

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ROSTER - BACKGROUND / AFFILIATION DATA

As of July 25, 2018

ADAMHS Board of Director

Background / Affiliations / Appointing Authority Designation

Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D.

Psychologist with a private practice in Shaker Heights serving adolescents, adults and families. Adjunct Professor, Cleveland State University; Psychologist for NEON Health Services; Former Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Assistant Principal for Shaker Heights City Schools.

Elsie Caraballo

Care Manager, recently retired from Humana Cares, Independent Federal Grant Reviewer; educational background in Social Work & Community Services; retired also from her career with the Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services.

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.
Second Vice Chair

Chemical Engineer, retired as General Manager for a firm that provides refining catalyst manufacturing equipment to the oil industry. Dr. Fowler is a parent of an adult recovering from mental illness. Elected Board Second Vice Chair for FY2019-FY2020.

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.
Board Chairperson

Pastor of Heritage Institutional Baptist Church & C.E.O. of Ministerial Crisis Center, Board President of Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland. Elected to his first term as Board Chair, effective July 1, 2018.

Cassi Handler

Realtor for Howard Hanna; a former pre-school teacher and marketing assistant. Her passion is to change the current state of addiction and make a difference in the community as a result of her personal experiences being married to a man who became addicted to opiates and who passed away in July 2006.

Gwendolyn A. Howard
LSW, MSSA

Licensed Social Worker and instructor at the high school and college levels. Community affiliations include service as the Director of Christian Education and the Director of the Ministry of Hope at her church, participation on several boards including previous participation as a community representative on the Board's Faith-based Outreach Committee.

Pythias D. Jones, M.D.

Psychiatrist, recently retired from the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA,
CDCA, Board Vice Chair

Recently retired from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District as the Program Manager, Humanware/SEL Administrator. Previously served as ADAMHS Board Chair. Elected ADAMHS Board Vice Chair for FY2019-FY2020.

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**Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC
LPC-S, HLM (BATA)**

Counselor and Art Therapist in Psychiatry, Trauma Recovery and Community Relations at MetroHealth Medical Center for 31 years. Currently, runs an Art Therapy Counseling Program for vulnerable children. Served as a community representative for 4 years on the Board's Planning and Oversight Committee.

Steve Killpack, MS

Executive Director of Community Endeavors Foundation and Coordinator of Healthy Fathering Collaborative.

Max M. Rodas, M.A.

Chief Executive Officer of Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, an organization that provides assistance to individuals affected by poverty and health inequities both in Cleveland and Lorain.

Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA

Chief Operating Officer of Logic Junction, Cleveland for three years and Export Manager & Human Resource Director at General Electric for ten years. She has served on several non-profit Boards and currently works as an artist.

Hugh B. Shannon

Administrator with the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office. Broad experience in management and administration of government.

Harvey A. Snider, Esq.

Attorney at law; retired from the law firm of Kenen & Snider Co., L.P.A.; former President of NAMI-Ohio (June '05 thru June '09); advocate with NAMI Greater Cleveland. Mr. Snider is also a parent of an adult recovering from mental illness.

Mary M. Step, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Social & Behavioral Science at Kent State University. Previously held the position of Instructor in the Department of Family Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. Active member of the recovery community in Cleveland for over 20 years and served for 8 years as a community representative on the Board's Planning & Oversight Committee.