely monitoring the Governor's budget. ADAMHS hopes for continued support through the mental health and AoD line items. Both mental health and addiction services have been increased within the budget by approximately 20%. Additionally, Medicaid services are being increased. The budget currently requests additional Medicaid codes for services which will lessen the funding burden of the Human Services Levy. If asked, Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley will testify in support of the budget.
- House Bill 1 (HB1) focuses on property taxation and an increase in income rates. We continue to monitor this closely as the Human Service Levy is based on property taxes. If changes are made, this could be challenging for the upcoming levy. In addition, the proposed changes could result in a loss of \$1.2 billion to schools and local government. ADAMHS Directors Tristyn Ball and Tina Rezash Rogal will be meeting with state lawmakers next week to discuss pending legislation.
- Montgomery County ADAMHS was nominated for an Eclipse Integrity Award from the Better Business Bureau. As a government entity, ADAMHS cannot pursue the award.
- A new board member, Robert Gurry, will be joining the ADAMHS Board effective April 1, 2023.

7. **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Board Chair James Newby expressed his concerns with the increase in online gambling advertisements on television. He added that online gambling advertisements are usually followed by some type of commercial advising where to seek gambling addiction services.

This should be of great concern to the board.

8. **GUEST COMMENTS**

There were no comments by the guests in attendance.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair James Newby requested to move into executive session for a personnel matter, which was approved by a unanimous roll call vote after being moved by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson and seconded by Trustee Greg West.

When the Board returned to public session, no official actions were taken. Therefore, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson and seconded by Trustee Verb Washington. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


Board Chair James Newby, Chair