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### **ADAMHS Board Elects New Slate of Officers**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO – At its June General Meeting, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County elected a new slate of officers for the term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

**Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA**, was re-elected to Chair; **J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D.**, was re-elected to Vice Chair, and **Pythias D. Jones, MD**, was elected to Second Vice Chair.

- **Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA, Chair**, is the Humanware/Social Emotional Learning Manager, Administrator External Supports for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. She has worked on behalf of young people in our communities since 1999. She previously served as the Executive Director of Youth and Support Services/External Humanware Administrator for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. Ms. Cash has over 25 years of social work experience and formerly served as a social worker with Meridia SouthPointe/Meridia in Euclid, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and MetroHealth Medical Center. She also worked with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services. She is affiliated with the Women’s Christian Ministry of the Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church and once served on the Office of Urban Health Advisory Board.

“I have served diligently and passionately in my role as Chair and I’m honored by the recognition and support of my Board Members to be able to continue to lead this organization and provide quality mental health, addiction and recovery services in Cuyahoga County,” stated Ms. Cash. “My passion, dedication, commitment and my experience with advocacy remain my strength and source of empowerment in my continued role as Chair to ensure that we improve the lives of individuals living with mental illness and addiction, eliminate the stigma associated with these brain diseases, encourage individuals to seek help and eliminate barriers to treatment and recovery support services.”

Ms. Cash is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

- **J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Vice Chair**, is a retired engineering manager who at various points in his career was employed by the Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company of Cleveland, several engineering contractors at NASA’s Lewis/Glenn Research Center and by a small business in Parma known as JMP Industries. He holds a BSChE degree from the University of Louisville, and MS and PhD degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Toledo.

Dr. Fowler said, “When my son, Scott, was diagnosed with a severe mental illness after completing his BA in Economics at John Carroll University, it was recommended that our family join a weekly group therapy session at the Far West Center in Westlake. His recovery has been truly remarkable and he completed his MA. I am honored to have been selected as Vice Chair of the ADAMHS Board by my colleagues, and I look forward to working with Ms. Cash, Dr. Jones, all of the Board and our staff to continue to provide the best possible services to the citizens of Cuyahoga County who suffer from mental illnesses and alcohol, drug and other addictions.”

Dr. Fowler is a resident of Seven Hills, Ohio.

- **Pythias D. Jones, MD, Second Vice Chair**, retired as a Psychiatrist for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2015 and has served on the ADAMHS Board as the Chair of the Planning and Oversight Committee and member of the Finance Committee. He is affiliated with the Cleveland Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the Cleveland Psychiatric Society, the Cleveland Academy of Medicine and the Ohio State Medical Association.

Dr. Jones said, "I am eager serve the ADAMHS Board as Second Vice Chair. I will assist the Board in planning and making decisions about integrated physical and mental health care for individuals living with mental illness and/or addictions. I am honored to be nominated by my fellow Board Members and will work hard to ensure the voices of our clients are heard locally as well as at the federal level."

Dr. Jones is a resident of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

**William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer**, stated, "The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is governed by a very distinguished and passionate Board of Directors. On behalf of my staff and the community that we serve, under the leadership of our Board Members, I am confident in our ability to continue our mission to destigmatize mental illness and addiction, ensure quality services and provide a seamless and integrated system of care."

The volunteer Board of Directors has the legal responsibility and authority for the planning, funding and monitoring of community mental health and alcohol and other addiction treatment services in Cuyahoga County delivered through its network of provider agencies. Under Ohio law, the ADAMHS Board is one of 50 Boards coordinating the public behavioral health system in Ohio.

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**Editor's Note:** Photos of the newly elected slate of officers and all of the ADAMHS Board of Directors are posted on the Board's Web site at: <http://adamhsc.org/en-US/board-members.aspx>