

# THE ADAMH STAR

An newsletter of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board

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**Our Mission: To partner with communities to create opportunities and encourage participation in quality mental health and/or addiction prevention, treatment, wellness, and recovery services and supports.**

## JUST WHO IS THIS ADAM-H GUY?



Jackie Howard  
Public Relations Coordinator

When I started working with the Fairfield Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board this past March, a friend asked me who ADAM - H was - she thought the organization was a person! Of course I had to share the many facets of the ADAMH Board. Here's some good information for those of you who also thought, ADAMH was "some guy."

ADAMH stands for Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health. The ADAMH Board is statutorily empowered to plan, develop, fund, administer and evaluate the local system of mental health and addiction services. Local Boards, governed by volunteer Board members appointed by the state and county commissioners do this work with a mix of federal, state and local funds. Ohio has 50 Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards, covering all 88 counties. They provide community members with access to a defined continuum of care, inclusive of prevention, treatment and recovery supports in communities throughout the state.

ADAMH Boards are stewards of public, taxpayer funds dedicated to supporting community mental health and addiction services. Each local board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure taxpayer funds are spent in an effective, efficient, transparent and quality manner to purchase services and supports needed by individuals in their community.

The Fairfield ADAMH Board consists of 14 volunteers who oversee the programs and projects in our county. This team hires the executive director who then hires a staff to carry out the board policies.

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Marcy Fields serves as the Executive Director and works with her Board to manage a budget around \$9.3 million.

Non-profit agencies submit requests for financial support of programs to fulfil the ADAMH Board guidelines and mission. Currently the following agencies are funded through Fairfield ADAMH:

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Fairfield County
- Fairfield Center of Hope
- Fairfield County 211
- Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council
- Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency
- Lancaster Recovery Services
- The Lighthouse
- Lutheran Social Services/Faith Mission of Fairfield
- Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County
- Mental Health America of Ohio
- Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc.
- New Horizons Mental Health Services
- OhioGuidestone
- The Recovery Center

Impact measures are mutually agreed upon and reviewed on a quarterly basis. The agencies have designated times throughout the year to present their programs at monthly board meetings.

ADAMH Board meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend to gain knowledge or provide input.



Community and State Leaders at the Bridge Day Event July 19. A day to connect education and resources in our Community.

## NETWORK OF CARE AGENCIES OF THE MONTH

The ADAMH Board recognizes and congratulates the following as Network of Care Agencies of the Month:

- February - Fairfield County 211
- March - New Horizons Mental Health
- April - The Recovery Center

## UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EVENTS WHERE YOUR ADAMH BOARD WILL BE

**August 12** - Pleasant Community Day - 10 AM - 1 PM, Pleasant Twp Fire Station

**August 12** - Amanda Safety and Health Awareness Day Block Party - 3 PM - 8 PM Village of Amanda

**August 25** - Minimize Risk/Maximize Life Lunch and Learn 11 AM - 1:30 PM 111 S Broad St, Lancaster

**August 31** - Overdose Awareness Day Event, 6 PM-8:30 PM, program starts at 7 PM

**September 15** - Mental Health First Aid Training, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM 111 S Broad Street, Lancaster

**September 26** - ADAMH Board Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**October 8 - 14** - Fairfield County Fair

## BOARD MEMBER UPDATE



Christina Marsteller

Christina was appointed to the Fairfield ADAMH Board by the Fairfield County Commissioners in April. She is a clinical social worker and is looking forward to gaining a greater understanding of the Board to better meet the needs of her clients.

## STARLIGHT CENTER UPDATE

Progress is still moving forward on the Starlight Center located on Locust Street in Lancaster. As anticipated, there have been a few delays and the new projected opening has been moved to October of this year. This facility will provide immediate help for mental health and substance use crises.

Please watch our Facebook Page for further updates and an invitation for our open house once the project is complete!

