



**MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Jacqueline Jackson, Chair  
Jim Newby, Vice Chair  
Caroline Gentry  
Michael McKewen  
Margaret Patterson  
Jeffrey Startzman  
Verb Washington  
Clarence Williams

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tazeen Ahmed  
Tristyn Ball  
Andrea Doolittle  
Samantha Elder  
Richard Hairston  
Helen Jones-Kelley  
Scott Lind  
Jodi Long  
Colleen Oakes  
Shawnieka Pope  
Danielle Zeisloft

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Dan Foley, w/notice

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Trustee Dan Foley – Absent	Trustee Margaret Patterson – Delay in logging on
Trustee Caroline Gentry – Present	Trustee Jeffrey Startzman – Present
Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson – Present	Trustee Verb Washington – Present
Trustee Michael McKewen – Present	Trustee Clarence Williams – Present
Trustee James Newby – Present	

**2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley acknowledged and welcomed tonight's guests. ADAMHS staff made self-introductions.

**3. BOARD/PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT**

Tazeen Ahmed, Program Coordinator for the Zero Suicide Grant, provided an overview of the program.

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services supports the belief that individuals under the care of health and behavioral health systems, which include substance use treatment settings, are preventable. For systems dedicated to improving patient safety, Zero Suicide presents an aspirational challenge and practical framework for system-wide transformation toward safer suicide care.

Implementation of the Zero Suicide Model requires transformative change that cannot be borne solely by the practitioners providing clinical care. Zero Suicide takes a system-wide approach to improve outcomes and close gaps. For health and behavioral health care systems, Zero Suicide represents a commitment to patient safety and is inspired by health care systems that saw dramatic reductions in inpatient suicide.

The seven elements of Zero Suicide represent what experts in the field of suicide prevention have identified as the core components of safe care for individuals with suicidal thoughts and urges. They represent a holistic approach to suicide prevention with health and behavioral health care systems.

#### FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- Core Values – the belief and commitment that suicide can be eliminated in a population under care by improving service access and quality through practicing continuous quality improvement.
- Systems Management – taking coordinated steps across systems of care to create a culture that no longer finds suicide acceptable, setting aggressive but achievable goals to eliminate suicide attempts and deaths, and organizing service delivery and support accordingly.
- Evidence-Based Clinical Care Practices – adopting practices that research indicates reduce suicide deaths and behaviors that are delivered through the entire system of care, and emphasize productive patient/staff interactions.

#### ZERO SUICIDE ELEMENTS

- Lead system-wide culture change committed to reducing suicides.
- Train a competent, confident, and caring workforce.
- Identify individuals with suicide risk via comprehensive screening and assessment.
- Engage all individuals at risk of suicide using a suicide care management plan.
- Treat suicidal thoughts and behaviors directly using evidence-based treatments.
- Transition individuals through care with warm hand-offs and supportive contacts.
- Improve policies and procedures through continuous quality improvement.

For additional information please contact Tazeen Ahmed at [tahmed@mcadamhs.org](mailto:tahmed@mcadamhs.org).

#### 4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

There being no changes to the January 27, 2021 Board Minutes, the Minutes stand as distributed.

## 5. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Jackson recognized the amount of media attention ADAMHS has received in the last few weeks. ADAMHS has been involved in promoting the COVID-19 vaccine, collaborations with police jurisdictions with the mobile response units for Crisis Intervention Teams, as well as the Executive Director being involved with public forum panels on different issues. Thank you to Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley and the staff for remaining on top of the issues that affect every tier of every life in this community.

## 6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Tristyn Ball, Sr. Program Coordinator of Prevention and Early Intervention highlighted four (4) new initiatives targeting children who experience trauma:

- Social-Emotional Learning Cohorts – open to all sixteen (16) school districts and is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop: healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.
- Handle with Care Program – a trauma-informed, cross-systems, collaborative program aimed at ensuring that children who are exposed to adverse events receive appropriate interventions and have opportunities to build resilience through positive relationships with teachers and first responders (police, fire, and emergency medical services).
- Student and Family Resource Connection - in collaboration with Dayton Children's and Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, this program launched two-weeks ago and gives teachers the ability to steer students to the Family Resource Connection for mental health services and links families for other unmet social needs like food, housing, and transportation.
- Student Resilience Coordinator – expanded the program through the Ohio Disaster Response Project that serves youth and their families in Greene, Miami, and Montgomery counties who have experienced traumatic stressors due to the 2019 tornados. The Student Resilience Coordinator provides appropriate referrals and interventions to assist in building resilience assets for students. They enhance relationships among all who interact with students to improve outcomes in the school, family, and community. They provide individual and family support and interventions including coordination of healthcare, behavioral healthcare, and non-healthcare services for students.

Doug Thompson, Director of Business Operations/Chief Fiscal Officer provided an overview of the ADAMHS Board Montgomery County Operating Budget 2021 Revenues and Expenditures Summary for the period ending January 31, 2021.

Highlights include:

- Human Services Levy funds will be transferred in February/March 2021 (50% of base funding).
- YTD Salaries totaled \$141,784. This is \$104,465 or 42.4% below the same period for 2020 as there were three (3) pay periods in January 2020.

