

Date Approved: 10-24-2023
Presiding Officer: Ann E Woolum

Hancock County ADAMHS Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 26, 2023

Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:44 p.m.

Meeting Location: Blanchard Valley Center – 1700 East Sandusky Street

Recorder: Cheryl Preston

Board Member Attendance:

x	Ann Woolum, Board Chair		Brandon Daniels		Susan Pancake
x	Jim Darrach, Vice Chair	x	Mary Beth Dillon		Cheryl Lentz
x	Melanie Aldobaiki	x	John Drymon	x	Mark Rimelspach
	Dave Beach	x	Rick Eakin	x	Aaron Weare
x	Susan Bunn	x	Josh Eberle	x	Micah Zinna
x	Jim Stahl	x	Rachael Helms		

Guests Attending:

x	Precia Stuby	x	Cheryl Preston	x	Geoff Mulvihill
x	Rob Verhoff	x	Zach Thomas	x	Carl Etta Capes
X	Jennifer Swartzlander	x	John Bindas	x	Judge Kristen Johnson
x	Deb Twining	x	Victoria Graham		

Board Chair, Ann Woolum, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Cheryl Preston introduced guests in attendance.

PROGRAM

Precia reminded Board Members that as a part of the FY '24 budget that was voted on in June, funds were set aside for the establishment of a Guardianship Board. Probate/Juvenile Judge Kristen Johnson was introduced to share the status and purpose of the Board. She shared there are many reasons why probate would want to appoint a guardian; it could be over an estate or over an individual (ward) that may not be capable of making decisions or care for oneself. A few examples are unmanaged mental illness, or elderly and not able to care for themselves due to an accident or medical, or a child that has developmental disabilities that turns 18. Probate receives referrals from Developmental Disabilities, Blanchard Valley Hospital, and Family Resource Center, along with a statement of expert evaluation warranting the need for a guardian. Emergency Guardianship can be done in a day, the prospective ward gets notification that someone wants to put them under guardianship and if they refuse, they will get a court appointed attorney. They are given 30 days to file a petition. Family members, friends and attorneys serve as guardianship; there is a shortage. The Guardianship Service Board will not eliminate attorneys and family members as guardians; but will be there to help fill the gaps. They will be trained and have a full background check. A recent change is the increased number of cases filed by Municipal court where the individual is not competent (and can't be restored back to competency) to stand trial. That would be a case where probate gets involved with a guardian. The guardian would direct as needed whether the ward can stay in their own home; if it is determined a higher level of care is needed, that will go before the Judge as well as before a guardian can spend any money of the ward it has to be approved by the Judge. The Judge noted there is a lot of work to be done, but we're headed in the right direction. The Guardianship Planning Committee includes Job and Family Services, Blanchard Valley Hospital; Blanchard Valley Developmental Disabilities, 50North, Veterans Association, NAMI, Municipal Court,

Commissioners and Judges from Wood and Ottawa Counties. The Community Foundation has committed \$150,000 over a 3-year period. The Guardianship Board will consist of 9 members; 1 from each from Hancock, Wood, and Ottawa Counties: Probate Court, Developmental Disabilities, and the ADAMHS Board. There will be a full-time director with ½ a case load (20 cases) and 2.5 case workers. The goal is to have 100 guardianships covered across the three-county area.

Judge Johnson was thanked for her presentation.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ann referenced the Coalition on Addiction data chart; Precia noted the following year to date numbers: 54 babies prenatally exposed; 11 babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome; 3 suicides confirmed and 3 pending; 1 overdose fatality with 3 pending.

Ann shared the following updates from the FOCUS Chair Meeting Report of Sept. 14, 2023: Agency director updates, BJA grant implementation, peer support grant, recovery housing updates, and the Loft capital project updates. Ann noted that if any Board member would like copies of the Chair reports, let Cheryl know.

Board FY '24 Annual Report – Ann encouraged Board members to review the report showing revenue, expenses, and highlights from the fiscal year as well as major accomplishments. Precia shared that it is statutorily required, and copies are sent to the commissioners and the state department.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Follow-up items from the August Board meeting: SafeWorks – Precia shared that it has been determined not to distribute smoking supplies at this time. The syringe access program will continue. Harm reduction homework will include a 3 year look back of the program and a meeting will take place in January to review the results.

