



# SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

IBH Addiction Recovery - Auditorium

3445 S Main St

Akron, 44319

IBH Site Tour 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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### I. Call to Order

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### II. Approval of minutes from March 25, 2025 Board Meeting

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### III. Board Education

- A. County Updates from County Executive, Ilene Shapiro
- B. IBH Recovery Services

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### IV. Ownership & Linkage & Accountability

- A. Chair Report
- B. Executive Director Report
- C. Chief Clinical Officer Report

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### V. Comments from Public and Announcements

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### VI. Consent Agenda

- A. ADM Funding Awards Report
- B. New Contracts & Authorization to Sign

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### VII. Unfinished Business

- A. 2025 Levy Discussion
  - 1. Vote on 2025 ADM Board Levy

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### VIII. Committee Reports

Governance Committee Meeting - Dr. Margaret Halter, Chair  
Last Meeting: Monday, April 14th, 2025

Executive Compensation Committee Meeting - Kimberly Huff, Chair  
Last Meeting: Monday, April 21st, 2025

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### IX. New Business

- A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
  - 1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
  - 2. Policy 2.9 Communication and Support to the Board
    - a. Vote on Compliance

**B. Executive Session**

For the purpose of preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or their terms of conditions of their employment.

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**X. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.



## **SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

03/25/2025 | 05:31 PM - 07:03 PM - (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

SCPH Auditorium

### **Attendees (11)**

Chrissy Myers; Charles Twigg; Crystal Burnett; Georgette Constantinou; Henry Johnson; Jack Diamond; James E. Merklin; Marc Lee Shannon; Margaret J. Halter; Marvin Ferguson; Utomhin Okoh

### **Board Members Absent**

Jeannine Marks; Kimberly Huff

### **ADM Board Staff Present**

Aimee Wade, Executive Director; Dr. Doug Smith, Chief Clinical Officer; Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations; Kimberly Patton, Associate Director of Clinical Services; Amy Woodland, Manager of Communications; Nick Veauthier, Manager of Information Technology; Dominique Curley, Executive Administrative Assistant;

### **Other Parties Present**

Tracy Yaeger, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Katherine Alkire, OHI/Detox; Veronica Morris, Mend Psychiatry; Karen Talbott, Child Guidance & Family Solutions; Crystal Furman, UOPS; Keri Deyling, Coleman Professional Services; Loyd Mahadu, Leadership Akron; Jonathan Wylly, IBH Addiction Recovery Center;

### **I. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Board Chair Chrissy Myers called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

### **II. Approval of minutes from February 25th, 2025 Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** Charles Twigg

**SECOND:** Marvin Ferguson

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the minutes of the February 25th, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.**

### **III. Board Education**

- **Levy Presentation - Aimee Wade, Executive Director and Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations**
  - Executive Director Aimee Wade began her presentation by reviewing the difference between a renewal, replacement, and increase Levies and defining terms for BoD members who are not familiar with levy process. A detailed one-pager was also referenced in their meeting materials.
  - Executive Director Wade went on to review the 2025 levy options, considerations, and provided recommendations for a renewal levy with a .3 mill increase.
  - Director Wade acknowledged that this is the least burdensome approach during the current political climate, but also acknowledge that the existing and growing need for services is reflected in negative trends we are fighting against in our community.
  - Director Wade also acknowledged the on-going discussion with state leadership and legislators regarding the state budget that could have significant impact on resources as well.
  - Associate Director of Operations Jennifer Peveich presented the Cash Balance Forecast Summary for the Next Levy Cycle 2027-2032. Beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> year of levy collections (2027) we are projecting \$42,844,000 (an increase of \$5,543,000 annually over the projected revenue that a renewal would generate). Ohio MHAS revenue is projected based on the current state fiscal year 2025 allocations and is expected to be flat over the levy cycle with the exception of federal State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS 4.0) grant funding. This funding projected to be received during 2027 and nine months of 2028.
  - Total budgeted expenditures are projected to increase and range from \$53.4M to \$53.8M over the next levy cycle. Board Administration is projected range from \$4M to \$4.7M over the next levy cycle (8%) of the total expenditure budget through 2031 and 9% of the total budget in 2032. Behavioral health service expenses are projected to range from \$34.2M to \$35.9M throughout the levy cycle. Funding for criminal justice and crisis services as well as operational costs for the Dr. Fred Frese Center are prioritized in the budget.

