



SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:30pm

SCPH Auditorium

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I. Call to Order

II. Swearing in of Dr. Tania Lodge by the Honorable Judge Alison Breaux

III. Approval of minutes from February 24, 2026 Board Meeting

IV. Board Education

A. Minority Behavioral Health Group Presentation - Pastor Jeff Dennis-CEO; Ciara Dennis-Morgan, PHD, PCC-S - Chief Clinical and Wellness Officer

V. Ownership, Linkage & Accountability

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

VI. Comments from Public and Announcements

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Committee Reports
 - 1. Executive Compensation Committee - Kimberly Huff, Chair
Last Meeting: Monday, March 9th and 23rd, 2026

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. None

X. New Business

- A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
 - 1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring

2. Policy 1.2 Public Awareness

a. Vote on Compliance

3. Policy 2.7 Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts

a. Vote on Compliance

XI. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, 2026, at 5:30pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.



Minutes for SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

02/24/2026 | 05:30 PM - 06:16 PM - 05:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada)

SCPH Auditorium

Attendees (13)

Chrissy Myers; Monica Andress (Shadow); Nyema Bedell (Shadow); Georgette Constantinou; Dr. Margaret J. Halter; Kimberly Huff; Henry Johnson; Jeannine Marks; James E. Merklin; Talia Powell (Shadow); Marc Lee Shannon; Stephen L Strayer; Sylvia Trundle

Committee Members Absent

Dietra Goggins (Shadow); Utomhin Okoh; Jack Diamond

ADM Board Staff Present

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

Other Parties Present

Brian Masturzo, Child Guidance & Family Solutions; Tracy Yaeger, PhD, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Tammy Jensen, Oriana House; Leslie Powlette Stoyer, Community Support Services; Donald Christian, AKRON – UMADAOP, INC; Sarah Swirsky, 91.3 FM The Summit; Catherine Blankenship, Coleman Health Services; Maseh Nchang, Trust Drum Circles; Jess Rist, IBH Addiction Recovery; Brian Harnak, Summit County Executive Office; Orlando Romine, Class 10 Diversity On Board, Monique Johnson, Class 10 Diversity On Board, Michelle White, Transcend Mental Behavior Group, LLC; Madeline Johnsten, Community Member

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair Chrissy Myers called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approval of minutes from January 27, 2026, Board Meeting

MOTION: Sylvia Trundle

SECOND: Kimberly Huff

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the minutes of the January 27th, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 2-26-01

Board Education

None

Ownership, Linkage & Accountability

A. Chair Report - Chrissy Myers, Board Chair

- Board Chair Myers reminded members of board and committee leadership changes in July. She requested that anyone interested in serving reach out her or the Vice Chair or Secretary for more information.
- Board Chair Myers reminded members that Board Monitoring remains a key component of our governance responsibilities and is an important part of Director Wade's annual evaluation process. She requested that if anyone is having issues accessing the board management system, that they reach out to herself or the Executive Assistance for support.
- Board Chair Myers reported that board education for 2026 is currently scheduled as follow:
 - **March 2026** Minority Behavioral Health Group (onsite)
 - **June 2026** Community Support Services (offsite)
 - **September 2026** Akron Children's Hospital (offsite)
 - **October 2026** Dr. Fred Frese Center (offsite)
- In conclusion Chair Myers reminded Board members to complete their meeting evaluation surveys, noting that a QR code is provided on the annotated agenda.

B. Executive Director Report - Aimee Wade, Executive Director

- Director Wade gave congratulatory accolades to Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations for 10 Years of service with the SC ADM Board.
- On March 3, 2026, Amy Woodland, Sylvia Trundle, and Director Wade will travel to Columbus for a meeting scheduled by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities with gubernatorial candidate, Amy Acton, on behalf of the County of Summit ADM Board. The purpose of the meeting will be to gain insight into her policy priorities and to emphasize the importance of advancing behavioral health

collaboration, partnership, funding, and data within a potential Acton administration. OACBHA will continue outreach to the Vivek Ramaswamy campaign. Both candidates are expected to have representation at the NAMI Ohio Conference this year.

- Director Wade has met with elected officials over the past month, include Representative Veronica Sims and a Legislative Aide from Congresswoman Emilia Sykes office to discuss the impact of pending legislation and communication, funding and data barriers to the local planning and provision of behavioral health services.
- Director Wade also met with Attorney Joan Englund, CEO of the Ohio Mental Health Advocacy Coalition (MHAC), of which the ADM Board are members, to review local and state legislative priorities.
- Director Wade has also met with the leadership of several local foundations to discussion funding priorities and opportunities for alignment on major initiatives the impact local funding.