Recreational Marijuana update - Precia shared that the Community Partnership and the Coalition worked to see if there was consistency to oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana. A resolution was drafted and will be shared with the media.

Precia shared insights from the National Forum and New Castle Delaware site visit paid for with BJA grant funds. The visit to New Castle, Delaware with the Police Chief showed the importance of co-response. When the QRT team follows up after an overdose they have the police officer seen in the helper/guardian light; offering help first, which deflects the individual from involvement with the criminal justice system. Precia noted that she will be leaving next week for the national PTACC conference with police and mental health providers from all over the country. During the conference, a plan will be developed on how we can build on our existing partnership with law enforcement related to deflection. Police Chief Mathias is interested in feedback – the officers see people at their worst; they need to see progress and that the person is engaged in treatment and recovery. The co-response also helps police to understand the addiction and mental illness.

Precia shared that the Faith Addiction and Mental Health (FAM) talks/Hope and Healing project has kicked off. Jennifer has been working on this for 2 years with the faith-based community. There will be a fall and spring series. In addition, the agreement is signed for the Hope and Healing Project that included the development of on-line resources for the faith-based community related to addiction and mental illness.

Community Leadership – Precia will be keeping the Board informed of leadership changes as they happen. A new Police Chief has been in place since June, Sheriff Heldman has announced his retirement, Commissioner Pepple will not run again, Common Pleas court Judge Routson, and Ryan Kidwell – justice center administrator will be retiring. As changes occur, Precia will be reaching out to new leadership to engage them with our system.

Camp Fun will take place on November 18th, for any child 9 – 17 that has been impacted by addiction.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A mini grant in the amount of \$1500 was received from the Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities to show support to first responders for 2023 week of appreciation.
2. Award notice of an additional \$10,500 for Recovery Housing was received from OhioMHAS.
3. A grant award in the amount of \$35,000 was received from The Community Foundation for the architectural drawings for the Board's capital project.
4. The Community Foundation sent notice of award in the amount of \$7,000 for the Cultural Humility – Health Equity Delegation's Train the Trainer Inclusion Toolkit.
5. Notice received from The Community Foundation of an award in the amount of \$150,000 to the Probate Court to establish a Guardianship Services Board.
6. Notice of rejection was received from SAMHSA on the Vaping Prevention Grant that was submitted. There will be two more rounds to resubmit.
7. Notice from the City Mission on the purchase of the South campus of Family Resource Center to move the women and children to that location. Discussion ensued around whether fathers of the children would be able to be housed at that location.

Discussion took place around the possible legalization of marijuana in Ohio in respect to advertising, dispensaries, medical marijuana, a moratorium, state vs. city decisions and city revenue. Zach Thomas noted that there are meetings scheduled with Senator McColley and Representative Cross and these items related to marijuana can be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- To approve the August 22, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- To approve the Program Committee Meeting Report of September 13, 2023
- To approve the Governance Committee Meeting Report of September 20, 2023
- To approve the Finance Committee Meeting Report of September 20, 2023, and the Agency Financial Picture

John Drymon moved to accept all items on the consent agenda. Jim Stahl seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS BROUGHT FROM COMMITTEE

- To approve the Board Capital Plan including Board office renovation, purchase, and renovation of a building for the Loft, purchase/renovation of 8 single-bedroom apartments and renovation of the City Mission for a Low-

Barrier shelter. **Ann Woolum called for a vote. No questions; no further discussion. One opposed. Motion passed.**

- To approve revisions to the Rapid Increase in Drug Overdoses Community Response Plan Policy. **Ann Woolum called for a vote. No questions; no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.**
- To approve the August Board Financial statements. **Ann Woolum called for a vote. No questions; no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

ACTION ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE FULL BOARD

- To adopt a resolution of support for the Fostoria Junction ARPA 1 grant. **John Drymon moved to adopt the resolution of support for the Fostoria Junction ARPA 1 grant. Josh Eberle seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.**
- To adopt a resolution opposing the legalization of recreational marijuana. **Jim Darrach moved to adopt the Resolution Opposing the Legalization of recreational marijuana. Rick Eakin seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

INFORMATION REPORTS

- Community Partnership Meeting Report of September 19, 2023
- Suicide Prevention Foundation: Social Media and Suicide Risk
- SAMHSA: Learn About Marijuana Risks

AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

POSITIVE ACTION

Precia shared that she recently attended a close-out session for the 3-year grant for The Steady Path. The technical assistant assigned to help with the close-out shared that this was the only grant able to close out on time as due to the impact in other areas from lack of staff/workforce. Precia shared that the grant dollars helped The Steady Path and there were 215 admissions for 185 unique clients. The wait time went from several days down to several hours. A review by a community member stated that they have never seen such good staff. The federal grant that was applied for in March to continue funding The Steady Path is still pending.

