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Jane Heminger
Diana Hoover
Rosalie King
Ron Pfeiffer

*Ohio Department of Mental Health
and Addiction Services*

Appointments
Todd Coffman
Carolyn Copus
Nancy Hutchinson
Jim Martin
David Scruggs
Ginny Williams

Staff

Precia Stuby,
Executive Director

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*Director of Planning and
Accountability Systems*

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Fiscal Director

Cheryl Preston,
*Office Manager/
Executive Assistant*

Clara Harrod,
Property Manager

Zachary Thomas,
*Director of Wellness and
Education*

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER AWARDED SIGNIFICANT
GRANT TO EXPAND SERVICES**

On September 4, 2014, the Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) announced the award of a grant in the amount of \$162,713 to Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc. (FRC) as part of the statewide initiative, "Strong Families, Safe Communities." The "Strong Families, Safe Communities" program provides funding for care coordination and crisis intervention services for youth at risk due to a mental illness or developmental disability.

This grant will allow FRC to create an after-hours crisis response team, expand the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) protocol for dealing with traumatic events in the community, and respite options for high-need children and youth.

As Josh Ebling, CEO of FRC, stated at a press conference held to announce the grant award, this funding opportunity will allow FRC to provide individualized, age-appropriate, and necessary services to children and youth in Hancock County and the surrounding area who are in a crisis situation.

The Crisis Response Team is comprised of licensed clinicians that are accessed and dispatched throughout the service region, using a centralized number marketed and available to all potential referral sources. Child behavioral health specialists complete a crisis screening which includes assessing crisis participants, including psychiatric, educational, social, familial, legal, substance use and/or environmental factors that may have contributed to the crisis. Clinical interventions are employed and, in most cases, safety plans are created.

CISM is an intervention protocol developed specifically for dealing with traumatic events. The CISM Regional Team is managed by the Bluffton Police Department and is structurally situated under the Allen County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). FRC is expanding CISM in order to increase the number of trained staff available to respond to crisis situations within the region on an as needed basis.

Craig Kupferberg, assistant superintendent with Findlay City Schools, said CISM was instrumental in helping the school community cope with the suicide of a young student earlier this year. Mr. Kupferberg went on to say that the approach the CISM program takes in dealing with a crisis so impressed him that he became trained in the CISM protocol in order to be able to assist in future CISM interventions.

FRC will also utilize these grant dollars to explore respite opportunities where the crisis situation is extremely volatile and separation for the youth is needed, yet the child is not at imminent risk or harm. Efforts will be made to study, and hopefully secure, shelter beds and/or develop a more robust respite provider network, through partnerships with existing local resources such as Family & Children First Councils, public children service agencies, and other community agencies.

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OHIO SENATE BILL 43 OUTPATIENT COMMITMENT OVERVIEW

The Ohio General Assembly, following in the steps of forty-five (45) other states, passed Senate Bill 43, to clarify the use of assisted outpatient treatment (AOT), also called outpatient commitment, for individuals with severe mental illness who meet detailed legal criteria. Until this time, court ordered treatment was only possible if there was a demonstrated immediate threat of risk of harm to self or others.

This bill allows family members of an individual with a severe mental illness, who rejects all attempts to help them seek necessary mental health treatment, to file an affidavit with the probate court which requests a judge to order the individual to receive outpatient treatment.

This bill also modifies the group criteria that a mentally ill person must meet to be subject to court order to include persons who would benefit from the treatment as manifested by evidence of behavior that indicates all of the following: (1) the person is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision, (2) the person has a history of lack of compliance with treatment for mental illness, (3) the person, as a result of the person's mental illness, is unlikely to voluntarily participate in necessary treatment, and (4) in view of the person's treatment history and current behavior, the person is in need of treatment in order to prevent a relapse.

For individuals who do not comply with court-ordered treatment, the law goes on to require that the court consider available and appropriate alternative placements but cannot consider confinement in a jail or other local correctional facility.

V.I.P AWARD NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

In 1996, Mark Mueller, ADAMHS Board Chair, established the V.I.P. Awards to recognize individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to promote the mission of the Board. Since that time, the Board has continued to acknowledge these valuable supporters.

Individuals and/or organizations are recognized for their work in one of three areas: Volunteer; Involvement; and Professional.

Although no specific criteria must be met in order to qualify for receipt of this award, it is understood that those who are selected must have demonstrated efforts that reflect the mission, values, and goals of the Board.

VOLUNTEER – An individual or organization that has volunteered their time to advance the mental health/substance abuse services system in Hancock County through direct client contact; service in a governance capacity; or service in a leadership role.

