



# SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 5:30pm

SCPH Auditorium

1867 W Market Street, Entrance A

Akron, OH 44313

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

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 5:30pm**

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

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### **II. Approval of minutes from October 28, 2025 Board Meeting**

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### **III. Board Education**

A. Summit County 2026-2028 Community Assessment and Plan (CAP) Presented by Jeannie Cool, ADM Board Manager of Evidence-Based Practices & Outcomes

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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. Committee Reports**

- A. Committee Reports
  - 1. Fiscal Oversight Committee - Marc Lee Shannon, Chair  
Last Meeting: November 17, 2025 - Canceled

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### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

- A. None

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### **IX. New Business**

- A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
  - 1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
  - 2. Policy 2.0 General Management Constraint
    - a. Vote on Compliance

### 3. Policy 2.1 Treatment of Constituents

#### a. Vote on Compliance

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#### **X. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5:30pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.



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

10/28/2025 | 05:34 PM - 07:16 PM - 05:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada)

CHC Addiction Services

### **Attendees (14)**

Chrissy Myers; Crystal Burnett; Georgette Constantinou; Jack Diamond; Kimberly Huff; Henry Johnson; James E. Merklin; Utomhin Okoh; Monica Andress (Shadow); Nyema Bedell (Shadow); Dietra Goggins (Shadow); Talia Powell (Shadow); Sylvia Trundle; Margaret J. Halter

### **Committee Members Absent**

Jeannine Marks; Marc Lee Shannon; Stephen Strayer

### **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**

Keith Hochadel, CHC Addiction Services; Tracy Yaeger, PhD, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Mackey Bonner, Oriana Hose/Detox; Leslie Powlette Stoyer, Community Support Services; Donald Christian, Akron UMADAOP; Catherine Blankenship, Coleman Health Services

### **Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Chair Chrissy Myers called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

### **Approval of minutes from September 23, 2025 Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** Kimberly Huff

**SECOND:** Lt. Utomhin Okoh

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the minutes of the September 23rd, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-01

## **Board Education**

### **CHC Addiction Services Presentation - Keith Hochadel, Chief Executive Officer**

- Mr. Hochadel provided an overview of his professional background and the history of CHC.
- The agency plans to establish a primary care clinic and pharmacy located at the rear of the administration building, which could help with medical clearance in the system. In addition, they are developing a podcast studio in the basement of their 725 E Market Street location. CHC is also investing in its marketing and adolescent SUD service areas.

## **Ownership, Linkage & Accountability**

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

- Chair Myers began by informing the BoD that she will need to adjust the agenda in the interest of the flow of information and approvals, so the consent agenda section will be moved to after New Business. With no questions or concerns she proceeded with her report.
- She provided an overview of the 2026 board education survey created in collaboration with the Governance Committee and circulated to the BoD. The result showed preference for an October date for board education and areas of interest for education throughout the year. This feedback will be used to determine the approach to BoD education for calendar year 2026.
- Chair Myers also introduced a proposed 2026 ADM Board of Directors Meeting schedule for review and approval.

**MOTION:** Crystal Burnett

**SECOND:** James Merklin

**That the SC ADM Board of Directors move to approve the 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule as presented.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-02

- Chair Myers thanked everyone on the board, the ADM Support Committee, and community partners for actively supporting the levy campaign through outreach,

events, and advocacy. She also acknowledged staff for their tireless efforts over the past several months.

- Acknowledging that we were exactly one week from election day, she expressed the importance of everyone getting involved, including Volunteering for early voting shifts through the remainder of the week, weekend coverage, election day polling locations, and neighborhood canvassing.
- More details would be forthcoming with updates from the Manager of Communications.
- In conclusion Chair Myers reminded the Board to complete their meeting evaluation surveys. A QR code is provided on the annotated agenda.

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

- Director Wade began by informing the Board that effective October 1, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services officially changed its name to the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). On October 2, the department also announced that Director LeeAnne Cornyn, who participated in this year's Board of Directors retreat, would depart the role effective October 8, 2025. Assistant Director Tia Marcel Moretti was appointed to serve as Interim Director pending the selection of a permanent successor.
- Notice was also given this month that the CEO of OACBHA would be vacating her position, effective January 2026.
- Director Wade described her role as President-Elect of the Association in ensuring support to remaining Association staff and a search and smooth transition for new leadership.
- She noted that this leadership transition comes at a pivotal time of significant change across federal, state, and local systems impacting ADAMH Boards statewide, underscoring the importance of continued coordination and advocacy in the months ahead.
- Director Wade acknowledged legislation that Vice Chair Halter recently brought forward information regarding House Bill 515, new legislation that could impact the composition of ADAMH governing boards.
- This legislation highlights the growing volume of proposed bills with potential implications for ADAMH Board funding, services, governance, and operations, underscoring the importance of ongoing legislative monitoring and advocacy.
- Chair Myers intervened to report that Director Wade was selected as a finalist for the ATHENA Akron Leadership Award. The award ceremony will be held on Wednesday,

November 5, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Fairlawn and more information would be provided for those interested in attending the ceremony.

