

Art, Awards and A Year of Change - The 2018 Annual Meeting

CEO Scott S. Osiecki kicked off the 2018 Annual Meeting with a video reflecting an incredible year of change for the ADAMHS Board. He paid special tribute to his mentors and former leaders of the ADAMHS Board, William Denihan and the late Valeria A. Harper. Scott called on the community to continue its strategic partnerships, which are building a stronger and more resilient behavioral healthcare system in Cuyahoga County. With nearly 400 people in attendance and 40-plus pieces of artwork on display, the event at LaCentre Westlake on May 14 was a wonderful success.

Scott shared his vision for the ADAMHS Board stating: “My vision is to work collectively to create a system of care that is guided by wisdom and in which the decisions made are supported with data while keeping clients best interests in the forefront. A system that supports collaborative community efforts, partnerships with managed care organizations, and compassion and hope for all people living with mental illness and/or addictions. Finally, a system that is appropriately funded to meet treatment and recovery needs.”



Nearly 400 people attended the 2018 ADAMHS Board Annual Meeting and more than 40 pieces of art were displayed in the annual Client Art Show and Contest.

Helping Hands Awards were developed to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations that embody the Board’s mission, have positively impacted the lives of people living with mental illness and/or addiction and helped to alleviate stigma in Cuyahoga County. These Awards were presented to ten talented and compassionate individuals in the Cuyahoga County Recovery Oriented System of Care.

◆ **John Lisy, Executive Director of Shaker Heights Youth Center**, for his distinguished career, and tireless advocacy and support related to prevention services for youth in Cuyahoga County.

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John Lisy (left), pictured with Dorothy Hillaire (rt), received a Helping Hands Award for his advocacy and suicide prevention efforts for our youth.

ADAMHS Board Chair Eugenia Kirkland Honored at Annual Meeting

Board Chair Eugenia Kirkland will wrap up her term in July 2018. Scott honored Mrs. Kirkland for her “exemplary leadership, unwavering commitment, heartfelt compassion and years of dedicated service to the behavioral health community.” Ms. Kirkland is finishing up her second term as Board Chair, a position she has held since July 1, 2014. She will remain on the Board of Directors.

During her remarks Mrs. Kirkland shared about how much the system has changed over the year. She said, “Change isn’t always easy, but it is always happening. On behalf of all of us on the ADAMHS Board, we thank you for your continued partnership, support during these incredible transformations and work to turn our behavioral healthcare system into one of the best in the nation. As Chair of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County I can tell you that we have become stronger because of our collaboration. Let’s continue to grow and change together while we support all members of our community and their families who need us most.”

Mrs. Kirkland called the meeting to order and asked Board members to accept the 2017 Annual Report.



Board Chair Eugenia Kirkland and CEO Scott Osiecki posing to show off Mrs. Kirkland’s award from the Board for her years of dedicated service.



Mrs. Kirkland called the Annual Meeting to order.



Eugenia Kirkland, Board Chair, graciously accepts her award.

[The Lifetime Achievement Award - Mr. Michael Baskin, NAMI Greater Cleveland](#)

Michael Baskin, the Executive Director of NAMI of Greater Cleveland was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award for his tireless dedication and lifelong commitment to serving individuals living with mental illness and their families in the Cuyahoga County community.

For the past 13 years, Mr. Baskin has served as the Executive Director of NAMI Greater Cleveland. During that time, he has led with compassion and flexibility to navigate significant changes affecting the mental health community in the Greater Cleveland area. Mr. Baskin's compassion and empathy are unending, and he has provided so much support to members of our community. If you see Mr. Baskin, please congratulate him on this award and his upcoming retirement.



Michael Baskin thanks his family and staff for their support over the years while accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award



(l-r) Board Chair Eugenia Kirland, Michael Baskin and CEO Scott Osiecki pose with Mr. Baskin as he receives his award.



Mr. Baskin with his wife, staff and Board Members from NAMI Greater Cleveland.

[More Photos from our Annual Meeting, May 14, 2018. LaCentre Westlake](#)



Awards (continued from Page 1)

◆ **Brian Bailys, Founder of Ascent**, for his programming innovation with the Ascent App and AscentED programs, which are changing lives and supporting sustained recovery in our community.

◆ **OhioGuideStone, Mr. Frank, Dr. Kearney and Rev. Jacobs**, for creating a Spiritual Assessment tool to be used agency wide and for integrating spirituality into Ohio GuideStone's new line of Therapeutic Behavioral Services.



Brian Bailys (Center) accepts his Helping Hands Award for his innovative programming the Ascent App and AscentED. He is joined by Board Member Dr. Pythias Jones (Lft) and CEO Scott Osiecki (rt).