- Fringe Benefits decreased by \$62,160 or 55.1% from 2020. There were three (3) pay periods in January 2020.
- Operating Expenses decreased compared to last year by \$401,358 or 92.3% as the result of budget transfer within the cost recovery/interfund in 2020.
- Travel & Training costs decreased by \$115,722 or 99.4% over the last year.
- Contractual Professional Services are for IT support contracts and Legal Counsel. This is a decrease of \$122,572 or 78.8% from last year.
- Agency Services contracts are higher by \$1,062,599 or 332.6% from last year and represents the Board's strategic plan for 2020 to increase services in our community.
- Maintenance and Repair actuals decreased by \$12,197 and reflects the annual software maintenance charges for the NextGen Electronic Health Record system which is paid at the end of each quarter.
- Rentals at budget.
- Capital Outlays are currently below budget as there were no capital purchases for January 2021.

#### Amendment of Board Resolution #20-064

The Specialized Dockets Program was created in response to Ohio's heroin and opioid epidemic to assist drug courts and other specialized dockets to effectively manage individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system and need substance use disorder treatment in the community which would reduce recidivism.

The specialized dockets that target parents with Substance Use Disorder charged with abuse/neglect/dependency of their minor children are also eligible for funding. The programs reduce the number of children who are permanently removed from their homes and, instead, increase the number of children who can remain in their homes with protective supervision provided by child protective service agencies.

The amendment allocates an additional \$30,000 to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court, increasing the board approval from \$265,000 to \$295,000.

Trustee McKewen moved and Trustee Newby seconded the motion that the ADAMHS Board amend resolution #20-064 to accept additional OhioMHAS Pass-through Funding in an amount of \$30,000 for a total not to exceed \$295,000 between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, 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 after a roll call vote.

Trustee Dan Foley – Absent  
 Trustee Caroline Gentry – Aye  
 Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson – Aye  
 Trustee Michael McKewen – Aye  
 Trustee James Newby – Aye

Trustee Margaret Patterson – Aye  
 Trustee Jeffrey Startzman – Aye  
 Trustee Verb Washington – Aye  
 Trustee Clarence Williams – Aye

- State Biennial Budget – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is in a position where if the budget, as introduced by Governor DeWine passes, we will be in good stead financially. The Biennial Budget receives lots of added language as it goes through a process. Director Lori Criss, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services testified on February 24, 2021, and Cheri Walter, Executive Director Ohio

Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) will testify on February 25, 2021.

- OACBHA is looking for the opportunity to update Ohio Revised Code (ORC) language as to how boards operate.
- Senator Brown has invited Executive Director, Helen Jones-Kelley, and Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communication, Samantha Elder, into a meeting with their staff to provide an update on ADAMHS initiatives and ways they can be more supportive in connecting with the community.
- Senator Portman will reintroduce legislation:
  - TREATS (Telehealth Response for E-prescribing Addiction Therapy Services) Act would extend telehealth flexibilities by making permanent key waivers, including the ability to prescribe Medication-Assisted Therapies (MAT) and other necessary drugs without needing a prior in-person visit and the ability to bill Medicare for audio-only telehealth services.
  - Federal Initiative to Guarantee Health by Targeting (FIGHT) Fentanyl Act to permanently schedule illicitly manufactured and deadly fentanyl. In February 2018, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a temporary scheduling order to schedule fentanyl-related substances that have allowed federal law enforcement authorities to bring criminal actions against individuals who manufacture, distribute, or handle fentanyl-related substances. This scheduling order is set to expire on May 6, 2022. The FIGHT Fentanyl Act codifies DEA precedent to permanently schedule fentanyl-related substances.
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission will be taking on the task to create a community calendar with all events in the community that are being offered in our system of care.
- In the Media – *Recent Highlights* for January – February 2021 was included with the board packet.
- ADAMHS Board 2021 Training Calendar 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter was included with the board packet.
- ADAMHS will be featured at Noon on WHIO (Channel 7) February 24, 2021, as the recipient of one of The Dayton Foundation's 100 Centennial Gifts Celebration! The African-American Community Fund of the Foundation presented us with a check for \$2,500 to support the work we are doing to raise awareness and build health equity in minority communities.

Samantha Elder, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communications provided the following report:

- The #FORUS campaign video was shared, which encourages African Americans to take the COVID19 vaccine. This is the first video of the long-term campaign, which will target several populations.
- A new initiative with Montgomery County Prevention Coalition called the Confess Project to provide barbers and cosmetologists in communities of color with mental health information and training. The Ohio State Board of Cosmetology wants to partner and embed Mental Health 101 into their curriculum for barbers and cosmetologists.
- The Be Well Campaign, in partnership with Tender Mercy, which will provide training to managers in the restaurant and hospitality industry to better monitor and manage the mental health of their employees. Tender Mercy wants to expand on a larger scale with the State Restaurant Board. This initiative launches with an orientation on March 15, 2021.
- Campaign with National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Montgomery County to focus on pioneers of color in the mental health field. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) will begin next week and run through mid-July 2021.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Gentry moved and Trustee Newby seconded the motion that the ADAMHS Board for Montgomery County adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Dan Foley – Absent

Trustee Caroline Gentry – Aye

Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson – Aye

Trustee Michael McKewen – Aye

Trustee James Newby – Aye

Trustee Margaret Patterson – Aye

Trustee Jeffrey Startzman – Aye

Trustee Verb Washington – Aye

Trustee Clarence Williams – Aye



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Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson, Chair

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