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### **ADAMH expands medication assisted treatment by The Recovery Center with SOR grant**

LANCASTER, Ohio, June 2 — With Federal Fiscal Year 2021 State Opiate Response (SOR) grant dollars awarded in January 2021 by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board will maintain expansion of community medication assisted treatment (MAT) and related substance use disorder services started in 2019 through The Recovery Center, an ADAMH Network of Care Agency.

The Recovery Center MAT expansion program will increase the availability of MAT, recovery supports, and peer supports to 30 uninsured and under-insured persons a year. The goal is to increase the number of persons receiving treatment and reduce substance use among the participants.

“At The Recovery Center, we have seen an increase in people abusing stimulants during the COVID-19 pandemic,” says The Recovery Center CEO Trisha Farrar. “We are very grateful for the SOR 2.0 funding to help people with both opioid and stimulant use disorders by providing the necessary evidence-based counseling, medication assisted treatment, and help with prescription expenses to ensure the greatest likelihood for treatment success.”

“The Recovery Center MAT expansion program has been expanding the use of medication assisted treatment in our county through their SOR 1.0 funds,” states ADAMH Associate Director Marcy Fields, LISW-S. “We want to increase MAT and recovery supports that will result in recipients staying clean and sober.”

The Recovery Center has supported the service and prescriptions of MAT for clients who are uninsured and unable to pay, expanded the availability of its provider, provided recovery supports (such as housing assistance) to its clients, and provided peer support to facilitate engagement in services for opioid use disorder. The Recovery Center’s programs continue to grow needed services to treat new clients.

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](http://www.fairfielddamh.org).

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