



SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30pm

SCPH Auditorium

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SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30pm

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of minutes from April 28, 2026, Board Meeting

III. Board Education

Programs & Services Presentation – Jennifer Peveich and Kimberly Patton

IV. Ownership, Linkage & Accountability

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

V. Comments from the Public

VI. Consent Agenda

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

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Fiscal Oversight Committee- Marc Lee Shannon, Chair
Last Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026.
- B. Governance Committee - Dr. Margaret Halter, Chair
Last Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026.
- C. Assurance Committee - Dr. Margaret Halter, Chair
Last Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
- D. Executive Compensation Committee - Kimberly Huff, Chair
Last Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
 - 1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
 - 2. Policy 1.4 Prevention
 - a. Vote on Compliance

X. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 5:30pm, at Community Support Services.



Minutes for SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

04/28/2026 | 05:30 PM - 06:20 PM - 05:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada)

SCPH Auditorium

Attendees (15)

Chrissy Myers; Monica Andress (Shadow); Nyema Bedell (Shadow); Crystal Burnett; Jack Diamond; Dr. Margaret J. Halter; Kimberly Huff; Henry Johnson; James E. Merklin; Utomhin Okoh; Talia Powell (Shadow); Marc Lee Shannon; Stephen L Strayer; Sylvia Trundle; Dr. Tania Lodge

Committee Members Absent

Jeannine Marks; Dietra Goggins (Shadow)

ADM Board Staff Present

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

Other Parties Present

Sarah Swirsky, 91.3 FM The Summit; Laura Smiley, 91.3 FM The Summit; Tammy Jensen, Oriana House; Tracy Yaeger, PhD, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Valerie Kreider, Community; Ann Robson, Red Oak Behavioral Health; Cassandra Galloway, Child Guidance & Family Solutions; Donald Christian, AKRON – UMADAOP, INC; Brian Harnak, Summit County Executive Office; Jess Rist, IBH Addiction Recovery; Carol Klinger, IBH Addiction Recovery

Call to Order

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

Approval of minutes from March 24, 2026, Board Meeting

MOTION: Lt. Utomhin Okoh

SECOND: Marc Lee Shannon

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the minutes of the March 24th, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 4-26-01

Board Education

None

Ownership, Linkage & Accountability

A. Chair Report - Chrissy Myers, Board Chair

- Chair Myers acknowledged the resignation of Georgette Constantinou, effective March 25, 2026, and expressed appreciation for her service, noting that a certificate of recognition was sent via mail.
- She announced the appointment of Dr. Tania Lodge to the Assurance Committee.
- She also noted that, following discussion in the Governance Committee and updates to Policy 3.3 (Board Members' Code of Conduct), a summary of Board attendance and monitoring participation was included in the meeting materials to support transparency and accountability.
- Members were reminded to complete the Board meeting evaluation survey using the QR code provided on the annotated agenda.
- Finally, Chair Myers indicated that, based on the Governance Committee report and the update on 2026 conferences, a motion should be brought forward to the full Board in alignment with Policy 3.8 (Governance Investment).

B. Executive Director Report - Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations

- Ms. Peveich reminded the Board of the Dr. Fred Frese Residential Stepdown Center ribbon cutting and open house scheduled for May 12, 2026, from 3:00–5:00 PM and encouraged members to RSVP if attending.
- She then provided an ADM Behavioral Health Wellness Center update, noting the Board received two letters raising concerns and that Chair Myers was informed and kept updated throughout the review process. The Board previously approved Independence Construction (March 2026) for pre-construction consultation following a competitive process with four finalists, with final selection based on cost estimating, timeline, and project expertise. Following review with inside and outside legal

counsel, Ms. Peveich reported confidence in the integrity and transparency of the process and recommended proceeding as approved.

- Ms. Peveich also reported on the Primary Provider Model, sharing that a review by Mostly Medicaid evaluated crisis services, staffing, and payer mix to optimize reimbursement at the new facility. Three operational models were considered, with a single primary provider model selected for efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and enhanced focus on client care. Current providers, Oriana House and Portage Path, were given the opportunity to collaborate, and Portage Path Behavioral Health confirmed its commitment by the April 10, 2026, deadline and will serve as the primary provider.
- She further reported that the Ohioans to Protect Public Services Coalition has launched a public education campaign highlighting the potential impact of eliminating Ohio's property tax. The Coalition's website includes service-specific campaign materials, including those related to ADAMH Boards and behavioral health services, and a draft resolution has been provided for future Board discussion. Additional policy analyses and memos from the Ohio Office of Budget & Management, Policy Matters Ohio, the Tax Foundation, and Ohio Bond Counsels were also mentioned and shared.
- Chair Myers made the recommendation that the Board refer further discussion regarding the property tax resolution to the Governance Committee for additional consideration.
- She reported that ADM Board management and system agency leadership participated in April 16 sessions with Gallup consultants, focused on developing action plans based on staff engagement survey results.
- Finally, Ms. Peveich shared that Executive Director Wade was honored to receive the Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award on March 27, 2026, for distinguished service in social services and expressed appreciation to Board members, staff, family, and fellow recipients for their support.