INVOLVEMENT – An individual or organization that has made a significant contribution of time, talent, or resources to the mental health/substance abuse services system. This is an individual that would not typically be associated with this field.

PROFESSIONAL – An individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the mental health/substance abuse services system.

For nominations, please visit www.yourpathtohealth.org to complete an online nomination or to download a paper nomination form. Nomination forms should be sent to the ADAMHS Board Office (438 Camahan Ave., Findlay, OH 45840) by October 31, 2014. You may also submit your nomination via e-mail to zthomas@yourpathtohealth.org.

Community Mental Health Fund

This fund was established through a collaborative effort of local mental health agencies to support programs and operations of nonprofit agencies providing services to improve emotional and mental health, including substance abuse prevention and services, to residents of Findlay and Hancock County.

To contribute to this fund, please contact the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation at 419-425-1100.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



KAREN EUBANKS

Karen is a retired healthcare provider from Blanchard Valley Health System. Karen stated that mental health and substance abuse issues are close to her heart because depression runs in her family. She has seen how devastating depression can be for the individual and how it can affect their relationships with others.



RONALD PFIESSER

Ronald is currently employed by Merrill Lynch and received a law degree from Case Western Reserve University. Ronald stated that mental health and substance abuse issues are close to his heart because people who are close to him have suffered from alcohol addiction.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment

Monday, October 20, 2014
6:00-8:00pm,
Alumni Memorial Union, The University of Findlay

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
8:00-10:00am, 12:00-2:00pm, 4:00-6:00pm
Marathon Auditorium, Blanchard Valley Hospital

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence of alcohol and illicit drugs.

The same training will be offered four times and is open to professionals and community members.

To Register, visit www.yourpathtohealth.org

2014 Ethics Training

Thursday, December 11, 2014
8:00am-12:00pm (General Ethics)
The Great Room, First Presbyterian Church

1:00pm-5:00pm (Supervisors)
The Great Room, First Presbyterian Church

This free ethic training sponsored by the ADAMHS Board will provide CEU's for social workers, counselors, and supervisors.

To Register, visit www.yourpathtohealth.org

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A THANK YOU TO DR. BASU

The ADAMHS Board and Staff wish to thank Dr. Basanti Basu for serving as Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) since 1994. Dr. Basu has been a constant source of support and an advocate for the Board's efforts throughout her tenure as CCO. She has helped the Board and Staff remain focused on the clients we serve in our community. It is with much pride that she and her efforts will be permanently remembered through the Basu Housing Project which was dedicated in her honor in March 2009.

CENTURY HEALTH BOARD BATTLE BREAKFAST

November 22, 2014

All profits from the Border Battle Breakfast this year will be used to support the new residential substance abuse facility.

Visit www.centuryhealth.net for more information



I AM ENOUGH

THANK YOU TO ALL AGENCY AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED AT THE FAIR!

We had great success encouraging our youth and young adults to tell us, "I Am Enough!"

"74% of young adults in Hancock County think that misuse of prescription drugs is totally unacceptable. The goal of the I Am Enough Project is to empower young people to show that they are enough without prescription drugs, opiates, or other risky behavior."



www.iamenoughproject.org
www.facebook.com/iamenoughproject
www.twitter.com/iamenough2014

Free Medication & Mercury Collection



FINDLAY THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

SATURDAY, October 25, 2014
9:00am—12:00pm
Findlay Municipal Building Parking Lot
West Crawford Street



The ADAMHS Board is grateful to the students from The University of Findlay Campus Compact Center for Service and Learning for volunteering their time to help clean and organize the garage at our Main Street property.



SUPPORT INFORMATION

**Hancock County
24/7 Crisis Hotline**
1-888-936-7116 (toll free)



**Hancock County
Service Line**



**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

 **NAMI Hancock County
Support Group**

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

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church, 109 E. Lincoln Street, Findlay
***Beginning October 21, group will meet at the
ADAMHS Board Office, 438 Carnahan Ave.***

For more information contact NAMI at
419-957-9423 or 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

You Are Not Alone

This group is for family members who have a loved one struggling with
opiate abuse.

Every Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Harvest Time Ministries
237 George St.

www.yourpathtohealth.org



Treatment Agencies

Century Health, Inc., 419-425-5050
www.centuryhealth.net
Adult mental health & substance abuse services

Family Resource Center, 419-422-8616
www.frcOhio.com
Youth mental health & substance abuse services

Focus on Friends, 419-423-5071
Consumer drop-in center

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Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug
Addiction and Mental Health Services

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