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

- Dr. Smith began his report by thanking CSS for hosting the most recent CIT class.
- The CIT Program has undergone a review by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJCCOE) and expects a final report in the near future, ranking the program in the top two in the state.
- He also reported that the Summit County Outreach Team (SCOUT) expanded to two teams effective 2/11, with updated hours of Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Dr. Smith also report out on emerging ADHD research and studies highlighting potential advances in neuropsychiatric care, the increase in kratom related deaths in Ohio.

Comments from Public and Announcements

Amy Woodland, Manager of Communications, SC ADM Board

- Ms. Woodland announced that the Recovery Challenge is June 6th, 2026. The event will be held at IBH Addiction Recovery Services, Main Street Campus. We will be sharing an update in the coming weeks with exciting new changes planned for this year's challenge.

Sylvia Trundle, SC ADM Board, Board of Directors Member

- There was inquiry about the Women’s Positivity Conference, listed on the funding award list for a mini-grant. Staff shared about the mini-grant process and that more information could be shared with members if there was an interest in attending.

Henry Johnson Jr, SC ADM Board, Board of Directors Member

- Mr. Johnson acknowledged that participants Orlando Romine and Monique Johnson from Class 10 of the Diversity On Board Program were present and observing this evening’s meeting.

Consent Agenda

A. ADM Funding Awards Report

B. New Contracts & Authorization to Sign

MOTION: Margaret Halter, PhD

SECOND: Henry Johnson Jr

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for February 2026 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: 2-26-02

- Director Wade also followed up on the request that the agreement with Heart to Heart, Inc., for the Leadership Within ADM System cohort be double checked to make sure the agreement is entered into with the correct entity as it was believed that the agreement should be with United Way. This information was confirmed and the agreement was updated.

Committee Reports

1. Fiscal Oversight Committee - Marc Lee Shannon, Chair
 - Chair Marc Lee Shannon reported that Director Wade provided a summary of the monitoring report, including the interpretation and supporting data, for Policy 2.5, Financial Conditions and Activities.

- Associate Director of Operations Jen Peveich highlighted components of the supporting data for the report.
- There was one requested update to the report, and it was agreed that the report submission to the full BoD would be delayed until the next morning in the interest of the update.
- The Committee recommended updating Policy 2.4.3 to align with the revised cash-on-hand provisions in Policy 2.5, of not falling below 33%.
- There was inquiry and additional discussion regarding the BoD's current level of reserve, which was included in the February monitoring report and within reasonable range and compliance with the policy.

MOTION: ADM Board of Directors' Fiscal Oversight Committee

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors' Fiscal Oversight Committee recommend that we amend Policy 2.4.3 to be updated to reflect updated cash on hand language in Policy 2.5, of not falling below 33%.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 2-26-03

2. Assurance Committee - Margaret Halter, PhD, Chair

- Chair Margaret Halter, PhD reported that Kimberly Patton Associate Director of Clinical Services presented the annual residential treatment administrative discharge review, noting a consistent year-over-year increase in discharges. Behavioral concerns, particularly aggression and rule violations, remain the primary contributing factors. Staff continue coordinating with providers to ensure timely and complete discharge communication to ensure consistency of the data.
- The Committee requested additional data on total capacity and discharge percentages to better account for differences in program size.
- The Committee also reviewed the 2026 Areas of Interest survey and agreed to continue biannual reviews of suicide and overdose data, with youth suicide prevention metrics added to standard reports.
- In the alternate months, updates on recreational marijuana were requested.
- In conclusion the Committee discussed the upcoming July 2026 leadership transition. Chair Halter, PhD will connect with members interested in serving as the next Chair.

3. Executive Compensation Committee - Kimberly Huff, Chair

- The Executive Compensation Committee met on February 23, 2026, and discussed succession planning for Committee leadership with transition occurring July 1, 2026.
- Policy 4.5 Executive Director Employment and Compensation was reviewed, with no recommended changes.
- In conclusion the Committee then entered Executive Session to discuss the compensation of a public employee.
- The next meeting is to be determined.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
 - 1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
 - 2. Policy 2.5 Financial Conditions and Activities (December 31st, 2025)
 - a. Vote on Compliance

MOTION: James Merklin

SECOND: Sylvia Trundle

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 2.5 Financial Conditions and Activities.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 2-26-04

Adjournment

MOTION: Henry Johnson Jr

SECOND: Kimberly Huff

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Tuesday, February 24th, 2026.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 2-26-05

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:30pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.

The meeting ended at 6:16pm

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