



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Dan Foley  
Michael McKewen, Chair Admin  
Margaret Patterson  
Verb Washington  
Greg West

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rhianna Crowe  
Andrea Doolittle  
Kimberly Farrier  
Richard Hairston  
Helen Jones-Kelley  
Colleen Oakes  
Tina Rezash Rogal  
Jordan Thomas  
Doug Thompson

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Jacqueline Jackson, with notice  
Jim Newby, with notice  
Jeffery Startzman, with notice  
Clarence Williams, with notice

1. **BOARD SPOTLIGHT – LEADERSHIP OHIO**

ADAMHS Executive Director, Helen Jones-Kelley introduced and welcomed Montgomery County Commissioner, Carolyn Rice. Commissioner Rice reported she attended and completed the 2021 Leadership Ohio Cohort held in Columbus.

She reported the following national data around youth and adolescents (prior to the pandemic) from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI):

- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24
- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10-34 years of age

In addition, NAMI's Ohio fact sheet shared that:

- 7 in 10 youth in the juvenile justice system have a mental health condition
- 113,000 Ohioans age 12-17 have depression
- 51.8% of Ohioans age 12-17 who have depression did not receive any care in the last year

Commissioner Rice explained her group's project was to create a resource guide and share information to raise awareness about mental health challenges faced by teens and young adults in Ohio. The goal is to reduce stigma, and support access to resources for this age group, especially those with challenges prompted or heightened due to the pandemic.

The main health issues they uncovered were centered around anxiety, stress, depression, family issues, school-bullying, social media, LGBTQIA+ (other special populations included Appalachian, Hispanic, African-American and Intersectionality) and isolation caused by the pandemic. Additionally, her team found there are not enough behavioral health professionals to meet the demand for this population. Similarly, there are also not enough community collaborations between the agencies involved and school systems. Finally, one extremely important finding her team discovered was behavioral health is not approached statewide from a wellness perspective rather from an illness perspective.

Her group broke their recommendations into two areas:

1. Legislators:
  - Children should be screened for ACEs; there needs to be lots more training to support resiliency in youth so they can overcome issues; treatment services need to be delivered once identified.
  - Build awareness and training of mental health issues in young people; parents, teachers, health care providers, coaches, religious leaders and adults who work with young people
  - Makes services as close to free/accessible/affordable for everyone; provide transportation services when necessary.
  - Invest in more mental health resources and workforce development.
  - Legislation needs to be inclusive and not discriminatory
  - Pass legislature involving the 988 national suicide and mental health hotline.
  
2. Leadership Ohio:
  - Talk openly about mental health
  - Educate yourself and others
  - Be conscious of language
  - Equate physical and mental health
  - Show compassion
  - Choose empowerment over shame
  - Be honest about treatment
  - Let media know when they're stigmatizing
  - Don't harbor self-stigma
  - Be a leader who shows commitment to mental health

Commissioner Rice shared the next steps she will be taking to move the needle forward within Montgomery County. Future conversations will involve numerous community stakeholders, leaders (professionally, politically and religiously), school districts, non-profit

organizations, law enforcement agencies, court systems etc. Similarly, Montgomery County will implement mental health initiatives for all 4,200 of their employees. Finally, further collaboration will continue with the ADAMHS Board to ensure the needs are being met and awareness is being raised regarding this population here in Montgomery County.

Both the Board's Trustees and Executive Director Jones-Kelley thanked Commissioner Rice on her continued work for the citizens of Montgomery County and look forward to future collaborations.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Michael McKewen, Chair Admin, called the meeting of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County (ADAMHS) to order at 6:11 PM. A quorum was declared present.

3. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

With no changes to the December 15, 2021 Board Minutes, a motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Trustee West and seconded by Trustee Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **PROGRAM & SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE**

Committee Funding Recommendations

a. Resolution # 22-002 (OhioMHAS – AUD Specific COVID Relief Block Grant Funding)

Executive Director, Helen Jones-Kelley advised the trustees Resolution # 22-002 is for OhioMHAS granting funds to expand the use of innovative approaches to treat person with alcohol use/misuse disorder (AUD). OhioMHAS seeks to grant ADAMHS Boards funding to utilize new programming or fund existing programming that will focus on adults (21+) who are actively misusing or abusing alcohol. This was initially brought to the Programs and Services Committee on January 12, 2022, for the amount of \$200,000, since then OhioMHAS has allocated an additional \$102,597 dollars bringing the total allocation to \$302,957.