C. Chief Clinical Officer Report

- Dr. Smith reported on the recent NAMI conference, noting that both Dr. Amy Acton and Vivek Ramaswamy were in attendance.
- Dr. Smith also noted new data indicating that suicide mortality among adolescents and young adults declined by approximately 11% following the rollout of the 988 Lifeline, suggesting an early positive impact.

- Dr. Smith shared upcoming community engagement opportunities, including the May Day Conference on May 1 at the Main Library in Akron, the “From Awareness to Action” suicide prevention event on May 19, the NAMI Walk on September 19 at the University of Akron, and the 13th Annual Integrated Care Conference on November 7, which will be held in Akron/Fairlawn and virtually.
- In conclusion he mentioned that May First is the May Day conference from 3-5pm at the main Akron public library. May 19th Dr Ridley will be speaking in the SCPH auditorium. NAMI Walks will be held September 19 at the University of Akron. We will once again have the ADaMS Family team for the event and Dr. Smith encouraged individuals who are interested to sign up and join the team.

Comments from Public and Announcements

Sarah Swirsky, 91.3 FM The Summit

- Sarah Swirsky of 91.3 FM The Summit provided an introduction to the Board, noting the presence of several new members. She invited attendees to upcoming community events, including an evidence-based yoga event, an Art Forward grant initiative, and the “Series for the City of Green” programming. She also highlighted the “Changing Arts Celebration” scheduled for May 16, 2026.

Tracy Yeager, PhD, Portage Path Behavioral Health

- Dr. Tracy Yeager, PhD, of Portage Path Behavioral Health announced the 4th Annual Golf Outing at Raintree, scheduled for Friday, June 26th.

Amy Woodland, Manager of Communications, SC ADM Board

- Ms. Woodland noted that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and highlighted related outreach and engagement activities. She announced the Circle of Hope Employee Day of Wellness event at Release Yoga in Green scheduled for May 17, 2026, and noted that the organization will also participate in the Recovery Challenge. She reminded members that Recovery Challenge forms are available, that a variety of vendors and partners will be present this year, and encouraged Board members to volunteer. She also noted that sponsorship information has been distributed.
- Ms. Woodland shared that the organization was awarded a grant to provide silicone wristbands featuring the 988 suicide prevention resource.
- She reported additional suicide prevention outreach efforts, including messaging on approximately 22,000 pizza boxes and advertising on bus boards.

- Board members were encouraged to participate in the Recovery Challenge by a Board member.
- In conclusion Ms. Woodland added that additional community event information will be distributed and reiterated encouragement for Board members to volunteer and engage in upcoming activities.

Consent Agenda

A. ADM Funding Awards Report

B. New Contracts & Authorization to Sign

MOTION: James Merklin

SECOND: Sylvia Trundle

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for March 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: 4-26-02

Committee Reports

Governance Committee - Dr. Margaret Halter, Chair

- Chair Halter reported on Board term limits, noting upcoming June 2026 expirations, one member not seeking reappointment, and one formal resignation. Recruitment updates included a Board Shadow applying for Board appointment effective July 1, with feedback submitted to the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health.
- She noted that Board attendance and engagement were reviewed with no corrective action, though continued inclusion of monitoring reports in Board materials was recommended.
- The Committee then reviewed 2026 conference opportunities. Chair Halter reported the recommendation for full Board approval for three individuals to attend the OACBHA Mental Health and Addiction Conference. It was also recommended that the Govern for Impact conference attendees be taken to the full Board for approval. Discussion included alignment with Policy 3.8 and a recommendation to amend

Policy 3.8 to formally include Board Shadows in Governance Investment opportunities.

- Planning for the 2026 Board training and retreat was discussed, with OACBHA confirmed as a participant and dates to be finalized.
- Chair Halter summarized policy review actions, including recommended amendments to Policy 3.3 to strengthen Board engagement expectations, no changes to Policies 3.5–3.7, and approval of the 2027 Board Prerogatives Budget of \$60,000 under Policy 3.8.
- She also clarified that hybrid meeting requirements are met when Board members participate virtually while staff are onsite, maintaining public access for in-person attendance.

MOTION: ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee recommends that Policy 3.3.10 and 3.3.11 be amended to address board member engagement via monitoring and meeting preparation.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 4-26-03

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 2027.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 4-26-04

MOTION: ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors' Governance Committee recommends that Policy 3.8 be amended to formally include Board Shadows in Governance Investment opportunities.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 4-26-05

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Halter

SECOND: James Merklin

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors' approve attendance and governance investment for the following board members to attend the Govern for Impact

Conference:

1. **Dr. Margaret Halter**
2. **James Merklin**
3. **Henry Johnson**
4. **Crystal Burnett**
5. **Utomhin Okoh**

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 4-26-06

Executive Compensation Committee - Kimberly Huff, Chair

- Chair Huff reported that Policy 4.5 Executive Director Employment and Compensation was reviewed, with no recommended changes.
- In conclusion the Executive Compensation Committee then convened to Executive Session to deliberate on the compensation of a public employee.

Unfinished Business

None

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: Crystal Burnett

SECOND: Jack Diamond

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: 4-26-07

Adjournment

MOTION: James Merklin

SECOND: Kimberly Huff

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Tuesday, April 28th, 2026.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed

RESOLUTION: 4-26-08

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30pm in the SC Public Health Auditorium.

The meeting ended at 6:20pm.

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