

# THE HIGHLIGHTER

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## WSOS and Hancock County ADAMHS Board Dedicate New Homes

### ADAMHS Board Members

Carolyn Copus, Chair  
Dr. William Kose, Vice-Chair

### Commissioner Appointments

Michael Brand  
Tom Buis  
Carl Etta Capes  
Brian Clark  
Jane Heminger  
John Kissh  
Gary Kreuchauf  
Gene Lauck  
Zachary Thomas

### Ohio Department of Mental Health Appointments

Nancy Hutchinson  
Jim Martin  
Karen Schwarzwalder

### Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Appointments

Todd Coffman  
David Scruggs  
Kay Sidle

### Staff Members

Precia Stuby,  
Executive Director

Paul Lilley,  
Deputy Director

Rob Verhoff,  
Finance Director

Kim Hiatt,  
Housing Coordinator

Annie Altman,  
Wellness and  
Information Coordinator

Cheryl Preston,  
Office Manager/  
Executive Assistant



On June 20th the Wyandot, Seneca, Ottawa and Sandusky Community Action Commission (WSOS) in conjunction with the Hancock County ADAMHS Board dedicated two new homes. These homes are located at 147 & 148 Lotze Street in Findlay. Each home has two bedrooms and bathrooms a shared kitchen and living area.

WSOS took the lead on the project as a recipient of a Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Grant. The grant required that property locations needed to be abandoned homes in high foreclosure areas. The units were built with energy efficient utilities and are furnished with a washer and dryer, central air and heat and furnishing as needed by tenants.



“The Orchestra”

(Pictured left to right) Don Corley, WSOS; Colleen Robinson, Re/Max Realty; Wendy McCormick, Habitat for Humanity; Dennis Feltner, WSOS; Matt Lancia, Lancia Homes; Dr. Basanti Basu, Century Health, Inc.

Precia Stuby, ADAMHS Board Executive Director, used the theme “Harmony” to demonstrate how this project came to fruition. Groups involved in the project include WSOS, Habitat for Humanity, ReMax Realty, Lancia Homes and Century Health.

The ADAMHS Board also took time to honor an individual who has helped create harmony throughout the community. These homes were dedicated as “Dysinger Lots” in honor of Barbara Dysinger. Barbara was the first school counselor for Findlay City Schools, serves on the Findlay City School Board and is a past member of the Hancock County ADAMHS Board and Century Health Board. The dedication plaque that will be hung at one of the homes reads “The homes of 147 and 148 Lotze St. are named in honor of Barbara Dysinger in recognition of her caring approach to promoting harmony between individuals, families



Precia Stuby, Barbara Dysinger and Tom Buis

and systems and the subsequent positive impact she has had on enhancing the local mental health and substance abuse services for residents of Hancock County.”

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FINDLAY!**  
**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**



## ADAMHS BOARD UPDATE



Carolyn Copus

# Carolyn Copus to Chair ADAMHS Board

Carolyn Copus was elected Chair for the ADAMHS Board at its June 26th meeting. Elected as Vice-Chair was Dr. William Kose. Carolyn has been with the Board since 2007 and serves on the Program/Substance Abuse Committee. Dr. Kose serves on the Administrative Committee and has been with the Board since 2010. Copus is replacing Tom Buis who has served as chair for the past two years. Their terms as officers begin July 1, 2012.



Dr. William Kose



Tom Buis with Precia Stuby,  
Executive Director

The Board said “good bye” to Larry Sargent who completed his first term on the Board. He was appointed to the Board by the Ohio Department of Mental Health in July of 2008. He served on the Program/Substance Abuse Committee.

The Board would like to thank Carolyn and Dr. Kose for stepping into their respective leadership roles and bid a fond farewell to Larry. A thank you is also extended to Tom Buis for his outstanding service as Board Chair.

Also at the June Board meeting, FY ‘13 contracts were awarded. The two largest contracts awarded were to Century Health for \$1,718,030 and Family Resource Center for \$592,000. Total expenditures for FY ‘13 are \$3,868,615.

### Success through Recovery

My name is Tiffany. I am a felon, a mental health patient and a recovering addict. I am 25 years old and have been homeless three times in four years. Alcohol is my toughest monkey (if you will) to set free. In 2009, that monkey cost me a lot! I let parties and friends run my life. That resulted in me being robbed of my “nest egg” and my rent money. I also spent a week in jail on a probation violation.

When released from a week-long stay in jail for a probation violation, I was homeless and lived in my van for the second time that year. My best friend had just moved into Basu Point and allowed me to stay with her for a few days. I stayed in her apartment, her mother’s house and my van. After three or four months the resident manager of Basu Point told me about an available apartment and how to apply to be a resident.

In January of 2010, I had four months of sobriety under my belt; mainly because I did not have a fridge in my van and I knew there would be random room checks. Having a permanent address to give to the Probation Office meant that there would be more curfew checks.