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED:

Reach out to Representative Cross and Senator McColley regarding marketing/advertising in the event of the legalization of marijuana.

The next Board meeting will be October 24, 2023.

Jim Stahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Drymon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Program Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2023

Meeting Time: 4:07 p.m. – 5:27 p.m.

Meeting Location: Board Office, 438 Carnahan Ave.

Recorder: Jennifer Swartzlander/Precia Stuby

Committee Members Attending:

X	Brandon Daniels, Committee Chair	X	Susan Pancake, Committee Vice Chair
X	Cheryl Lentz	X	Dave Beach
	Susan Bunn	X	Rachael Helms
X	Micah Zinna		

Board Members Attending:

X	Ann Woolum, Board Chair		Jim Darrach, Board Vice Chair
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Invited Staff Attending:

X	Precia Stuby		Zach Thomas	X	Jennifer Swartzlander
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Items Discussed:

1. **Board Crisis Plan Update-** Precia reminded the Committee that the crisis plan was submitted last year, and an update is due on October 31, 2023. Board staff and the Committee discussed updates to put in the report, including: 988, Wood County Crisis Stabilization Unit, Coleman Crisis Unit, maintain The Steady Path, and the Immigration Committee.
2. **Guardianship Board Member Appointment Recommendation-** Guardianship Board is moving forward and Probate Court will be hiring an Executive Director. By statute, the ADMAHS Board is required to appoint one of the Board members. ADAMHS staff recommended Judy Reist for the appointment. Judy is retired, worked as a counselor who provided EAP services, and coordinated services to families following the flood.
3. **FY'24 Contract with Dr. Arndt (Hancock CARES Program)-** The Hancock Cares program provides up to eight counseling sessions for our system's employees. Dr. Arndt's current utilization is high, and the staff is recommending a \$10,000 increase to her \$5,000 contract.
4. **Planning for Maternal and Child Health Update-** Laura Reinhart at Hancock Public Health will do the facilitation for the November 1st, November 29th, and the January 30th meetings. The group will begin with a survey of those who provide prenatal and postpartum services – what is offered, where are gaps, and recommendations. The group will end with a plan on maternal health.
5. **Hancock County Immigration Coalition-** Precia shared that the Hancock Public Health Advocate called a meeting to address the large number of immigrants living in local hotels. Most of these individuals are non-English

speaking and working. At the meeting, it was indicated that this is part of the governor's plan to address the shortage of Ohio's workforce. Subcommittees for housing, medical, and education are being formed by this coalition. Precia spoke to her counterpart in Springfield which is reported to have 10,000 immigrants. The Community Foundation is helping with translation expenses. Susan recommended that this becomes an ongoing agenda item and to have someone from Mission Possible do a Board meeting program.

6. **The LOFT Project-** Precia reported today she received an email today requesting to set up initial meeting for Capital request for Focus. This is for The Loft project which would allow FOCUS to purchase and renovate the Family Resource Center Annex with the state picking up 75% of the cost and a 25% local match. The capital department indicated that they set aside the full request of \$354,000.

7. **Pending Grant Updates:**

- a. **SAMHSA – Prevention Grant (Vaping) – Declined** – Brandeis indicated there will be two more rounds of this funding. ADAMHS will reapply for those rounds with Brandeis' help. OneOhio funds would be available early in 2024 and could be another possible source of funding for this work.
- b. **BJA (Bureau of Justice Administration) The Steady Path** – Approved for \$550,000 total over 3 years started October 1st.

Action Items:

1. Susan Pancake motioned to appoint Judy Reist, should she accept, to the Guardianship Board. Cheryl Lentz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dave Beach motioned to recommend to the Finance Committee an increase in Dr. Arndt's contract to \$15,000. Susan Pancake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

To Do:

1. Board staff will complete the crisis plan update with the recommendations from the Committee.
2. Board staff will ask Mission Possible to do a program at the Board Meeting.
3. Board staff will add the Immigration Coalition as an ongoing agenda item.

