

Thank you for your interest in learning more about becoming a member of the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board!



You do not have to become an instant expert about mental health and substance use disorder administration, prevention, treatment, and recovery supports. In fact, your personal values provide more guidance to the Board in its complex functions of planning for the future. With the myriad of details of day-to-day operations that staff members handle, Board members provide leadership and decision making on policy issues that have long-term impact. Board members speak with a single voice — policy statements voted upon by the full Board — that directs Board staff on what to do but not the details of how to do it. Here is an overview of the Board:

### ***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.

### ***Vision***

- Create opportunities for Fairfield County residents to be healthy members of their communities.
- Advance a Continuum of Care philosophy.

### ***Abbreviated List of Responsibilities***

- County agency responsible for planning, funding, and monitoring public mental health and substance use disorder services in the community
- Services to be funded include prevention, treatment, and recovery supports
- Funded by federal, state, and local dollars
- 14-member policy-making board
- Hires the Executive Director who hires staff to carry out Board policies
- Prohibited from providing direct services, instead purchases services through contracts with agencies
- Assesses needs, develops plans, and monitors services
- Meets monthly (fourth Tuesday, except: usually no July meeting, and November/December meeting is combined and held first week of December); special meetings as needed
- Annual training

- Periodic Standing and Ad Hoc committee meetings — The Standing Committees include:
  - Finance and Operations Committee
  - Program and Quality Planning Committee
  - Executive Committee
- Network of Care Agencies include:
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County
  - Fairfield County 2-1-1 (Information & Referral)
  - Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council
  - Fairfield Center of Hope
  - Lancaster/Fairfield Community Action
  - The Lighthouse
  - Lancaster Recovery Services
  - Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio
  - Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County, Inc.
  - Mental Health America of Ohio
  - Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc.
  - New Horizons Mental Health Services
  - Ohio Guidestone
  - The Recovery Center
- Website links that contain additional information you may find of interest:
  - Fairfield County ADAMH Board: <https://www.fairfielddadamh.org/>
  - Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), the statewide organization of ADAMH boards: <https://oacbha.org/>
  - Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS): <https://mha.ohio.gov/>
  - Fairfield County, Ohio <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/>  
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