Finally, I had somewhere to call my home. It felt great. My depression started to get better and my confidence was slowly building back up. I’ve now been sober for roughly three years and have a job that I went to school for and love. I can’t say I owe it all to living at Basu Point, but I know I owe my current sobriety to residing here.

To me, Basu Point isn’t just a place “where crazy people live” as I have heard multiple people describe it. It is a place where people like me can get the hand up we need, not the hand out most people think we want. Some of my neighbors struggle with their past demons, just like most of society. Some of them need the extra help they get by living here. Either way, without Basu Point, I think some of us would just be lost, wandering around in an over-judgmental society.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP NEWS

### Goodbye Friends

The Hancock County ADAMHS Board/Community Partnership would like to say goodbye to Paul Kreidler and Keith DuVernay.

Paul has been a friend to services for children for many years. He began helping children in 1979 when he worked for Children's Protective Services as a supervisor of child abuse complaints. He then took over as Executive Director of Children's Mentoring Connection which was then called Big Brothers Big Sisters. He plans to spend his retirement enjoying his grandchildren, outdoor adventures, traveling and continuing to volunteer in the community.



Keith DuVernay has been a part of the United Way of Hancock County for more than 25 years. He served as a volunteer in many leadership roles including three terms on the board of trustees and as past board chair. DuVernay has served as the organizations' president & CEO since 2001.



DuVernay completed undergraduate work at The Ohio State University and The University of Findlay, and earned a Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton in 1986.

DuVernay and his wife Regina have been married 40 years. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren and have lived in the Findlay area for more than 35 years.

He is relocating to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to take a position as CEO for SOS Children's Villages of Florida.

**Good Luck to both Paul and Keith as you start the next phase of your life journey!**

Do you have Medications to dispose of?  
Don't want to wait until October to dispose of your medications?

Use the permanent collection boxes located in the lobbies of the Findlay Police Department or the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Boxes are available 24 hours a day. Please keep medications in their original containers and black out personal information. NO mercury, needles or liquids can be deposited at these locations.

For more information contact the ADAMHS Board at 419-424-1985.



Does your organization or group host educational presentations at its meetings?

The Prescription/Opiate Task Force has a presentation to educate the community about the dangers of prescription and opiate abuse and how we as a community can help combat this epidemic. If you have a venue for this presentation please contact Annie at 419-424-1985 or [aaltman@yourpathtohealth.org](mailto:aaltman@yourpathtohealth.org) to schedule. No meeting time is too long or too short.

### Partnership Council Members

#### Appointed Members

Officer Brian Dill, Findlay Police Department  
Chuck Honigford, Family Resource Center  
Annette Kessler, Hancock County Agency on Aging  
Craig Kupferberg, Findlay City Schools  
Dep. Mike McGuire, Hancock County Sheriff's Office  
Tamera Rooney, United Way of Hancock County  
Anne Shiple, Century Health, Inc.  
Rick VanMooy, Hancock Education Service Center  
Barb Wilhelm, Findlay City Health Department

#### At-Large Positions

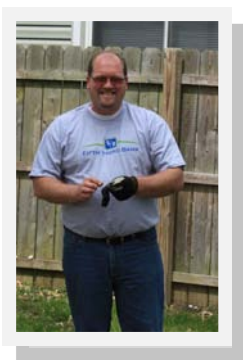
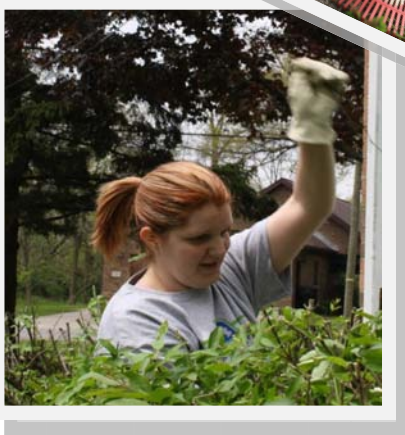
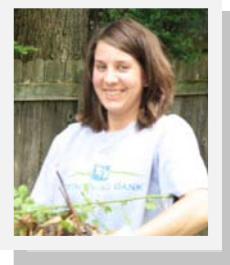
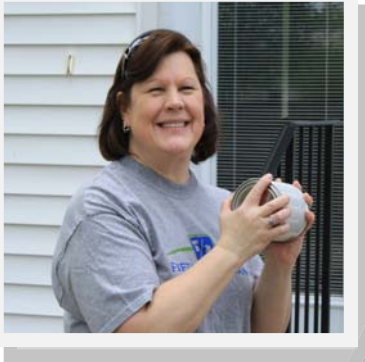
Youth Serving Organization Representative  
Kimberly Bash, ECLIPSe (Partnership Vice-Chair)  
Health/Human Services Representative  
Erin Teegardin, Open Arms (Partnership Chair)  
Higher Education Representative  
Karyn Westrick, The University of Findlay  
Business Representative  
Bob Cooper, Robbins, LLC.  
Spiritual Representative  
Debra Arce, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

