

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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ROSTER - BACKGROUND / AFFILIATION DATA

As of October 30, 2017

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. Serves as Nominating Committee Chair.

Erskine Cade, MBA

Partner at Strategic Health Care with 25 years of experience as a corporate lobbyist and business executive. He most recently served as Senior Vice President and Director of Government Relations for Cleveland-based Key Corporation; previously a 35-year career with the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. Mr. Cade has also chaired and served on many non-profit Boards.

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.
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. Serves as Planning & Oversight Committee Chair. Re-elected Board Vice Chair for FY2017-2018.

Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.

Pastor of Heritage Institutional Baptist Church & C.E.O. of Ministerial Crisis Center, Board President of Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland. Serves as Finance & Operations Committee Chair.

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.

Pythias D. Jones, M.D.
Second Vice Chair

Psychiatrist, recently retired from the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Center. Re-elected ADAMHS Board Second Vice Chair – for FY2017-FY2018.

Eugenia Kirkland, LSW, MSSA,
CDCA, Board Chairperson

Program Manager, Humanware, SEL Administrator, recently retired from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Re-elected ADAMHS Board Chairperson for FY2017-FY2018.

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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. Serves as Finance & Operations Committee Vice Chair.

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

Director of telecommunications company, Metrofibre South Africa; also works as an investor for a family office, leads several community organizations & committees and continues to paint oil portraits. Sharon lives in recovery from mental illness and uses her experience to help others.

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. Serves as Community Relations & Advocacy Committee Chair.

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 has served for 8 years as a community representative on the Board's Planning & Oversight Committee

Ericka L. Thoms

Policy Analyst for The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, responsible for setting up its Governmental Relations Program. Serves as the Finance and Operations Committee Vice Chair.