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Fairfield County ADAMH Board names new executive director

LANCASTER, Ohio, August 30 — On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board voted to officially make Marcy Fields, LISW-S, the new executive director. Originally hired back as the associate director in August 2020, Fields has served as the interim executive director since May 2021.

"On behalf of the ADAMH Board of Fairfield County, we are excited to announce Marcy Fields as the executive director. In her short time as the interim director, Marcy has proven herself as an outstanding leader who can lead the organization into a continued bright future. Marcy has a reputation in the mental health and addictions community within Fairfield County that proceeds her in this role," said Board Chairperson Jonathan McCombs, Ph.D., on behalf of the Executive Committee. "Her network of influence and reach extends beyond that of Fairfield County. She will be an invaluable asset to the Board and the community. We look forward to the work Marcy and her team will do in this new role."

Fields is a licensed independent social worker with a supervisory designation. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and drama from Earlham College in Indiana and earned a master's degree of social work from The Ohio State University.

Fields comes back to the ADAMH Board after serving as the clinical director at New Horizons Mental Health Services. She has over 30 years of experience in administrative and clinical social work settings implementing and maintaining evidenced-based practices and planning and developing programs. Fields said, "I am excited to take on this important role. My goal is to facilitate a behavioral health system with high quality programs that make a positive impact on the citizens of Fairfield County. The team here at the ADAMH Board is a highly skilled group of professionals who value the importance of efficiency, effectiveness, and excellent customer service. I am proud to work with them."

Other professional organizations she has belonged to include the Ohio Department of Mental Health Solutions for Ohio's Quality Improvement and Compliance (SOQIC) documentation implementation committee and the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (IAPSRS), now known as the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA), where she held multiple state and national leadership positions.

When she is not applying her occupational passion, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and the beach. Fields also likes spending time with her family, which includes husband Jim who is a judge in Fairfield County Municipal Court, daughters Alix who graduated law school in 2020 and is now a public defender in New Mexico and Bayley who graduated with a major in communications from Ohio University and now works for Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA).

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.

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