



# SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

SCPH Auditorium

1867 W Market Street, Entrance A

Akron, 44313



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### I. Call to Order

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### II. Approval of minutes from April 22, 2025 Board Meeting

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### III. Board Education

A. Programs & Services Presentation – Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations and Kimberly Patton, Associate Director of Clinical 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

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### VIII. Committee Reports

- 1. Fiscal Oversight Committee - Marc Lee Shannon, Chair  
Last Meeting; Monday, May 12th, 2025
- 2. Assurance Committee - Margaret Halter, PhD, Chair  
Last Meeting; Tuesday, May 20th, 2025

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### IX. New Business

- A. Resolution in support of Red Oak Capital project through OMHAS
- B. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
  - 1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
  - 2. Policy 1.4 Prevention
    - a. Vote on Compliance

#### C. Executive Session

To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code.

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**X. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Portage Path Behavioral Health.



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

04/22/2025 | 05:36 PM - 07:23 PM - (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

IBH Addiction Recovery Auditorium

### **Attendees (12)**

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

### **Board Members Absent**

None

### **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; Dominique Curley, Executive Administrative Assistant

### **Other Parties Present**

Laura Smiley, 91.3 FM The Summit/ Better Kenmore CDC; Danyelle Simpkins, Urban Ounce of Prevention Behavioral Health; Tammy Jenson, Oriana House; Karen Talbott, Child Guidance & Family Solutions; Tracy Yaeger, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Leslie Paulette Stoyer, Community Support Services; Executive Ilene Shapiro, County Executive Office; Brian Nelson, County Executive Office; Jonathan Wylly, IBH Addiction Recovery Center; Jess Rist, IBH Addiction Recovery Center

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

With a quorum present, Board Chair Chrissy Myers called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

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

**MOTION:** Crystal Burnett

**SECOND:** Jack Diamond

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

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 4-25-01

### **III. Board Education**

#### **A. County Updates from County Executive, Ilene Shapiro**

- Executive Ilene Shapiro provided an update on the Social Services Advisory Board and the opioid litigation settlement.
- Executive Shapiro also discussed the role of Board Members, the importance of passage of the ADM Board levy in November and her commitment to continuing to foster constructive dialogue around services in the community.

#### **B. IBH Addiction Recovery Services - Jonathan Wylly, Executive Director**

- Executive Director Wylly welcomed the BoD to the agency and provided an overview of the evolution of the agency and its current full continuum of services.
- Director Wylly wrapped up his presentation by thanking the SC ADM Board for the continued support and mentioned specific services that would not be possible but for ADM Board funding.

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

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

- Board Chair Chrissy Myers reminded the BoD of the upcoming meeting locations. Three of the next six meetings will be offsite.
- Board Chair Myers then recommended that with the resignation of Marvin Ferguson, who chaired the Assurance Committee, she is now appointing Dr. Margaret Halter as Chair.
- Chair Myers also asked Dr. Halter to remain on Governance Committee and removed Dr. Halter from Fiscal Oversight Committee.
- Chair Myers noted that the Levy timeline is included in the board packet. Given the great significance of this year's levy Chair Myers encouraged BoD members whose schedules permit to attend two important County Council meetings, one for the Second Reading of the Resolution of Necessity on May 5th, 2025, and the other for the Second Reading of the Resolution for Approval of Ballot Language on June 9th, 2025. Both meetings begin at 4:30pm.

- Chair Myers also promoted the ADM Recovery Challenge, sponsored by the ADM Levy Support Committee, as an event where BoD members should have a presence as well, in support of the levy.
- 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 providing an update on the State Budget bill. She also provided a list of priorities from our state association for advocacy with members of the Ohio Senate. State representatives are on a legislative spring break until next week; however, when they return to full activity at the end of April, the Senate will be taking up its review of the budget bill with three planned weeks of testimony in six different committees. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services issues will be heard in the Senate Health Committee. ADM will be working with our Association and state legislators to promote priorities that impact our system. If you have questions about any of the priorities or have an opportunity to advocate and would like support, please let Executive Director Wade know.
- Director Wade went on to discuss the Suicide Prevention Townhall event that occurred on April 3rd in Cuyahoga Falls. Summit County Suicide Prevention Community Conversation was held on April 3rd in Cuyahoga Falls' Downtown Pavilion. She thanks the Director of Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, Lee Ann Cornyn, the County Executive, Mayor Don Walers of Cuyahoga falls and other community leaders and stakeholders for helping to elevate the conversation to bring awareness and hope. Director Wade informed the BoD a contingent of staff, crisis providers and the construction team have been invited to tour the newly constructed Franklin County Crisis Facility on April 30, 2025. This visit will allow the team to gain direct insight into the decisions and lessons learned in the development of their facility.
- Next Director Wade provided the BoD with information on two upcoming events, to which they are invited to attend:
  - The annual Dr. Fred and Penny Frese Lecture on May 6, 2025, hosted by NEOMED and Peg's Foundation. More information and a link for registration was included in their meeting book.
- The Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Service Conference hosted by the OACBHA Foundation will be held on June 9 -10, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. ADM Board has been offered 4 scholarships, 2 for providers or individuals with lived experience and 2 for BoD Members and staff. We already have one BoD member attending and would

like to offer the opportunity to anyone else who may be interested. Please email Director Wade or Dominique by April 25, 2025, if you are interested in attending. The BoD prerogative budget will support reimbursement for travel and meals.

