

Join the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting on May 10

You are cordially invited to attend the 2021 ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting on Monday, May 10, from 11:00 a.m. to noon. This virtual celebration will include addresses by **Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr.**, Board Chair, and **Scott S. Osiecki**, CEO, as well as a presentation of this year's Helping Hands Awards and acceptance of the 2020 Annual Report. Please RSVP at bit.ly/ADAMHS2021 to attend the celebration.



Final Preparations Underway for the Opening of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center

The **Cuyahoga County Diversion Center** is set to open its doors in April 2021. ADAMHS Board staff has been busy preparing alongside Cuyahoga County government and other partners.

The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center will provide an alternative to incarceration for people living with mental illness and/or addiction who have an interaction with law enforcement regarding a low-level offense. This option will provide treatment instead of jail, and will be a tool for law enforcement officers.

On March 16, the ADAMHS Board held an all-provider meeting to discuss agency involvement with the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. Success of the Diversion Center and the individuals it serves depends on active partnership with community agencies. The group discussed follow-up care services that may be utilized by clients upon discharge.

The ADAMHS Board training unit continues to provide monthly 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings for law enforcement officers, as well as CIT refresher trainings and dispatch trainings. In February, 47 officers received the 40-hour training, 14 attended refresher training and 20 dispatchers were trained.

For more information about the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center, visit adamhsc.org/diversioncenter.



Crystal L. Bryant,
ADAMHS Board Member

Board Member Crystal Bryant Named New Executive Director of NAACP Cleveland Chapter

The ADAMHS Board would like to congratulate Board Member **Crystal L. Bryant, Esq., MS, LSW**, on being selected as the new Executive Director of Cleveland's chapter of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**. Ms. Bryant was previously Director of the **Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry**.

In a statement Ms. Bryant said, "I don't know if there is one word that can describe the excitement I feel for the opportunity to serve as the NAACP's next Executive Director. The work of the NAACP is now and will forever be instrumental in trailblazing and advancing social justice efforts for Black and Brown people. To play a vital role in what I call legacy work that has the capability to provide for and inspire future generations can only be described as destiny."

Public Health Commissioners Receive OACBHA Partner Award

In a virtual ceremony, the **Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA)** presented its 2020 President's Partnering for Quality Award to the **Association of Ohio Health Commissioners**. The recognition includes the **Cleveland Department of Public Health** and **Cuyahoga County Board of Health** for their contributions to confronting COVID-19. The ADAMHS Board joins OACBHA in thanking our public health partners for their efforts to protect our residents during the pandemic.

Kevin Fischer to Speak on the Power of Advocacy

The next Eliminating Structural Racism in Behavioral Health Work Group meeting was **moved to the second Monday** and will be held on **April 12 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** The July and September meetings will also be held the second Monday of those months because of holidays. At this meeting, **Kevin Fischer**, Executive Director of **NAMI Michigan**, will discuss the power of advocacy.

Join the meeting at bit.ly/esrbhwcwg. This is a recurring meeting and the Zoom link is the same for each.

Meeting ID: 863 0230 3039
Passcode: 915826

Thank You, Focus Group Participants!

The ADAMHS Board would like to thank the individuals who volunteered their time to participate in a focus group for the NAMI Collaborative Community Awareness Campaign on March 16. Individuals in recovery from mental health and/or substance use disorders, family members, behavioral health care professionals and other community members came together to help strengthen the campaign messages and images.

The ADAMHS Board is partnering with **NAMI Greater Cleveland** and the **Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC)** as well as many other partners on this community awareness campaign. If your agency would like to be involved, please contact **Joe Wilbert** at JWilbert@namicleveland.org.



To everything there is a time and a purpose

At the March Planning and Oversight meeting, **Seasons of Hope** presented on their safe house for women.

Katie Kern-Pilch, ADAMHS Board Second Vice Chair, created the piece of artwork (pictured left) hanging in the home. The top reads, "To everything there is a time and a purpose."

Free Trainings Available

The ADAMHS Board is offering free trainings made possible through State Opioid Response (SOR) funding. Trainings are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and participants can earn three CEUs/RCHs. Registration required, at the links below.

April 13: Opiate & Stimulant Misuse in the Black Community
oudafricanamericancommunity.eventbrite.com

April 16: Opioid Use Disorder: A Closer Look and a Better Solution
oudacloserlook.eventbrite.com

May 19: The Emergence & Impact of Peer Support in the Community
emergenceofpeersupport.eventbrite.com

May 24: Racial Trauma and Resiliency
racialtraumaresiliency.eventbrite.com

June 17: Opiate Addiction and the Family
opiateaddictionandfamily.eventbrite.com

June 28: Intersectionality of Race and Substance Use Disorder
intersectionalityofrace.eventbrite.com

In the News

- **Scott S. Osiecki**, CEO, contributed to a **Cleveland.com** story on the need for increased funding for mental health and substance use disorder treatment services. The story was featured on the front page of the Sunday Plain Dealer. View the story at bit.ly/mhsudfunding.
- **WCPN Ideastream** did a story on the Cuyahoga County Warmline operated by **Thrive Behavioral Health**. Scott was interviewed with staff and a peer supporter who answers Warmline calls. The Warmline can be reached 24-hours a day, seven days a week by calling 440-886-5950.