Governance Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Date: October 18, 2023

Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Meeting Location: Board Office, 438 Carnahan Avenue

Recorder: Jennifer Swartzlander/Precia Stuby

Committee Members Attending:

x	John Drymon, Committee Chair	x	Jim Stahl
	Mary Beth Dillon, Committee Vice Chair	x	Melanie Aldobaiki

Board Members Attending:

x	Ann Woolum, Board Chair	x	Jim Darrach, Board Vice Chair
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Invited Staff Attending:

x	Precia Stuby	x	Jennifer Swartzlander
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Items Discussed:

- 1. Board Meeting Evaluation Results for September 2023-** John Drymon reviewed and noted that Judge Johnson's presentation was well received.
- 2. Board Member Appointment** – Precia indicated that a meeting is scheduled with the County Commissioners tomorrow. The initial discussion will be to share the Board's recommendation to remain at 18 members. If that is accepted, then staff will present the recommended appointment of Rick Walter. She shared that the change also requires that 2/3 of appointments come from the commissioners. The plan will be to recruit new Commissioner appointments as the state appointments rotate off the Board. Precia shared that across the state the trend is to reduce board size to 14 members.
- 3. Revision of Bylaws Update** – Cheryl has sent John and Mary Beth the updated statute and bylaws, so proposed changes can be presented to the Committee for review. Then it will be sent out to the full Committee for review, hopefully in November.
- 4. Annual Review of Board Salary Ranges (Report to be Available in Nov.)** - Tabled until the results of the state salary survey are completed.
- 5. The PAC (Political Action Committee)** – As efforts in the past have been unsuccessful, Precia proposed sending a request to each Board member explaining the PAC. A recommendation was made to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Board office.
- 6. Capital Ad Hoc Committee Update** – Jennifer shared that the windows were installed and are great. No updates on the roof but should be installed by early

November. The meeting with Representative Cross is rescheduled for October 27th at 9 a.m.

Action Items:

NA

To Do List:

1. Draft changes to the bylaws will be forwarded to the full Committee for review.
2. Precia will send a letter to Board members explaining the PAC and requesting a contribution.

Finance Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Date: October 18, 2023

Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

Meeting Location: Board Office, 438 Carnahan Avenue

Recorder: Rob Verhoff

Committee Members Attending:

	Josh Eberle, Comm. Chair	X	Mark Rimelspach, Comm. Vice-Chair	X	Rick Eakin
X	Aaron Weare				

Invited Board Leadership Attending:

X	Ann Woolum, Board Chair	X	Jim Darrach, Board Vice Chair
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Invited Staff Attending:

X	Precia Stuby	X	Rob Verhoff	X	Deb Twining
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Guests Attending:

X	John Bindas	X	Charles Buck (via zoom)		
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Items Discussed:

1. Review of Account Fund Balance and Board Financial Statements for September 2023 - No issues identified.
2. Review of Accounts with Executive Director Spending Authority – No issues identified.
3. Agency Financial Report – August 2023 report was reviewed. FRC's August financials were not received as the Agency transitions to a new Finance Director. No other issues were identified.
4. Family Resource Center FY'23 Reconciliation & Transfer Requests – The Committee reviewed the request to transfer \$77,145 to Fee-For-Service from their grant allocation. FRC also requested \$111,989 of their grant allocation be used toward Enrollment and Call Center expenses. The Committee will wait until September's FRC's financials are received in November before making a recommendation on the Enrollment and Call Center expense request.
5. Recommendation from Program Committee Regarding Dr. Arndt FY'24 Contract – The Program Committee recommended increasing the contract from \$5,000 to \$15,000.
6. Medicaid Rate Increases – The financial impact to the Board of the upcoming Medicaid rate increases that will go into effect in January of 2024 will be approximately \$38,000 for Hancock County's FY'24 fee-for-service allocation.
7. NAMI Contingency Update Director Meeting- NAMI reported that 3 consecutive monthly losses will be common as income from fund raisers occur only twice a year to cover monthly expenses. They noted their cash balance is over \$145,000 and they have around 190 expense days covered.

