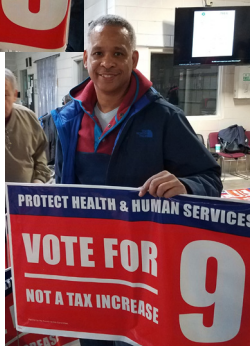
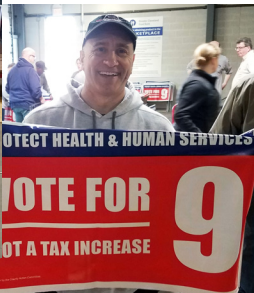


Health & Human Services: Issue 9

Issue 9, the Health and Human Services Levy, protects services to citizens throughout Cuyahoga County with programs for children, seniors, and families. Last year, more than 200,000 people in our county used one of the programs supported by the Levy.



Scott Osiecki, CEO and **Beth DeJesus**, External Affairs Officer, were at the **Issue 9 Kick-off Event** on March 22 at MetroHealth Medical Center. **Scott, Chis Morgan**, Resource Specialist and **his wife Kristen; Esther Hazlett**, Accountant I and **her friend John** participated in



the **Yard Sign making bonanza** at the Greater Cleveland Foodbank. Representatives from **Ascent, EDEN** and **Murtis Taylor** also participated.

Issue 9 is NOT a tax increase! Issue 9 protects critical services throughout Cuyahoga County, including programs to:

- Secure counseling and treatment programs for children and adults living with mental illness, opioid, and drug and alcohol addiction.
- Ensure home health care, meals and support services for seniors.
- Provide early childhood and pre-school education so kids enter school ready to learn.
- Maintain emergency services like the Level One Trauma, Burn Center and Life Flight, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at MetroHealth Medical Center.



- Keep crisis services for our most vulnerable citizens, whenever the need arises.

Issue 9 Yard Signs and literature can be picked up from the ADAMHS Board. The **ADAMHS Board will also be hosting phone banks** beginning on **Monday, April 9 through Thursday, May 3**. These phone banks will be held each week from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday. We have room for 20 volunteers each night. Organizations may also host a phone bank and their location.

For additional information on the phone bank or other volunteer opportunities, contact **Beth DeJesus**, External Affairs Officer, via e-mail at dejesus@adamhsc.org or phone at 216-241-3400 ext. 812. You can also visit the Issue 9 website: <http://cuyahogahhs.org>.

Highlights: ADAMHS in the News & Out & About

Scott Osiecki's first public Appearance as CEO was on March 1 at Coffee with the County. He was a member of a panel along with County Councilwoman Yvonne M. Conwell (District 7) and Richard Jones, Ph.D., Division of Senior and Adult Services. He and the other Panelists shared about their programs and the importance of the HHS Levy.

Scott publicly thanked Kevin Love for speaking out about mental illness and his personal experience. He was interviewed for Cleveland.com and was on-air at Channel 19 on *Unwired* and the 11:00 p.m. news on March 7.

Scott paid tribute to Valeria Harper at the Case Western Reserve University National Association (NASW) of Social Worker's Conference on March 9. **Larry Heller, a member of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee** was presented with the NASW Ohio Chapter **Emerging Leader of the Year Award**.

Linda Torbert, Children's Behavioral Health Administrator **accepted an award recognizing the great work of Valeria Harper** during a March 11 event at the Division of Children and Family Services as part of National Social Work Month.

Scott joined Justin Herdman, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, on the March 20 PBS/TV show, *Ideas*, to review President Trump's opioid speech and discuss if the plans will make a difference in the fight to reduce the opioid epidemic.



Larry Heller, member of the MHRAC, received the NASW Emerging Leader Award on March 9.

First Responder Appreciation Week April 9 - 16: "Bringing Help, Bringing Hope"

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Office of the Attorney General and ADAMHS Boards across the state are partnering to have a **Week of Appreciation for all First Responders dealing with the Opioid Crisis.**

During the "Bringing Help, Bringing Hope." appreciation week, communities throughout Ohio will address the opiate epidemic and to specifically show appreciation to frontline workers.

Our local activities involve, social media interviews with first responders; a resolution from our Board and the Governor of Ohio in support of the appreciation week, and a special celebration at the **Heroin to Hope event in Lakewood on April 17 with Project SOAR.** We are **looking for volunteers** to help us facilitate our plans for the appreciation week from all areas of Cuyahoga County. If you want to help the ADAMHS Board celebrate this week, please **contact Beth DeJesus** at dejesus@adamhsc.org, or **Derrick Kirklen** at kirklen@adamhsc.org.

Living Miracles & New Directions Honor Myra Henderson

Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Specialist, LISW-S, is being honored on **Thursday, March 29** at the **Living Miracles and Future Directions Open House.** Myra played a vital role in helping the organization find their new space at **2070 W. 117th in Lakewood.** Join us in congratulating Myra and thanking Living Miracles and New Directions for their commitment to our community!

The open house will take place on March 29, at the new location from 2-4 pm. The Award celebration is at 3 pm.

Making Change with Change - CVCC Students donate to the ADAMHS Board

Students at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) held a student-led fundraiser rather than a walk-out on March 24. The students **raised \$1,600** and are donating **\$800** of it to the ADAMHS Board. **Tonya Birney**, Prevention Planning Specialist, and **Maggie Spellman**, Children's Behavioral Health Specialist will be at the school on March 29 to listen to student presentations and accept the donation!

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need."

--Khalil Gibran

3rd Annual Heroin to Hope Event

The **3rd annual Heroin To Hope** event will take place on **April 17 from 6:00pm-9:00 p.m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church** (15700 Detroit Ave., Lakewood). The community conversation will focus on Project SOAR (and first responders).

Project SOAR (Supporting Opioid Addiction Recovery) is a collaborative community response to the opioid public health crisis. The **City of Lakewood, ADAMHS Board, Woodrow Project** and **Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Emergency Department** work collaboratively to offer a peer support model in order to reduce overdoses and deaths to overdoses, provide rapid access to treatment & recovery support, and create a community based model to be replicated in other municipalities.

Stand Up Together Ohio: An Evening of Comedy Honoring Nick Ramsey

The ADAMHS Board in partnership with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and Comedy Connected are hosting **Stand Up Together Ohio, An Evening of Comedy Honoring the Life of Nick Ramsey** - who died by suicide. This event will take place on **July 21**, at the **Lakewood Civic Auditorium** (14100 Franklin Blvd, Lakewood) from 4: 00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. **Together, we can Stand Up and Change the Conversation about mental illness and suicide!** More than 50 comedians will perform on three stages throughout the event and the headliner is Bill Squires, co-host of the Allen Cox Show. Mental Health and suicide prevention agencies will be on hand with information.

Show tickets (\$35 each) and **raffle tickets** (\$25 each or 5 for \$100) are on sale now at www.standuptogetherohio.com. **Raffle prizes include a '18 Ford Mustang and a '17 Harley Davidson.** Proceeds will benefit suicide prevention efforts in Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio. Donations in any amount will be accepted!

Behavioral Health Service Providers are eligible for a special sponsorship in the amount of \$100. Provider sponsorships can be purchased on the ADAMHS Board website: www.adamhsc.org. (Calendar of Events or Suicide Coalition Page) **Corporate Sponsorships** are also available (\$500- \$10,000). Contact Jeff for more information: Jeff@StandUpTogetherOhio.com.

Media interested in covering this event can **contact Beth DeJesus**, External Affairs Officer, at dejesus@adamhsc.org, 216-241-3400 ext. 812.

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