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Fairfield County ADAMH seeks applicants for appointments to the Board

LANCASTER, Ohio, February 9 — Will you help your community have the best public mental health and addiction services possible? The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board is accepting applications from Fairfield County residents to fill a vacancy on its Board.

The mission of the ADAMH Board is “To promote healing, support recovery, and provide prevention and treatment services of mental health and addiction disorders within our community.” The vision is to “Create opportunities for treatment, wellness, and recovery for those with mental health and/or substance use disorders [and] advance a Continuum of Care philosophy.” Statutorily, the ADAMH Board is responsible to plan, fund, and monitor mental health and addiction services in Fairfield County. These services include prevention, treatment, and recovery supports.

A Board member candidate does not have to become an instant expert in public mental health and substance use disorder services administration, prevention, treatment, and recovery supports. A candidate’s personal values provide more guidance to the Board in its complex functions of planning, funding, and monitoring for the future. The myriad of day-to-day operational details are handled by Board staff. Board members provide leadership and decision-making on policy issues that have long-term impact.

Currently, the Board is interested in candidates who will be dedicated to regularly attending committee and Board meetings, thoughtfully review Board materials, critically evaluate options, and have a passion to advance fulfillment of the Board’s strategic goals to better the lives of Fairfield County residents and their families who have experienced or may experience a mental health or substance use disorder — preventing such disorders whenever possible.

Currently, the ADAMH Board needs applicants who meet the following criteria:

- A family member of a person with lived experience of substance use challenges.

All appointments are made by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Service as an ADAMH Board member is voluntary and Board members do not receive compensation. To apply, visit <https://fairfieldadamh.org/board-members/>.