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Fairfield County ADAMH Board announces Friend of ADAMH Award winners

LANCASTER, Ohio, April 7 — On February 18, 2021, the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board Community Relations Committee chose Megan Golden, LISW, CDCA, of New Horizons Mental Health Services, and Angeline Stergiou, M.D., of Fairfield Medical Center to receive the 2021 Friend of ADAMH Award.

Annually, the Fairfield County ADAMH Board presents up to three Friend of ADAMH Awards to individuals, agencies, groups and/or organizations who embody the Fairfield County ADAMH Board mission and vision. Nominations are made by the community. Since this has been an unprecedented year due to COVID-19, the Board members requested that any nominated individual, agency, group or organization display excellence in mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment and/or recovery during the pandemic in addition to the normal award criteria.

Golden is a well-seasoned, well-connected mental health professional, social worker and therapist in Fairfield County. “She works hard, and above all else, puts the beneficence of clients and the community as her first priority,” wrote a nominator. “While doing so, she is even able to support the growth, competence, and professional development of her team members.” Golden heads the grant proposals for community services, advocates for the crisis stabilization unit, and collaborates extensively with other agency professionals. Given the implications of the pandemic and the needs of the community, Golden has stepped up to provide the community with the best support and resources possible. For Golden, her work is all about helping others and providing positive, healthy outcomes and, thus, a healthy community.

Dr. Stergiou is a longtime community partner and advocate in Fairfield County for individuals with mental illness as well as their families. She has helped considerably with the development and operation of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program. AOT has been a new approach for addressing the challenging needs of some citizens who struggle the most with coping with their significant mental illnesses. “We are so fortunate to have a wonderful collaborative team, including Dr. Stergiou and Fairfield Medical Center,” said ADAMH Clinical Care Coordinator Maureen Muth, “as well as Judge Terre Vandervoort and the Probate Court, New Horizons, and the ADAMH Board.” Dr. Stergiou’s contributions to the local behavioral health and recovery system of care are invaluable. She has also facilitated the transition to working with new psychiatric facilities outside of Fairfield County.

“The recipients’ demonstrated efforts ‘To promote healing and recovery for persons with a mental health or addiction disorder within our community, create opportunities for treatment, wellness, and recovery for those with mental health and/or addiction disorders, and advance a Continuum of Care philosophy’ are deeply appreciated,”

said ADAMH Executive Director Rhonda Myers. “Many thanks for the numerous contributions the recipients have made over the years for the betterment of the local mental health and recovery service delivery system!”

Usually, the ADAMH Board would recognize the winners during the All-star Celebration Annual Dinner. However, due to the pandemic, the Board has had to cancel the event for a second year in a row. ADAMH will have a virtual awards ceremony video to be shared in May.

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 substance use disorders by providing a continuum of care consisting of prevention, recovery and community support services for those affected by substance use disorders and/or mental health disorders in Fairfield County. For more information, visit www.fairfielddamh.org.

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