- Associate Director Peveich noted that the fee for service (FFS) will continue to be our billing system, as it is standard practice for behavioral health and healthcare services across the state. This payment model creates efficiencies for providers as it aligns with payment models for other payers.
- Other Contracts and Allocations are projected to range between \$13.2M and \$15.1M throughout the levy cycle. Funding for system workforce initiatives including technology, University of Akron BH Coordinator and scholarships and system wide professional development are prioritized in this category. Value based purchasing will continue to be expanded to increase client outcomes in our system. Behavioral health contract services and other contracts and allocations are 92% of the total budgeted expenditures through 2031 and 91% in 2032.
- An operating cash balance of \$19,807,194 (4.4 months of cash) is projected at the end of the next levy cycle (2032). This complies with Policy 2.5 Financial Condition and Activities requirements.
- The permanent improvement fund cash will be expended over the next two years and will stretch into 2027 with the construction of the new Crisis Wellness Center. We are still looking at the spring of 2026 for the Dr. Fred Frese Center to open. We are closely monitoring costs that may be impacted by the new tariffs.

#### **A. ad hoc Levy Committee - James Merklin, Chair**

- Ad hoc Levy Committee Chair, Jim Merklin. Gave an overview of the ad hoc Levy Committee meeting held on March 6th, 2025. He noted that based on discussions with the County, the committee would not make a recommendation for a vote until the April meeting. This will allow for additional due diligence given the evolving funding landscape at the state level and to address communications circulating from a member of County Council and several providers. The BoD wants to ensure that we are making the best decision for those needing services in our system and taxpayers.
- There was discussion and questions amongst the Board of Directors and ADM Board staff in reference to the communications that was presented from six major providers in the system and a local elected official and concern expressed regarding the intent and tone, given the critical nature of the ADM Board Levy.
- The BoD agreed to continue dialogue to clarify their due diligence, policies, and oversight with the goal of alignment for a vote in April.

## **IV. Ownership & Linkage & Accountability**

### **A. Chair Report - Chrissy Myers, Board Chair**

- Board Chair Chrissy Myers informed the Board that that the Board of Director's annual training has been confirmed for August 12, 2025, at Peg's Foundation. Invites have been sent out and more details regarding the agenda will be forthcoming.
- Board Chair Myers then presented Board of Director's member Marvin Ferguson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the SC ADM Board of Director's.
- Mr. Ferguson will be leaving the county to pursue other professional opportunities.
- Finally, the board was asked to complete their meeting evaluation survey. A QR Code is provided in their meeting book which links directly to the survey.

### **B. Executive Director Report - Aimee Wade, Executive Director**

- Executive Director Wade began by informing the Board of Director's that the ADM Boards Culture of Quality (COQ) review is approaching. On April 1 and April 2, representatives from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and a representative from one of our peer ADAMH Boards will be on-site to conduct the agency's triennial COQ audit. This will be the ADM Board's third renewal, and the audit consists of over 140 standards addressing areas, such as health and safety, public relations, human resources, governance, and various areas of fiscal operations and testing, for compliance and best practices. Director Wade thanked Board Chair Chrissy Myers for agreeing to be interviewed as part of the review process.
- Director Wade then provided updates on a few workforce development initiatives.
- On March 13, 2025, ADM Board Staff completed a series of training sessions with Janet Kendall-White of Berkshire Group Inc., which was focused on enhancing facilitation for more effective and efficient convening skills, both internal and external. Director Wade thanked the ADM Board team for leaning into this professional development and actively integrating the skills learned into our everyday operations at all levels.
- On March 11, 2025, our first system-wide cohort completed leadership training with the Center for Immersive Leadership. Leadership With-in is an in-depth and practical guide that builds competencies and skills from an inside-out approach. Eighteen individuals participated in 12 two-hour long sessions over the course of several months. The second cohort of 15 individuals started in January 2025 and is expected to complete in June 2025. There are a total of 19 agencies engaged in this

development as part of the Workforce Engagement Plan, including 3 ADM Board staff.