- Director Wade then turned to the Manager of Communications for an update on the levy campaign.

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

- Ms. Woodland began by reminding the Board of Directors and guests that we are in the final week before election day on November 4th.
- Ms. Woodland distributed a list of election day poll locations that will be available for volunteers to sign up for tomorrow morning via our volunteer platform.
- In conclusion Ms. Woodland informed the BoD and guests that the watch party on Tuesday, November 4th will be held at IBH Addiction Recovery's Firestone Park location from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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

- Dr. Smith began his report announcing that the 12th Annual Integrated Healthcare Conference will be held on November 8th, 2025.
- He also provided updates on research results on cannabis and brain health and the effects of alcohol consumption.

#### **Comments from Public and Announcements**

- Tracy Yaeger, PhD, Portage Path Behavioral Health and Catherine Blankenship, Coleman Health Services provided agency updates.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **A. Committee Reports**

1. Assurance Committee – Margaret Halter, PhD, Chair
  - Chair Halter provided a summary of presentations provided to the committee regarding 2025 overdose and suicide rates, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the impact of adverse childhood experiences and ADM Board strategies.
  - Updated information was also provided regarding levy polling data as a follow-up from the previous meeting.

- The Committee discussed leadership transition July 2026 and approved the proposed 2026 meeting dates.
- The committee will be evaluating priority areas monitoring in the upcoming year.
- 2. Governance Committee – Margaret Halter, PhD, Chair
  - Chair Halter reviewed Board member term limits, and the Governance Committee discussed 2026 leadership transitions.
  - Executive Director Wade reported on the status of one remaining County vacancy requiring a clinician experienced in addiction services and efforts to support filling the position.
  - The Committee reviewed Board member attendance and recommended Chair Myers follow up with members with multiple absences.
  - IT Manager Nick Veauthier presented options for hybrid meeting technology, and the Committee recommended selecting S3 Technologies' proposal for \$11,328.10, with approval requested for up to \$13,000 to allow for potential audio needs, which was placed on the funding award list.
  - The Committee also reviewed Policy 3.4 Focusing on Public Comment and recommended a minor change for clarification.

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

**That the SC ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee recommend that we amend Policy 3.4.7 regarding open meetings to add language explicitly stating that the BoD can also extend public comment time period.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-03

- The committee reviewed Policies 3.6 and 3.7 on committee roles and responsibilities, particularly regarding the Fiscal Oversight Committee, and agreed that additional time is needed for further consideration.
- Policies 4.0, 4.2, and 4.4 were reviewed with no recommended changes.
- The proposed 2026 committee meeting schedule was approved as presented.
- During public comments, the committee discussed board education and retreat timing, agreed to distribute a survey for member feedback, and encouraged engagement with The Governance Coach platform, with future feedback to determine continuation of the subscription.

## **New Business**



**A. Resolution in Support of Community of Christ's Application (ARC Recovery Services) for the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health Capital Funding**

**MOTION:** Lt. Utomhin Okoh

**SECOND:** Crystal Burnett

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors supports Community of Christ Church's DBA ARC Recovery Services proposed capital application for new construction of a Level II recovery home at Jewell Dr. Akron, OH 44311 and supports the project with a cash match not to exceed \$75,000.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-04

**B. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring**

1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
2. Policy 1.5 System Capacity
  - a. Vote on Compliance

**MOTION:** Crystal Burnett

**SECOND:** Jack Diamond

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 1.5 System Capacity.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-05

3. Policy 2.8 Emergency Management Succession
  - a. Vote on Compliance

**MOTION:** Kimberly Huff

**SECOND:** Henry Johnson Jr

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 2.8 Emergency Management Succession.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-06

**Consent Agenda**

**A. ADM Funding Awards Report**

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

**MOTION:** James Merklin

**SECOND:** Georgette Constantinou, PhD

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for October 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:** 10-25-07

**Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Lt. Utomhin Okoh

**SECOND:** Kimberly Huff

**That the SC ADM Board of Directors' adjourn to 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.**

**Invited to remain in the Board Room for the duration of Executive Session: Director Wade, Associate Director Jen Peveich, Attorney Laura Wallerstein, Nyema Bedell (Shadow), Dietra Goggins (Shadow), Monica Andress (Shadow), and Talia Powell (Shadow).**

**VOTE:** Roll Call by Secretary

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: absent; Utomhin Okoh: yes; Marc Lee Shannon: absent; Sylvia Trundle: yes; Stephen Strayer: absent.

**The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 7:00 pm.**

**The Board of Directors came out of Executive Session at 7:15 pm.**

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-08

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Margaret Halter, PhD

**SECOND:** Sylvia Trundle

**That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Tuesday, October 28th, 2025.**

**VOTE:** Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION:** 10-25-09

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.

The meeting ended at 7:16 p.m.