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

DIRECTORS' ROSTER - BACKGROUND / AFFILIATION DATA

As of July 2024

ADAMHS Board of Director

Background & Affiliations

Bishara W. Addison

Director of Job Preparation at The Fund for Our Economic Future, an organization that is a funding alliance made up of more than 40 organizations and individuals dedicated to advancing economic growth with equitable access to opportunity for the people of Northeast Ohio — an approach they call Growth & Opportunity. Ms. Addison previously held positions as Senior Manager, Policy & Strategic Initiatives at Towards Employment, a nonprofit that has helped over 130,000 people navigate careers, remove barriers and climb a career ladder since 1976, and as Project Manager, Strategy Implementation and Executive Fellow to the CEO with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Community affiliations include participation on several committees and boards.

Ashwani Bhardwaj

President at Avon Tech Staffing Solutions, Inc., an organization with experience in finance and accounting. Mr. Bhardwaj also has experience as a speaker and Board member for ethnicity and addiction issues. Community affiliations include his participation as a member of the Advisory Committee of Chia Chen's Asian Planning Board, a volunteer with the Greater Cleveland Shiva Vishnu Temple since 2010, and past President (2014-2015) and member of the Marwari Association of Northeast Ohio.

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.

Gregory X. Boehm, M.D.

Psychiatrist board certified in Psychiatry, child/adolescent psychiatry and addiction medicine. Dr. Boehm served as Medical Director at Y-Haven, since 2003. In his private practice, he started and maintains the only Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) exclusively for pregnant, addicted women.

Erskine Cade, MBA

Corporate Lobbyist and Business Executive. Currently a partner at the legislative and regulatory affairs firms, Strategic Government Initiatives (SGI Group) and Strategic Health Care (SHC). Most recently, Mr. Cade served as Senior Vice President and Government Relations Director for Key Corp in Cleveland.

James T. Dixon Second Vice Chair

Attorney, partner at Brouse McDowell, LPA, where he serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Construction Law Practice Group. Prior volunteer with The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, The Citizens League, The City Club, and the U.S. Green Building Council. Members of Mr. Dixon's family have faced addiction and mental health challenges.

J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D. Board Chairperson

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.

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Sadigoh C. Galloway, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS

Chief Executive Officer & Founder of Your Recovery Counseling. Ms. Galloway is dedicated to the practical application of Comprehensive Treatment Prevention and Recovery Behavioral Health, with over a decade of experience. Ms. Galloway performs the utilization of critical consciousness through interaction and engagement with diverse populations while recognizing the significance of oppression, alienation, and societal marginalization. Professional affiliations include National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Ohio Counseling Association (OCA), and International Society of Female Professionals (ISFP).

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. Elected to his first term as Board Chair, effective July 1, 2018.

Patricia James-Stewart, M.Ed., LSW Vice Chair

Licensed Social Worker at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Throughout her tenure with the VA, she has collaboratively worked to end homelessness issues associated with mental health and addiction; and currently, to address one of the VA's primary priorities; concentrating on the devastation of the opiate epidemic in Ohio as well as Suicide Prevention. Her community affiliations include participation with several organizations.

Linda D. Johanek

Owner of LDJ Consulting. Ms. Johanek partners with nonprofits as a consultant with deep experience and a proven track record of driving organizational growth and impact through strategic planning, fundraising, program development, and board effectiveness. She is skilled in collaborating with diverse stakeholders to identify opportunities, overcome challenges, and achieve sustainable results that advance mission-driven objectives. Ms. Johanek previously held positions as a Senior Director at Morino Ventures to engage funders, nonprofit leaders, and consultants who are a part of the Leap Ambassadors Community of 350+ global visionaries and changemakers in nine countries, and Chief Executive Officer at Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center.

Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, HLM (BATA)

Counselor and art therapist in Psychiatry, Trauma Recovery and Physical Rehabilitation at MetroHealth Medical Center for 31years. Concurrently, Adjunct Professor, Thesis Reader, and Clinical Site Supervisor for Ursuline College. In 2012, the State Art Therapy Association, BATA, bestowed Honorary Life Membership Status. Currently she runs an Art Therapy Counseling Program for vulnerable children. Our Judicial System recognizes her as an "Expert Witness/Friend" of the Court. She proudly supports a family member in recovery. Served as a Community Representative for 4 years on the Board's Planning and Oversight Committee. Elected Second Vice Chair during FY2019-FY2020.

Steve Killpack, MS

Executive Director of Community Endeavors Foundation and Coordinator of Healthy Fathering Collaborative.

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Kathryn Y. Parks, MBA, MA, LPC, LICDC

Operations and Programs Manager at Step by Step Family Services. Her work involves supporting individuals, families, and organizations in the vital areas of mental health and substance recovery and prevention services. With over 30 years of experience, she has forged partnerships with organizations and agencies that serve as catalysts for change in their communities. Her diverse background includes roles in education, business, behavioral health, real estate, education recruitment and client retention. Currently, she also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Cuyahoga Community College's Business and Technology department, where she has spent 11 years shaping the minds of future leaders.

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.

Molly Wimbiscus, M.D.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Cleveland Clinic since 2011; Founder and Director of School Mental Health Program since 2019; Program Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship from 2014-2018 and 2023-present; Assistant Professor at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University since 2014; Child Psychiatrist at Neighborhood Family Practice since 2016. She is actively involved in local and national professional societies and has served as a community leader or professional advisor in multiple organizations. Her scholarly work is in school mental health, youth development and identity, collaborative care, and preventive psychiatric care.

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