- Lastly Executive Director Wade reminded the board about the Summit County Housing Research Collaborative (SCHRC), on which Director Wade sits as a Steering Committee member. Director Wade has included a flyer with a QR code in your packet as the Collaborative is hosting a series of community focus groups to gain insight into the housing needs across the county. This information will help guide community partners, public and private, for future housing investments that are informed by community need. Please feel free to register and participate. Each section has designated themes such as low-income housing, foreclosures, evictions funding, funders, and policy.

### **C. Chief Clinical Officer Report - Dr. Doug Smith**

- Dr. Smith began his report announcing that in one year SCOUT has completed 1051 calls for service. The report is still in the works by the SCOUT team. Dr. Doug will present the report to the Board of Directors at a later date once it is complete. The team is currently in discussion about expanding availability to Saturdays and resources needed to expand to other communities within the county. The SCOUT teams has also set up an after hour email that the community can email, and the SCOUT team follows up with the consumer during SCOUT business hours.
- Dr. Doug then discussed the Cannabis study on the use of Cannabis and its effects on mental health.
- In conclusion, Dr. Doug spoke about the JAMA study on State Earned Income Tax Credits and Firearm Suicides. For every 10% increase in refundable earned income tax credit declined the suicide rate by 4.3%.

## **V. Comments from Public and Announcements**

### **1. Amy Woodland Manager of Communications, SC ADM Board**

- Ms. Woodland discussed that resources and ADM Board swag provided to the BoD members at each of their place settings.
- Ms. Woodland announced that on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Cuyahoga Falls Downtown Pavilion located at 2085 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board, and the Summit County Suicide Prevention Coalition are hosting a Hope in Ohio: Community Conversation on Suicide Prevention event to raise awareness, share critical resources, and develop a collective action plan to prevent



suicide. All BoD members received an email regarding the event and are encouraged to participate.

- Finally, she reminded members that the Recovery Challenge is June 7th, 2025, at IBH Addiction Recovery Center.

## **2. As the BoDs liaison to the ADM Support Committee and ad hoc Levy Committee Chair, James Merklin**

- Encouraged all Board Members to be active in upcoming events.

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

### **A. ADM Funding Awards Report**

### **B. New Contracts & Authorization to Sign**

**MOTION:** Marvin Ferguson

**SECOND:** Dr. Margaret Halter

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for March 2025 and having funds available and certified by the Fiscal Officer as required by ORC 5705.41(D) the Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign the contracts presented in the attached list on behalf of the ADM Board, in accordance with the requirements contained within ORC 340.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 3-25-02

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

None

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Executive Compensation Committee – Chrissy Myers, Board Chair**

- Board Chair Chrissy Myers reported on behalf of Committee Chair, Kim Huff in her absence, stating that the Executive Compensation Committee met on March 12, 2025. The committee reviewed Policy 4.5 Executive Director Employment and Compensation and there were no recommended changes to this policy.
- The committee went into Executive Session and will be scheduling another meeting to finalize recommendations.

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring**

1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring

2. Policy 1.2 Public Awareness
  - a. Vote on Compliance

**MOTION:** Sgt. Utomhin Okoh

**SECOND:** Marc Lee Shannon

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 1.2 Public Awareness.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 3-25-03

3. Policy 2.7 Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts
  - a. Vote on Compliance

**MOTION:** Dr. Margaret Halter

**SECOND-:** Henry Johnson

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 2.7 Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 3-25-04

## **X. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** James Merklin

**SECOND:** Crystal Burnett

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Tuesday, March 25th, 2025.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 3-25-05

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 5:30pm at IBH Addiction Recovery Center.

The meeting ended at 7:03 pm