



SC ADM Board of Directors Assurance Committee Meeting - Hybrid

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 4:30 pm

SC ADM Board Dr. Bob Smith Conference Room

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Akron, OH , 44313

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I. Call to Order

II. Review and Approve Minutes from October 1, 2025, Meeting

III. Unfinished Business

A. Residential Treatment Administrative Discharges

B. 2026 Committee Priority Areas

C. 2026 Committee Leadership

IV. New Business

V. Comments from the Public

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting of the SC ADM Board of Directors Assurance Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 4:30 pm in the SC ADM Board Trailblazer Conference Room.



Minutes for SC ADM Board of Directors Assurance Committee Meeting - Hybrid

10/01/2025 | 04:00 PM - 05:06 PM - 05:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada)

SC ADM Board Trailblazer Conference Room

Attendees (6)

Georgette Constantinou; Margaret J. Halter; Kimberly Huff; Jeannine Marks (Virtual); Sylvia Trundle; Nyema Bedell (Shadow)

Committee Members Absent

Talia Powell (Shadow)

ADM Board Staff Members Present

Aimee Wade, Executive Director; Kimberly Patton, Associate Director of Clinical Services; Nicholas Baechel, Quality Improvement Coordinator; Beth Gracey, Children's Program Coordinator; Nicholas Veauthier, Manager of Information Technology; Connor Boccia, IT Generalist; Dominique Curley, Executive Administrative Assistant

Other Parties Present

Chrissy Myers, Ex Officio; Brian Mastrurzo, Child Guidance & Family Solutions (Virtual); Dina Douglas, Bellefaire JCB (Virtual)

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair Dr. Margaret Halter, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Review and Approve Minutes from May 20th, 2025 Meeting

MOTION: Sylvia Trundle

SECOND: Kimberly Huff

That the SC ADM Board of Directors' Assurance Committee approve the minutes of the May 20th, 2025, meeting of the Assurance Committee as presented.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

Unfinished Business

A. Review of Current Suicide and Overdose Data

- Nick Baechel, Quality Improvement Coordinator for the ADM Board, presented recent data on suicide and overdose trends in Summit County. Year-to-date, there have been 80 confirmed overdose deaths in 2025, showing a decrease in mortality rates for both males (from 29.9 to 23.0 per 100,000) and females (from 14.8 to 10.8 per 100,000) compared to 2024.

Overdose Mortality by Race and Gender:

- African American males saw a significant rate decline from 58 to 29 per 100,000.
- African American females experienced an increase from 11 to 17 per 100,000.
- Caucasian males had a slight decrease from 26 to 23 per 100,000.
- Caucasian females decreased from 16 to 10 per 100,000.
- The main substances involved in 2025 overdose deaths included fentanyl (57), methamphetamine (28), cocaine (15), ethanol (7), opiates (7), and fentanyl analogues (4). Polysubstance overdoses accounted for a smaller proportion in 2025 (46.2%) compared to 2024 (66.9%), indicating a shift toward more single-substance deaths.
- Overall, overdose mortality is trending downward, particularly among males and Caucasian females, but the rise in overdose deaths among African American females highlights a need for targeted interventions.
- Regarding suicide, there have been 79 deaths so far in 2025, compared to 96 in 2024, with an average of 90 per year. Suicide rates for males decreased from 28.3 to 20.3 per 100,000, and for females from 5.8 to 5.0. Six youth suicides occurred in 2025.

Suicide Rates by Race and Gender:

- African American males increased from 12 to 27 per 100,000.
- African American females slightly decreased from 6 to 5.4.
- Caucasian males decreased from 31 to 19.
- Caucasian females remained steady at 6 per 100,000.

B. YRBS Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences

- Beth Gracey, Children's Program Coordinator for the ADM Board began her YRBS Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences presentation.

- The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a cross-sectional surveillance tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track adolescent risk behaviors over time.
- Summit County Public Health (SCPH) and the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board (ADM) contracted with Case Western University Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods (PRCHN) to administer the YRBS in Summit County.
- In the 2023 school year, the YRBS was given to over 12,000 students in Summit County in grades 7th through 12th.
- Designed to monitor risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in adulthood. In Summit County, YRBS is collected every five years in both middle and high schools since 2013.
- Students that only experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences had the highest rates of depressive symptoms, suicide-related behaviors, and prescription medication misuse.
- Students that experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences, regardless of Positive Childhood Experiences, were more likely to engage in substance use, gambling, carrying weapons, and being involved in physical fights.
- Of those students with only Positive Childhood Experiences, 3.4% reported depressive symptoms.
- Of those students with only Adverse Childhood Experiences, 70.8% reported depressive symptoms.
- Summit County offers prevention programs such as early childhood mental health, school-based programming, afterschool programming, and youth-led prevention.

C. YRBS Gambling Data

- Beth Gracey, Children's Program Coordinator for the ADM Board went on to present YRBS Gambling Data. All students reported a decrease in gambling in the past 30 days.
- Akron middle school students reported an increase in internet gambling from 0.8% in 2018 to 2.1% in 2023.
- Akron high school students reported an increase in internet gambling from 0.7% in 2018 to 2.5% in 2023.
- Summit County high school students reported an increase in internet gambling from 1.1% in 2018 to 2.2% in 2023.

- Prevention programming efforts include CHC Addiction Services in Woodridge, Akron, and Barberton middle schools, as well as work by the Summit County Community Partnership. A grant was received to complete a community assessment, with both state and county reports expected by 12/31/25. There are plans to apply for future funding to implement the assessment's recommendations.

D. YRBS Investment Results

- In conclusion, Beth Gracey, Children's Program Coordinator for the ADM Board, closed her presentation by highlighting YRBS investments in Summit County. These include the ROX Program in the Barberton School District, ongoing ECMH collaboration efforts, and initiatives focused on violence prevention and youth in the City of Akron.

E. Center for Marketing and Research (CMOR) Poll Results Update

- Executive Director Wade presented follow-up data from CMOR Poll Results presented by staff at the previous meeting. As requested more respondent demographic information was provided. This data helps guide the ADM Board's messaging and community engagement efforts.

New Business

A. 2026 Committee Leadership

- Assurance Committee will need to plan for leadership transition in June 2026. Members were asked to consider and advise the current Chair of their interest.

B. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- After reviewing the tentative 2026 meeting dates, the committee decided to accept the dates offered.
- In addition, the Assurance Committee discussed potential topics for the 2026 meetings. The committee recommended conducting a poll before each Assurance Committee meeting to gather input on which discussion areas should be included on the agenda.

Comments from the Public

None

Adjournment

MOTION: Kimberly Huff

SECOND: Sylvia Trundle

That the SC ADM Board of Directors' Assurance Committee move to adjourn this meeting of Wednesday, October 1st, 2025.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm

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