8. RCR Security Coverage – RCR provided the Committee with information on the Board's exposure to cyber-attacks and recovery. No further action needed.
9. Insurance Follow-up – Board staff received Certificates of Liability from Community Action Commission, S & S Landscaping, and RCR Technology as requested. No further action needed.

Action Items:

1. A motion was made by Aaron Weare and seconded by Rick Eakin to approve the September 2023 Board Financial Statements as presented. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Aaron Weare and seconded by Rick Eakin to approve FRC's request to transfer \$77,145 to Fee-For-Service from their grant allocation. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Rick Eakin and seconded by Aaron Weare to approve increasing Dr. Arndt's FY'24 contract \$10,000 to an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

To Do List:

1. The Committee will revisit the request from Family Resource Center once their September 2024 financials have been completed and submitted to the Board.

**Hancock County
Community Coalition on Addiction**

Committee Chairs – Report
Meeting Date: October 13, 2023
Meeting Time: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Meeting Location: ADAMHS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Ratified 12/12/22

1. Support people with substance use disorder *and* their loved ones.
2. Support accessibility and reduce barriers to services.
3. Implement best prevention strategies that impact people with highest risk.
4. Reduce stigma.

Committee Members

	Debra Parker <i>Chair</i> The University of Findlay	>	Mark Miller <i>Community Awareness</i> Ohio Third District Court of Appeals	>	Carla Benjamin <i>Community Awareness</i> Welcome to a New Life
>	Stefan Adams <i>Community Awareness (Education)</i> Findlay City Schools	>	Rick Van Mooy <i>Community Awareness (Education)</i> Hancock County Schools	>	Michael Pepple <i>Legislative</i> Hancock County Commissioner
>	Dr. William Kose <i>Medical</i> Blanchard Valley Health System		Rob Martin <i>Medical</i> City of Findlay		Abbie Accord <i>Peer Support Advisory Board</i>

Invited Guests/Staff/ADAMHS Board

>	Zach Thomas	>	Precia Stuby	>	Jennifer Swartzlander
	Ann Woolum <i>ADAMHS Chair</i>		Jim Darrach <i>ADAMHS Vice-Chair</i>	>	Mark Rimelspach <i>ADAMHS</i>
	Stacy Shaw <i>Community Partnership Chair</i>				

Committee Priorities:

- Guide, monitor, and evaluate work of each Committee using Evaluation Scorecard (build effective metrics into scorecard)
- Ensure alignment of Coalition with ADAMHS, Findlay Strategic Plan, CHIP; provide report of progress with identified metrics
- Determine necessary governing structure and operating procedures
- Ensure coalition process best-practices are maintained

DISCUSSION:

1. **SafeWorks Program Changes.** The SafeWorks Program (harm reduction/syringe service program) has put a hold on distributing smoking supplies. The program will also complete a three-year look-back audit to evaluate its effectiveness since it was launched in 2021. Law enforcement officials had expressed concerns regarding the number of syringes given to SafeWorks Program participants, questioning if the number of syringes should be limited to increase the number of “touchpoints” for each participant. Precia Stuby consulted with the national harm reduction technical assistance center regarding this issue. The technical assistance center indicated (with accompanying research documents) that using a “needs-based” approach (not limiting the number of syringes available to each client) in syringe service programs is considered best practice. A follow-up meeting to review the look-back report and technical assistance consultation will take place at a city/county leadership meeting January.

Related to the program, grant funds have been requested for three naloxone vending machines. However, the machines will not be installed until after the meeting in January.

Hancock County Community Coalition on Addiction

Mark Rimelspach expressed concern that peers should have been involved in the initial leadership meeting when leaders were convened to discuss the SafeWorks program. Precia Stuby indicated this was a decision made by SafeWorks program leadership, but will take this concern back to program leadership. Mark Miller suggested that participant quotes be included in the look-back report to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program.

