



**MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Jacqueline Jackson, Chair  
Jim Newby, Vice-Chair  
Michael McKewen  
Margaret Patterson  
Jeffrey Startzman  
Verb Washington  
Greg West

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tristyn Ball  
Andrea Doolittle  
Kimberly Farrier  
Tina Friess  
Richard Hairston  
Helen Jones-Kelley  
Tina Rezash Rogal  
Jorden Thomas  
Doug Thompson

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Dan Foley, with notice  
Clarence Williams, with notice

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jacqueline Jackson, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County (ADAMHS) to order at 5:30 PM. A quorum was declared present.

**2. INTRODUCTION AND SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER (OATH OF OFFICE)**

Greg West, newly appointed to the Board by the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners to fill Caroline Gentry's unexpired term through June 30, 2023 was sworn in by ADAMHS staff member, Tina Friess.

**3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley acknowledged and welcomed tonight's guests.

**4. BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

Ascend Innovations provided the Board spotlight. Ascend team members, Caitlin Meadows, PhD and William D. Báez, PhD, presented an update for CY2021 accomplishments. Highlights included:

- Since 2018, Ascend has supported ADAMHS's goal of delivering equitable care to the citizens of Montgomery through the lens of the following questions: Who needs help and care? Did they receive the care they needed? Who needs care next?

- Ascend developed the LocalHelpNow application for the Board. It is now being adopted in other areas of the State.
- Ascend also developed the Positiv.ly app for Montgomery County students which launched in April 2021 and is available to 63,000 high school students in the Dayton and Columbus regions. This application supports students when they face life's challenges.
- Ascend has developed visualization tools such as the High-Utilizer Dashboard which identifies individuals that show up in multiple systems for mental health treatment and addiction services. Work has also begun with analyzing provider effectiveness and tracking productivity for Prevention providers.
- At the start of CY2022, Ascend will prioritize rebuilding the provider portal which supports the application for funding, quarterly quality reporting, recovery housing monitoring and forensic/civil commitment monitoring. A copy of the slides will be made available.

## 5. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Board meeting were approved with one correction; the spelling of Trustee West's first name.

## 6. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Newby, Vice-Chair, asked to reinstate the Program & Services Committee meeting to better understand the contracts that are recommended/voted on by the board. Executive Director Jones-Kelley advised the committee meeting is subject to the Sunshine Law – and therefore would require public attendance. At the request of Board members, Director Jones-Kelley will consult Legal Counsel to determine if a "Working" meeting could be held "virtually" for funding presentations only, whereas no formal recommendations would be made to the "Work" group.

## 7. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Trustee Jackson thanked the Staff for their initiative, strength, and aid. She also expressed her appreciation for the community passing the Human Service Levy and reported that she learned at the Human Service Levy Council that the Levy passed with a 74% approval rate. The Council will begin its allocation review process in March 2022 for CY2023 funding. Recommendations will go to the Montgomery BCC in June of 2022.

## 8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- a. Funding Recommendations presented by ADAMHS Executive Director Jones-Kelley.

Vice-Chair, Trustee Newby moved, and Trustee McKewen seconded the motion for Montgomery County ADAMHS Board to fund and contract with the following provider not to exceed the amounts identified in the following table below for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, for the provision of services. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	SFY2022	Source of Funding
21-051 Amended	<b>St. Mary's Development Corporation</b> Governor's Office of Faith Based & Community Stigma Reduction Initiative	\$59,992	OHMHAS Pass Through

ADAMHS Strategic Initiatives and Communications Director, Tina Rezash Rogal, provided a summary of the partnership with Spectrum Communications for Crisis Now marketing.

Trustee West moved and Trustee Startzman seconded the motion for Montgomery County ADAMHS Board to fund and contract with the following providers not to exceed the amounts identified in the following table below for the period of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, for the provision of services. Further, the Executive Director or board designee is authorized to sign any document necessary to execute this process. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	CY2022	Source of Funding
21-105	Ascend Innovations	\$482,000	Levy
21-106	Spectrum	\$36,000	Levy

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Resolution #	Agency & Brief Service Description	CY2022	Source of Funding
21-058 AMENDED	<b>Eastway</b> Amendment – Competency Restoration	\$6,462,754	Levy/OhioMHAS
21-107	<b>Good Shepherd Ministries</b> 15 male recovery housing beds \$136,875 Vibrational Energy Workshop \$25,740	\$162,615	Levy/OhioMHAS
21-108	<b>South Community Inc.</b> Adult & Juvenile Services	\$3,559,933	Levy/OhioMHAS
21-109	<b>TCN Behavioral Health</b> Outpatient SUD Services; Residential Treatment; Recovery Housing	\$467,784	Levy/OhioMHAS
21-110	<b>Whole Truth Ministries</b> 18 male recovery housing beds	\$158,775	Levy

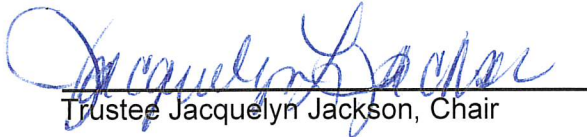
- b. ADAMHS Executive Director Jones-Kelley advised that the CY2021 YTD accidental death overdoses are at 320 and COAT is continuing to develop initiatives to address this. She also informed the Board that work is underway to apply for a Harm Reduction grant. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter training calendar will be sent to all the Trustees. She advised that when the emails are sent, please open them as we are experiencing a low open rate with our emails sent by Constant Contact.
- c. ADAMHS Fiscal Officer Thompson provided an overview of the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2021. Year-to-date revenues are on track to exceed budgeted revenues. The last transfer for the Board's Human Service Levy Base occurred in November. Year-to-date expenses are below budgeted expenses. The Agency Services Contracts line item for CY2021 YTD exceeds CY2020 and is the result of the Board's strategic plan to increase services in our community. A discussion that for every dollar the Board expends, 89¢ goes to fund direct services (providers). Trustee Washington asked how this compares to neighboring counties. Thompson stated he would attempt to find this information and report back.

9. **COMMENTS BY GUESTS**

City of Vandalia's Police Chief, Kurt Althouse, expressed gratitude for the Board's Crisis Intervention Training with local law enforcement agencies. He shared that the pilot program for Co-Responder (Clinicians riding with police officers) that was funded by the Board assisted them in helping individuals in their local community to obtain the assistance they needed. He understands the funding was not long-term but if funding is available in future years that he would appreciate the Board would consider these programs. He thanked the Board for the role they provide in the community.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee McKewen moved, and Trustee Washington seconded the motion that Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.



Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson, Chair

Prepared by Doug Thompson