

THE ADAMH STAR

An newsletter of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board



**Our Mission: To promote healing,
support recovery, and provide
prevention and treatment services of
mental health and addiction disorders
within our community**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE/STAFF FEATURE



**BY INTERIM EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR MARCY FIELDS, LISW-S**

Hopefully, all of you are enjoying your summer and some return to social interactions. I am honored to be sharing my thoughts in The ADAMH Star newsletter for the first time as the interim executive director. These are challenging times for mental wellness as we adjust to the reopening of our community while wondering what the new normal will bring. We know there is an increase in anxiety, isolation, loneliness, and depression, especially for our youth. We know there has been an increase in overdose deaths in our community. We know there is financial worry and a future of housing instability for many in our community. However, with these daunting challenges, we also have so many opportunities.

There is an amazing amount of support, potential funding, and an openness to new and creative services from all levels of our government and infrastructure. Already we have strengthened our services through increased prevention funding in the schools, access to lifesaving Narcan, and evidenced-based practices for our providers. What makes these opportunities even more exciting is the strong staff at your Fairfield County ADAMH Board. They are an impressive bunch of professionals ready to take advantage of this opening to build a top-tier behavioral health system here in

Fairfield County to address our challenges. Our office has the wisdom and experience of several seasoned staff and the passion and excitement of several new staff, so it's the best of both worlds for you! In this quarterly enewsletter, I look forward to sharing new ventures we undertake to resolve our community's trials to being mentally healthy and well. Stay tuned!

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Outgoing Board Members



Thank you and best wishes, Julie Brunner, Jennifer Yancey, and Vicki Anderson! The ADAMH Board would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to them for their excellent and dedicated service! During Ms.



Brunner's tenure on the Board, she served as the chairperson of the Joint Mental Health and Addiction & Finance Committee. During Ms. Yancey's tenure, she served as chairperson of the

Finance Committee. Vicki Anderson (picture unavailable) served on the Property Committee. We will miss them and wish them the best for the future!

New Board Members Appointed

Welcome, Alicia Bridges, Christie Torchia, Shelly Walker, and John Warner! The ADAMH Board welcomed these new Board member since the April Board meeting. Ms. Bridges, Ms. Torchia, Ms. Walker, and Sgt. Warner were appointed by the Fairfield County Commission and sworn in by the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office.

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome

- Executive Assistant Jacqueline Pazaropolous who joined on 2/23/21
- New Construction and Facilities Manager Randall Hall who began 5/24/21
- New Finance and Operations Director Calvin W. Robinson, MBA, (pictured) who started 6/21/21
- New Senior IT Specialist Justine Feinstein who began 6/21/21



We are so glad to have them as part of Team ADAMH and appreciate the unique talents they bring to our office!

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The ADAMH Board has started offering trainings and events in person as COVID safety precautions have lifted.

- Be a Smart Cookie Drive-through Narcan Giveaway and Training — 7/8/21

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates

- 8/13/21, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Mental Health First Aid
- 9/10/21, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Mental Health First Aid
- 10/29/21, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Mental Health First Aid
- 11/19/21, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Mental Health First Aid