◆ **Natalie Jernigan, LPCC-S, The Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health**, for award for her exemplary work with Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and compassion.



Natalie Jernigan (center) with Board Member Sharon Rosenbaum after receiving the Helping Hands Award for her work with our clients.

◆ **Nicholas Wieder, CQI Manager, Community Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS)**, for his outstanding evaluation work and collaboration with the Board in the implementation and pilot of the Brief Addiction Monitor (BAM) outcomes instrument.

◆ **Erin Siffin, Billing Specialist, Stella Maris**, for her outstanding collaboration with the Board in the implementation and piloting of the Shared Healthcare and Recovery Enterprise System (SHARES) software.

◆ **Cuyahoga County Probate Court, Judge Gallagher and other Probate Court Judges and Staff**, for their exemplary efforts in bringing Assisted Outpatient Treatment to Cuyahoga County and illustrating continued compassion and care for the clients served in our community.

◆ **Life Exchange Center, Dr. Potts and Debora McDonald**, for the organization's outstanding collaboration with the ADAMHS Board and providing the integration of recovery support services within the Transitional Youth Housing Program.

◆ **Robin R. Martin, Cuyahoga County Family and Children First Council (FCFC)**, for her tremendous efforts enhancing and improving integration within the children's system, as well as for ensuring care coordination among system partners so that the children of Cuyahoga County can continue to



Board member Harvey Snider (left) presented the Helping Hands Award to Ms. Erin Siffin (right) for her work on SHARES.



Board Member Katie Kern-Pilch (left) presented the Helping Hands Award to the Life Exchange Center, which was accepted by Dr. Martha Potts and Debora McDonald.



Robin Martin (Center) received the Helping Hands Award from Board Member Elsie Caraballo and CEO Scott Osiecki.



(l-r) Board Member Rev. Max Rodas, Rev. Andrea Jacobs and CEO Scott Osiecki. Rev. Jacobs accepted the Helping Hands Award on behalf of Ohio GuideStone.



Board Member Dr. Bob Fowler (left) presented Mr. Nicholas Wieder (right) with his Helping Hands Award.



Judge Gallagher accepted the Helping Hands Award on behalf of the Cuyahoga County Probate Court. She is joined by Board Member Ericka Thoms, who presented the award, and CEO Scott Osiecki.

receive the best treatments and supports needed to thrive within the community.

◆ **Mary Riviotta, Cuyahoga Jobs and Family Services**, for her outstanding commitment to resolving urgent Medicaid issues for our clients and her collaboration with the ADAMHS Board. Ms. Riviotta was unable to attend the meeting to accept her award, so she is not pictured.

Client Art Show/Contest Results

More than 40 pieces of artwork were displayed at this year's client art show and contest during our Annual Meeting on May 14. There was a beautiful array of art and the top three pieces, as voted on by the attendees, were:

1st Place – “Blessed Be – a Tribute to Trayvon” by John D.

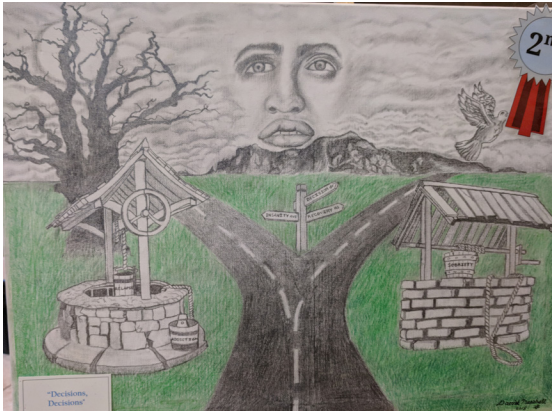
2nd Place – “Decisions, Decisions” by Daniel M.

3rd Place – “The Addicts Chair” by Marty B.

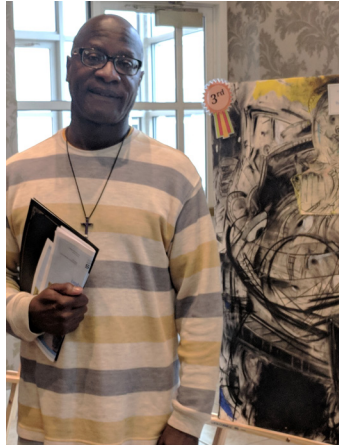
Special thanks to Cheryl Pete, from Art Therapy Studio for donating classes to our top three art show winners, who also received gift cards from the ADAMHS Board!



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3rd Place: “The Addict's Chair” by Marty B.