Motion was made by Trustee West and seconded by Trustee Foley to allow for Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to accept OhioMHAS funding in an amount not to exceed the amount identified in the table below for the period of November 22, 2021 – March 15, 2023 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.

<b>Resolution #</b>	<b>Agency &amp; Brief Service Description</b>	<b>SFY2022</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>
22-002	<b>OhioMHAS – AUD Specific COVID Relief Block Grant Funds</b>	\$302,597	OHMHAS – COVID Relief Block Grant Funds

b. Resolution #22-003 (DataYard)

Executive Director, Helen Jones-Kelley advised the trustees Resolution # 22-003 is for an administrative (professional service) contract with DataYard in the amount of \$45,074 for the term October 15, 2021, through October 14, 2022 to review the quality and quantity of technology equipment we currently have at the Board, which will include the purchasing of new equipment so that we are better able to provide service for not only Montgomery County, but also the other counties we provide services for.

Motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Patterson to allow Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to fund and contract with the DataYard not to exceed the amounts identified in the table below for the period of October 15, 2021, through October 14, 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.

<b>Resolution #</b>	<b>Agency &amp; Brief Service Description</b>	<b>CY2022</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>
22-003	<b>DataYard</b>	\$45,074	Human Service Levy

c. Resolution #22-004 (OhioMHAS COVID Mitigation Funds Allocation)

Executive Director, Helen Jones-Kelley advised the trustees Resolution # 22-004 is for the acceptance of OhioMHAS COVID Mitigation Funds Allocation in the amount of \$159,751 for Treatment and Recovery Support Services. The funding term begins on September 1, 2021, and ends on September 30, 2025. The funding is split between two provisions of services; \$70,851.87 is allocated from the Mental Health Block Grant COVID; and \$88,899.14 is allocated from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG).

Motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Washington to allow the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to accept the COVID Mitigation Allocation not to exceed the amount identified in the table below for the period of September 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025. 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	FFY2021	Source of Funding
22-004	OhioMHAS COVID Mitigation Funds Allocation	\$159,751	OhioMHAS

6. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair McKewen reported there was no Levy Council meeting in January 2022 to there is no chair report.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

a. Financial Report

ADAMHS CFO Thompson provided an overview of the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2021. Thompson advised CY2021 was a great year as it relates to Board's overall Fiscal Health. With the passage of the Human Services Levy and continued support from our state and federal partners, our Board has resources to meet the additional initiatives for our community. Revenue highlights included the Board's total revenues increased by \$2,706,686 from CY2020. Much of this change is due to the return of levy dollars to HSPD during CY2020 in the levy line item which reduced the HSL revenues in CY2020. In addition, the Board exceeded budgeted revenues for charges for services and miscellaneous revenues. Similarly, levy revenues were completely billed.

On the expense side of the report, Fiscal Officer Thompson explained the total provider expenses are not fully represented in his report due to the county year-end reconciliation process (most December bills will be paid in January 2022). Additionally, many of the expense line items are below budget with the exception of insurance. He noted, the insurance cost did exceed budget; however, this is a county allocation based on total claims for the entire county. The Board allocates their share based on a formula that looks at the total expenses to overall county expenses. Lastly, the Board ended CY2021 with an estimated reserve cash balance of \$18 million to which will adequately fund the additional initiatives planned for CY2022.

b. Prevention Application for Funding (AFF) FY23 Timeline

ADAMHS Senior Program Coordinator Colleen Oakes reported on the Prevention Application for Funding (AFF) timeline and priorities. The 2022 priorities for this funding cycle will focus on Violence Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention, Trauma-Informed Services, Early Intervention (SBIRT, Prime for Life, restorative practices), Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Programs, Substance Use Prevention, Tobacco Prevention, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health/Wellness Promotion.