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

- Dr. Smith began his report announcing that JAMA published a Cannabis study from Canada based on the legalization of cannabis and release of "youth-friendly" edible products. It showed a substantial increase in the use of cannabis and cannabis plus alcohol in students in grades 7-11.
- Dr. Doug went on to discuss that skin cells come from the same origin as brain cells, and researchers have created a method to turn adult skin cells back into brain cells. Potential future treatment for brain diseases, including traumatic brain injury and mental illness.
- In addition, Fish oil omega 3 has been shown in good research to decrease verbal, physical, and mental aggression in men and women that take it, even in prison inmates.
- In conclusion, Dr. Doug spoke about a Yale study on infantile amnesia. The study showed that infants as young as 4 months are saving memories, but the memories are unable to be retrieved. This may account for some effects of trauma in very young ages that leave an emotional/physical impact but are not able to be verbalized later in life. Potential future research may target memory retrieval.

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

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

- Ms. Woodland informed BoD members that individual donation forms and sponsorship packets for the ADM Recovery Challenge were left at each place setting.
- Jim Merklin, Chair of the ad hoc Levy Committee also provided information on the importance of BoD participation and different ways to donate.
- The Recovery Challenge is June 7th, 2025, at IBH Addiction Recovery Center.

### **VI. Consent Agenda**

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

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

**MOTION:** Crystal Burnett

**SECOND:** Marc Lee Shannon

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for April 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:** 4-25-02

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

### **A. 2025 Levy Discussion**

#### **1. Vote on 2025 ADM Board Levy**

- Director Aimee Wade began by reviewing the updated one-pager provided in the meeting materials. Discussions surrounding the levy options began in February with the Fiscal Oversight Committee followed by a meeting with the ad hoc Levy Committee in March.
- Director Wade acknowledged several intervening factors since initial discussions, including legislative threats to levy options and behavioral health at both the state and federal level. Director Wade and members of the BoD have been engaged in on-going dialogue with providers and other stakeholders regarding the ever changing landscape and the need to make sure Summit County residents are taken care of and considering all factors the final recommendation.
- Based on an evaluation of all of the current information, a recommendation for a renewal of the existing 2.95 mill levy, plus a .5 mill increase was made.

**MOTION:** James Merklin

**SECOND:** Chrissy Myers

**That the ADM Board of Directors approve the recommendation that the County of Summit ADM Board pursue a renewal of its 2.95 mill levy with an increase of .5 mills on the November 2025 ballot, and undertake the activities necessary to move forward with this process.**

- Board Chair Myers opened the floor for discussion for the BoD as well as the public before the final vote was taken.
  - Executive Ilene Shapiro; Informed the room that it is not about the levy amount it is about what we are going to do with the dollars. We have to work together.



- Jim Merklin, Board Secretary; expressed gratitude to the SC ADM Board providers for the services they provide to the community.
- Tracy Yaeger, Executive Director, Portage Path Behavioral Health; acknowledged Jim Merklin's comments and the opportunity to have open dialogue on the Levy.
- Brian Nelson, Chief of Staff, Summit County Executive Office; thanked Director Wade and the BoD for all of the work and dialogue that went into this recommendation. He also acknowledged that the renewal piece of the Levy actually saves tax payers money due to state rollback payments.

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 4-25-03

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Governance Committee - Margaret Halter, PhD, Chair**

- Chair Halter, informed the Board that there are still two vacant County appointed seats.
- Board Chair Myers noted that Director Wade reviewed applications with interested parties with the Committee and two have been submitted to the County Executive's Office.
- Chair Halter then provided an update on the Committee's work surrounding House Bill 257 and virtual meetings. After review of draft policy language and discussion amongst the Committee and staff, the topic was tabled until the July Governance Committee meeting for further development.
- The Committee also reviewed several BoD policies and recommended no changes.
- Two motions were put forth regarding the BoD's CY2026 budget and to continue existing officers for their second year.

**MOTION:** ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee recommends the following slate of officers for FY26: Chrissy Myers, Board Chair; Dr. Margaret Halter, Board Vice Chair; James Merklin, Board Secretary.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 4-25-04

**MOTION:** ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve a budget of \$60,000 for board prerogatives for calendar year 2026.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 4-25-05

**B. Executive Compensation Committee – Kimberly Huff, Chair**

- Kim Huff Chair, reported that the Executive Compensation Committee met on April 21, 2025.
- The Executive Compensation Committee report was pushed for discussion during Executive Session.

**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

**MOTION:** Charles Twigg

**SECOND:** Henry Johnson

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 2.9 Communication and Support to the Board.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 4-25-06

**B. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Margaret Halter, PhD

**SECOND:** Henry Johnson

**That the SC ADM Board of Directors' adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with a public employee concerning their compensation of their terms and conditions of their employment per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1).**

**VOTE: Roll Call by Chair**

Chrissy Myers - Yes; Margaret J. Halter, PhD - Yes; James Merklin - Yes; Crystal Burnett - Yes; Georgette Constantinou, PhD - Yes; Jack Diamond - Yes; Kimberly Huff - Yes; Henry Johnson - Yes; Jeannine Marks - Yes; Utomhin Okoh - Yes; Marc Lee Shannon - Yes; Charles Twigg- Yes

**RESOLUTION: 4-25-07**

**The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 6:59 pm.**

**The Board of Directors came out of Executive Session at 7:21 pm.**

**MOTION:** Kimberly Huff

**SECOND:** Charles Twigg

**That the SC ADM Board of Directors approves to increase the salary of Executive Director Aimee Wade by 3% effective June 1st, 2025.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION: 4-25-08**

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Sgt. Utomhin Okoh

**SECOND:** Margaret Halter, PhD

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION: 4-25-09**

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, at 5:30pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.

The meeting ended at 7:23 pm.