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
~ Margaret Mead**



Staff from Salvation Army toured the art show and then posed for a photo.

2018 Behavioral Health & Human Services Career Fair

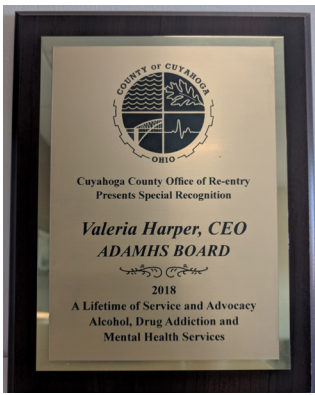
The ADAMHS Board hosted its fourth annual **Behavioral Health and Human Services Career Fair** on Monday, May 21, at the Cleveland Airport Marriott.

This year's fair included participation from more than 40 agencies and area nonprofits that were seeking candidates for various positions. Nearly 150 job seekers brought resumes and explored the wide employment, internship and volunteer opportunities in the mental health, addiction, recovery, treatment and human services fields. Many individuals left the event with scheduled job interviews.

Special thanks to Tami Fischer, Chief Administrative Officer; Vicki Roemer, Administrative Assistant II and members of the ADAMHS Board/ Agency Human Resources Committee for making this event a success.



[Valeria A. Harper Honored Posthumously at The Office of Re-entry's 6th Annual Public Meeting](#)



The late Valeria A. Harper, through her work with the ADAMHS Board, was an advocate for individuals returning to Cuyahoga County after incarceration. The Office of Reentry honored her for her service and advocacy at its “Not Just Returning, but Advancing” 6th annual public meeting, which was held on Thursday, April 26. Linda Torbert, Director of Prevention & Children’s Programs accepted the award on behalf of the late Ms. Harper.

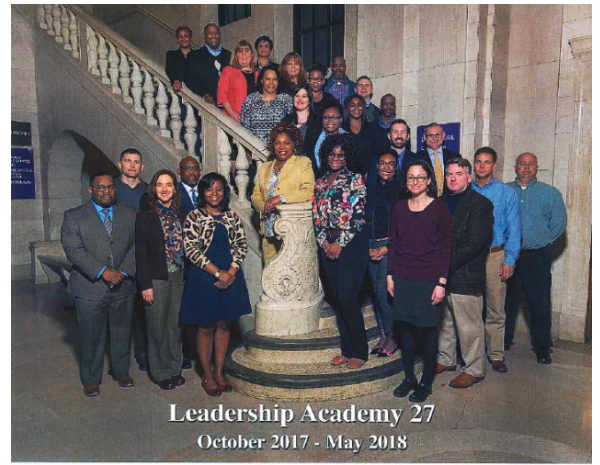
Crystal Bryant of the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry said Reentry Week is held to bring awareness to the fact that: “In Cuyahoga County, well over 4,000 restored citizens return home every year from local jails, state and federal prisons. Many individuals who have had an encounter with the criminal justice system, have paid their debt to society but are consistently faced with obstacles stemming from their incarceration such as; inability to obtain a career, stable housing, adequate health care, quality education, and even the right to vote.” Bringing awareness to this issues can foster opportunity in our community.

[Tonya Birney Graduated from the Leadership Academy](#)

Tonya Birney, ADAMHS Board Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, is a member of the 27th Graduating Class of the Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy is the premier professional development program within the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, and one of the longest-running programs in the region for leadership development.

Each cohort completes a project that will help benefit the community. This class created the Caring Closet, which stores collected personal care products to distribute to school children in need.

Congratulations, Tonya! Welcome to the long list of Leadership Academy graduates who work for the ADAMHS Board.



[ADAMHS Board is Honored with the Champion for Recovery Award by the Women’s Recovery Center](#)

Thank you to the Women’s Recovery Center for honoring the ADAMHS Board with the Champion for Recovery Award on May 3, at the Miracles of Recovery Breakfast. CEO Scott Osiecki graciously accepted the award and said, “Recovery is the outcome we are all working toward. Thank you to everyone in this room who is helping us to achieve it.”

The beautiful celebration included a Keynote from Judge Joan Synenberg, who stated, “Angels come in all forms - judges, police officers, treatment providers, friends, family and people living in recovery. We can all do our parts to end the stigma surrounding addiction and treat it like the illness it is.”

A touching story was told by the parents of a woman who is now living in recovery. Their story walked through the difficulties of parenting someone who is struggling through addiction and what it is like to celebrate her recovery now. They said, “It takes a village. Thank you for being our village.”

The event was held at the Stillwater Place in the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo.

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ADAMHS Board staff, Board Members and Chair, and CEO Osiecki pose with Mary Jane Chichester, Executive Director of the Women’s Recovery Center.