The proposed 2022 timeline is as follows:

- **1/31/22** – Executive Director, Jones-Kelley will be presenting at the Superintendents

meeting to explain the 2022 shift to school choice for prevention programming (and providers, if they choose), they would like for the 2022-2023 school year. This will also include a selection of items not currently funded by ADAMHS to help identify additional needs (e.g. anger management, conflict resolution, grief groups, etc.).

- **2/8/22** – Public release of Request for Proposals (RFP) that states ADAMHS is accepting applications for funding for prevention services.
- **2/17/22** – The school survey will close. Once the survey closes, the Prevention team will provide a list of any schools that did not respond to providers, who will need to submit MOUs from those schools with their application.
- **2/22/22** – Bidder's Conference will be held; at the conclusion of the Bidder's Conference application submission will open.
- **3/18/22** – Applications are due; Prevention team begins review process for applications that are submitted.
- **4/13/22** – Recommendations for funding will be made at the Program & Services meeting.
- **4/27/22** – Recommendations for funding will be made at the full Board meeting.
- **7/1/22** – New fiscal year begins.

ADAMHS Senior Program Coordinator Oakes also explained new for 2022, all providers will now have a standardized process for referrals to treatment services. Additionally, all providers will need to undergo mandatory SBIRT trainings sometime in July.

Motion was made by Trustee McKewen and seconded by Trustee Patterson to approve the Board of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services to follow Prevention Application for Funding FY23 timeline as stated above. Motion carried unanimously.

#### c. UPDATES

ADAMHS Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communications Tina Rezash Rogal provided the Board with a brief update regarding trending numbers for Montgomery County for both deaths by suicide and accidental overdose deaths. In 2021, accidental overdose deaths rose slightly up from 321 in 2020 to 337 in 2021. However, in 2021, Montgomery County deaths by suicide decreased from 82 in 2020 to 73 in 2021. Trustee Foley encouraged ADAMHS staff to incorporate a wider snapshot to exhibit the decline in rates by suicide over the past 4-5 years. Similarly, a brief conversation occurred amongst the trustees and ADAMHS staff regarding whether or not there was a correlation between population growth and the statistical values for both categories. Executive Director Jones-Kelley advised ADAMHS staff would take a deeper look any correlation which may exist. Similarly, trustees recommended drilling down on zip codes when reviewing data in the future.

Further discussion occurred regarding the increase in deaths by suicide with regards to the youth in our community. Executive Director Jones-Kelley explained how the increase has been attributed from the need for isolation due to Covid-19.

Executive Director Jones-Kelley reported on OACBHA's proposed legislation for changes to ORC 340.02 including changes to the requirement for the 120 notice.

8. **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

The Board's trustees discussed the co-responder grants that were made available to various jurisdictions of law enforcement agencies within Montgomery County. The grant was for a one-year funding cycle, however some jurisdictions would like to maintain the social worker ride-alongs. Executive Director Jones-Kelley explained while this program gained valuable information, there has been a shift in resources towards funding the CrisisNow program which focuses more on clinician led services versus law-enforcement led services for mental health crisis. The model is designed to reduce the number of times that police have to be called out for mental health calls unless there is a public safety issue.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trustee McKewen opened the floor up for comments from guests.

Anita Kitchen, Executive Director of Families of Addicts (FOA) updated the Board on the current services and programs being offered through FOA. Executive Director Kitchen encouraged the Board, when reviewing agencies for funding in the future, to consider FOA for any available funding streams which may align with their services. ADAMHS Executive Director Jones-Kelley encouraged Executive Director Kitchen to review the upcoming Application for Funding (AFF) process for FY23 to evaluate if any funding may align with the services provided through FOA.

Linda Stagles, Executive Director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illnesses) Montgomery County thanked Commissioner Rice on her work and advocacy for the citizens in Montgomery County. She noted all the areas Commissioner Rice addressed are areas in which NAMI provides assistance with.

ADAMHS Executive Director Jones-Kelley thanked all the agencies in Montgomery County for their efforts and work during these difficult times.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee McKewen and seconded by Trustee Patterson to adjourn the Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

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Trustee Jacquelyn Jackson, Chair

Prepared by Rhianna Crowe