Scott S. Osiecki, CEO, Serves as Leadership Cleveland Human Services Day Panelist

On March 4, **Scott S. Osiecki**, CEO, was a panelist for **Leadership Cleveland's Human Services Day** along with **Jonathan Lee** from **Signature Health** and **Michael Biscaro** from **St. Vincent Charity Medical Center**. **Joan Englund** from the **Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC)** served as moderator. The group discussed the business case for ensuring people have access to behavioral health care and the importance of addressing stigma in the workplace. Panelists educated the business community on how to advocate for behavioral health care in their companies and shared resources. The event was held at the Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse and was also available to participants virtually.

Our Stories, Our Healing Video Series

The **Cuyahoga County Board of Health, A Vision of Change, Creating Greater Destinies** and the **ADAMHS Board** launched a video series titled *Our Stories, Our Healing* as part of an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) grant from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**. This series aims to raise awareness through storytelling by community members who have overcome traumas and found healing. Mental health, substance use disorders and domestic violence are a few of the topics that will be explored throughout the series.

The goal of the series is that viewers will know that they are not alone in the traumas they have endured, and that healing is possible at any stage of life.

These conversations cover issues that may be emotionally triggering for viewers. Content warnings and resources will be shared during each video.

The first episode will be released on March 26 at noon and can be found on the ADAMHS Board's social media accounts @ADAMHSBoardCC.

Welcome New Staff Members!

Nancy Mundy joined the ADAMHS Board staff on March 1, as the Clinical Adult Utilization Review Specialist. Nancy served as a Deputy Sheriff for 25 years. During that time, she returned to school to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and become a Registered Nurse (RN). After, she worked full time as a Deputy and an RN, mainly in the psychiatric and substance abuse fields and most recently in the emergency department. She also has experience working with group homes to provide in-home care.



Nancy Mundy

Nancy is excited to serve clients in her new position and looks forward to gaining knowledge regarding the population we serve. Outside of work, Nancy enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren and “fur babies.”

Nancy can be reached at mundy@adamhsc.org.

Woo S. Jun, Esq., joined the ADAMHS Board staff on March 8, as the Director of Risk Management and will be responsible for evaluating and managing the organization’s legal issues. He is a licensed attorney and has worked in the public sector for the last six years in compliance and risk management for **Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)** and the **City of Cleveland**. He is excited to work for an organization that focuses on matters related to substance use disorders and mental health as he saw the devastating impact of such disorders on housing and other matters when he worked for CMHA.



Woo S. Jun, Esq.

He is originally from Atlanta but came to Cleveland to attend law school at **Cleveland State University**. He enjoys taking walks, listening to music and podcasts, and playing with his cat.

Woo can be reached by email at jun@adamhsc.org.

Jocelyn Weems joined the ADAMHS Board staff on March 15, as a CIT Training Officer. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from **Bowling Green State University**. Some of her experience includes working for the **Lorain County Prosecutor’s Office** as a Victim Witness Advocate and most recently working for **NAMI Greater Cleveland** as a Community Outreach and Education Coordinator. She strives to help end stigma around mental health and substance abuse and believes that education plays a critical role. That is why she is excited to join the ADAMHS Board Education and Training unit.



Jocelyn Weems

She and her family are big football fans, but their house is divided. Her husband is a Cleveland Browns fan and she roots for the Pittsburgh Steelers. They find common ground in their fantasy football league, of which Jocelyn is the reigning champion. She also enjoys baking with her three kids and reading a good book.

Jocelyn can be reached at weems@adamhsc.org.

**“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.
Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”**

Marie Curie, first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize, 1867-1934

Community News

Pam Bouyer Named New Clinical Director for the Women’s Recovery Center

Pam Bouyer has been with the **Women’s Recovery Center** since 2001. She was the primary evening counselor before serving as Interim Clinical Director, and now Clinical Director. Congratulations to Ms. Bouyer on her many years of service and new role!

Thrive Peer Support is Seeking Outreach Partners

In April, **Thrive Peer Support** is launching a harm reduction outreach effort in the community. This effort, supported by the ADAMHS Board, will specifically target areas with high overdose rates to supply Narcan and fentanyl testing strips. Peer support and other recovery supports will also be available.

If your organization would like to be involved, Thrive is looking for locations to distribute these resources monthly. Please contact **Bethany Friedrichsen** at bfriedrichsen@thrivepeersupport.com or 440-781-5065 if your organization has space to offer for an event.

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