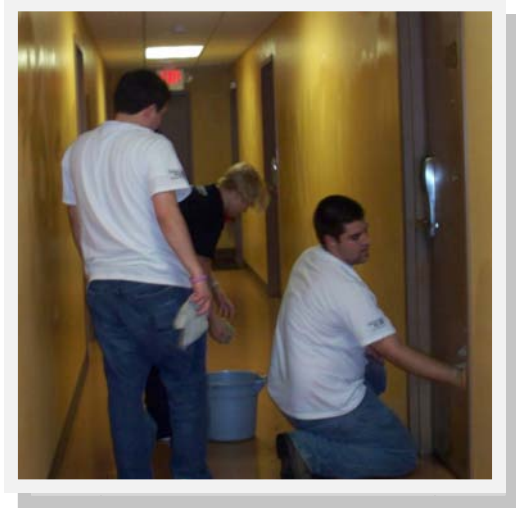
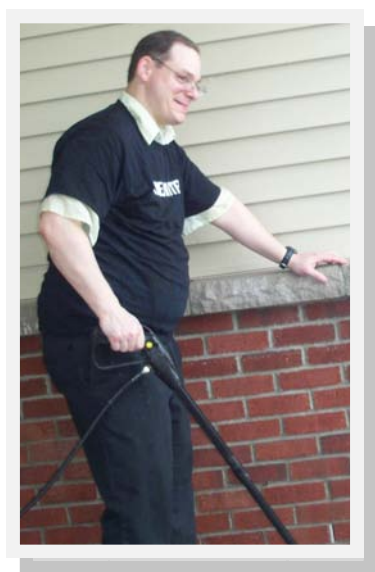
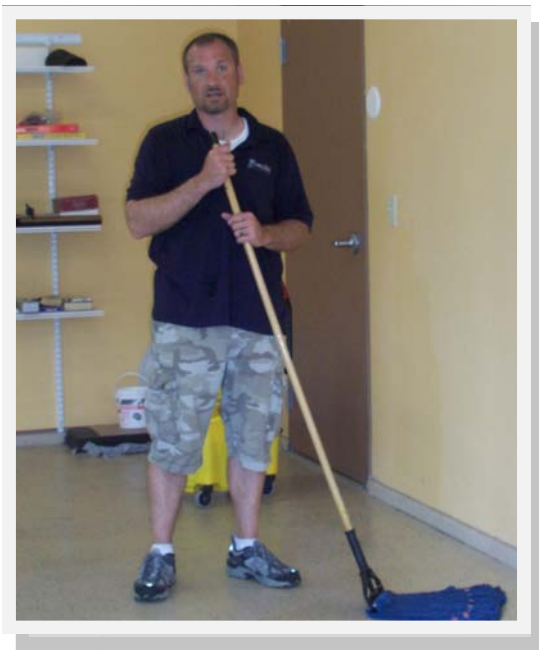
# Thank You!

The Hancock County ADAMHS Board would like to thank volunteers from  
Fifth Third Bank  
Findlay City Health Department  
Pry Professional Group

These individuals helped with cleaning, yard work/landscaping and painting at two of our housing units and at the ADAMHS Board Office. Fifth Third Bank also donated non-perishable food items for a food pantry.

We greatly appreciate the help and support of all the volunteers.





## AGENCY NEWS



### *NAMI Hancock County Support Group*

This group is for individuals that are diagnosed with a mental illness their family, friends and support individuals.

July 3 & 17 August 7 & 21  
7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
2330 N. Main Street, Rm. 209, Findlay

Group regularly meets the  
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month.  
For more information contact NAMI  
at 419-957-9423 or [www.namiofhancock.org](http://www.namiofhancock.org)

### *12-step Meetings*

Daily schedules for 12-step meetings can  
be found in The Courier or by calling  
1-888-683-9768

## **TREATMENT AGENCIES**

*Century Health, Inc., 419-425-5050*

[www.centuryhealth.net](http://www.centuryhealth.net)

Adult mental health & substance abuse services

*Family Resource Center, 419-422-8616*

[www.frcoho.com](http://www.frcoho.com)

Youth mental health & substance abuse services

*Focus on Friends, 419-423-5071*

Consumer drop-in center



You can now find the ADAMHS Board and Community Partnership on Facebook. To find us, search for Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services. The Board will be announcing programs, projects and other general behavioral health items on our page.

### *Need Help?*

If you are looking for information regarding services which may not be listed call:



### *Depression Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group*



This group is for individuals that are diagnosed with Depression or Bipolar Disorder their family, friends and support individuals.

July 10 & 24 August 14 & 28  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
2330 N. Main Street, Rm. 209, Findlay

Group regularly meets the  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.  
For more information contact the  
ADAMHS Board Office at 419-424-1985.

### *Persons Affected by a Loved One's Suicide (PALS)*

4th Thursday of each Month, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Waiting Room on 2nd Floor of the Ruse Building above  
the Blanchard Valley Hospital Emergency Room

For more information contact  
Century Health at 419-425-5050

*Hancock County  
Crisis Hotline  
1-888-936-7116  
(toll free)*



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