[Toolkit with Tips for Talking to Adolescents about 13 Reasons Why Season 2](#)

Season two of Netflix's 13 Reasons Why was released Friday, May 18. This very popular series will, once again, generate significant media attention as well as questions and discussions among our youth, parents and educators. Suicide Awareness Voices of Educators (SAVE) lead an international coalition of experts, which created a toolkit to help all of us talk about 13 Reasons Why.

The 13 Reasons Why Toolkit is available at:

<https://www.13reasonswhytoolkit.org/>

[Are You a Parent or Guardian of a Teen or Young Adult with Autism?](#)

Consider participating in a research study at Case Western Reserve University about experiences of families caring for teens or young adults (age 16-30) with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Information from the study can help create programs and services to support families in the community.

Participation involves a private in-person interview that lasts about 90 minutes. The interview will be scheduled at a time and place convenient for you. Participants will receive a VISA Gift Card.

To hear more about this study, please contact Dr. David Biegel at david.biegel@case.edu or 216-368-2308.

[Hispanic UMADAOP is Hosting "Hidden In Plain Sight" on June 18 at 6 PM](#)

Hidden in Plain Sight, is an Awareness Program for parents and other adults to learn and discuss the warning signs of teen substance abuse, risking behaviors, violent behavior, eating disorders, juvenile crime, technology, risky games/challenges and more. Due to the nature of the materials presented, no youth are permitted to attend.

Monday, June 18 at 6pm

Hispanic UMADAOP Youth Center,

3115 Scranton Road, Cleveland.

For more information, call 216-459-1222

[ADAMHS Board, Circle Health and Dr. Gilson, Medical Examiner, were on Fox 8 News to Talk About Fentanyl Test Strips.](#)

The article, "Community clinic giving out fentanyl test strips to users" was well done by Fox 8 Reporter, Adrienne DiPiazza. It highlighted the test strip program as a way to help save lives.

Read the article: <http://bit.ly/TestStripsFox8>



Lisa Fair from Circle Health prepares for Fox 8 Interview on Fentanyl Test Strips.

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Pride in the CLE March and Festival](#)

June 2, 2018 at Cleveland Public Square

[EDEN's Rent Party](#)

June 2, 2018, 6-10 pm at Sachsenheim Hall

[Shatterproof Rise Up Against Addiction 5K](#)

June 3, 2018, 7:30 am at Voinovich Park

Join our team today: <http://bit.ly/2J47eS7>

[The State Of Behavioral Health in Ohio](#)

[A City Club Forum](#)

June 29, 2018, Noon at the City Club

Purchase tickets: <http://bit.ly/StateofBH>

[Stand Up Together Ohio](#)

[Comedy Show/Suicide Prevention Fundraiser](#)

\$100 Sponsorships Available: <http://bit.ly/SUTOSponsor>

Buy Ticket/Raffle Tickets: www.StandUpTogetherOhio.com

[Annual Client Picnic Will Be Held: Monday, June 11 from noon - 3 pm, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo!](#)

SPACE IS LIMITED!

To register please call: 216-241-3400 ext. 827

This is a dedicated voicemail box for RSVPs only. Names taken until all slots are full or Wednesday, June 6.

THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY,
ACTION COMMITTEE ADVOCATING CHANGE (ACAC)
&
PROVIDER AGENCY CLIENT RIGHTS OFFICERS
ARE HOSTING THE
16th ANNUAL CLIENT FUN DAY & PICNIC
FUN ~ DOOR PRIZES ~ FOOD ~ MUSIC
WHEN: Monday, June 11, 2018 – 12:00 to 3:00 P.M.
WHERE: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Palava Hut Pavilion
(located near the main entrance of the zoo.)

*** You **MUST RSVP** as **SPACE IS LIMITED** ***

Registration: **Please Call 216-241-3400 ext. 827**
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- 1) Clearly state the spelling of your first and last name
- 2) Leave a phone number where you can be reached
- 3) RSVPs will **ONLY** be accepted for the person calling
- 4) Group reservations are not accepted on this designated line
- 5) There are **225 spaces** available for clients. RSVPs will be taken until all slots are full or Wednesday, June 6th.

All those attending **MUST** show proof they are a Cuyahoga County Resident to enter the Zoo for free. Those not showing proof will have to pay to enter and the ADAMHS Board is not responsible for that cost.

CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT.
no exceptions can be made!!!

Non-Cuyahoga County Residents, Volunteers, Agency Workers and Relatives of Clients are responsible for providing their own meal.

---Bus Tickets are not available for this Sponsored Event---