



## News Release

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### **Fairfield County ADAMH Board seeks applicants for membership**

LANCASTER, Ohio, December 2 — The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board is accepting applications from Fairfield County residents to fill several vacancies 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 addiction 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.

Board member candidates do not have to become an instant expert in mental health and addiction 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.

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

**To be eligible for an appointment via the ADAMH Board, an applicant must meet one of the following criteria:**

- **A person who has received or is receiving services for an addiction disorder; OR**
- **A parent or other relative of a person who has received or is receiving services for an addiction disorder; OR**
- **A clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services, such as a physician, nurse practitioner, etc., with a physician being preferred (e.g., family physician, psychiatrist, etc.); OR**
- **A clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services**

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.

For more information about the ADAMH Board, visit [www.fairfieldadamh.org](http://www.fairfieldadamh.org). For specific information about becoming a Board member, visit [www.fairfieldadamh.org/how-to-become-an-adamh-board-member.html](http://www.fairfieldadamh.org/how-to-become-an-adamh-board-member.html).

Interested individuals should electronically submit a completed, signed application available for download at [www.fairfieldadamh.org/how-to-become-an-adamh-board-member.html](http://www.fairfieldadamh.org/how-to-become-an-adamh-board-member.html) to [rhonda@ohiopps.org](mailto:rhonda@ohiopps.org) on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, December 24, 2020.

The Fairfield County ADAMH Board is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of mental health, addiction and recovery services in Fairfield County. ADAMH promotes wellness and recovery from mental health and addiction disorders by providing a continuum of care consisting of prevention, recovery and community support services for those affected by addiction and/or mental health disorders in Fairfield County. For more information, visit [www.fairfieldadamh.org](http://www.fairfieldadamh.org).

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