2. **Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana for Recreational Use.** The Committee Chairs have made the following recommendations to communicate the Resolution throughout the community: 1. Members of the Coalition should share the Resolution broadly by forwarding the E-Update and/or sharing on social media sites; 2. Prepare a press release for The Courier; 3. Discuss Resolution with Chris Oaks (Good Mornings with Chris Oaks, WFIN); 4. Prepare editorial (Dr. Kose); 5. Share Resolution with school superintendents/faith-based organizations, asking entities to share the Resolution across their organizations and consider writing an editorial (staff assistance available if requested).
3. **Juvenile Court Data.** The Committee Chairs agreed to include the data provided on a quarterly basis from Juvenile Court related to drug screenings in the full database report. This led to a significant discussion about youth vaping. Schools are having great difficulty mitigating and preventing youth from vaping. Several considerations for strategies/initiatives were discussed which included the following: 1. Request Sheriff Heldman's spring community event be focused on vaping education, awareness, and prevention; 2. Request vaping infraction data from city/county schools; 3. Partner with the Community Partnership in their efforts to develop/initiate community-based vaping prevention strategies; 4. Consult with business partners (Chamber, Safety Council) on how to increase awareness, and determine if no-smoking policies also include no-vaping. This discussion will be continued in the Community Awareness Committee meeting (10.16.23) and Community Partnership meeting (10.17.23).
4. **Committee Chair Reports.**
 - a. **Community Awareness** – Continue vaping discussion at next meeting; Lead efforts of Anti-Stigma Initiative pilot
 - b. **Legislative** – Assisted in advancing the Resolution; Hosting meetings with Representative Cross (10.27.23) and Senator McColley (10.30.23)
 - c. **Medical** – Preparing meeting with MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) providers (11.16.23)
5. **Items of Note:**
 - a. **Immigration Coalition** – Hancock Public Health has initiated the Immigration Coalition to rally community partners to receive education regarding the increasing immigration population, and to develop an actionable strategy to ensure safety and connection to resources for the immigrant population.
 - b. **CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan)** – The CHIP has a number of strategies that are linked to the Coalition. The strategies continued to be advanced and are monitored on a quarterly basis.
 - c. **Center for Civic Engagement Health Equity Plan of Action** – The Action Plan was created in response to a need to address the health disparities in specific neighborhoods as revealed in the 2021 Hancock County Health Equity Report.
6. **One Ohio Update.** Commissioner People provided the following updates regarding the One Ohio Foundation: An Executive Director has been hired to lead the Foundation; County/Regional allocations

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Community Coalition on Addiction**

have been proposed; Minutes from the Regional meeting will be shared next week; Funds should be available to communities in 2024.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. Precia Stuby will discuss including peers in future SafeWorks program review with program leadership.
2. Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana for Recreational Use:
 - a. Prepare press release
 - b. Schedule air time with Chris Oaks
 - c. Dr. Kose to prepare editorial
 - d. Share Resolution with school superintendents/faith-based organizations
3. Update database report to include the Juvenile Court drug screenings.
4. Mark Miller to ask Sheriff Heldman if he is planning to host a community meeting next spring, and if so, focus the meeting on vaping.
5. Zach Thomas will request vaping infraction data from city/county schools.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, December 15, 2023

9:00-10:30 a.m.

ADAMHS

The Community Partnership believes that if substance use prevention and mental health promotion strategies are implemented, then the overall health and quality of life in Hancock County will be improved.

Council Meeting Report

Date: October 17, 2023, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Location: ADAMHS Office

Representatives (Attendees in **BOLD**)

SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE
BUSINESS	Michelle Ladd (Chamber of Commerce)
CIVIC/VOLUNTEER GROUP	Kim Hiatt (50 North), Kaleb Brown (United Way)
GOVERNMENT AGENCY	Shawn Carpenter (Juvenile Court)
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL	Jenn Reese (BVHS)
LAW ENFORCEMENT	Brian White, Vice-Chair (FPD)
MEDIA	Mary Jane Yarris (Retired), Cheryl Miller (Hancock Public Health)
OTHER ORGANIZATION	Triena Miller (JFS), Erin Mitchell (Lutheran Social Services), Brooke Nissin (FOCUS)
PARENT	
RELIGIOUS/FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION	
RECOVERY PEER	Abbie Acord (Peer Support Advisory Board)
SCHOOL	Stefan Adams (FCS), Jodi Firsdon, (UF), Angie Toland (ESC)
YOUNG ADULT 18-25	
YOUTH	
YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATION	Stacy Shaw, Chair (CMC), Chris Biltz (FRC), Abby Blanchard (FRC)
BOARD/COALITION	Ann Woolum (ADAMHS Vice-Chair), Jim Darrach (ADAMHS Vice-Chair), Debra Parker (UF), Mark Rimelspach (ADAMHS)
STAFF	Zach Thomas, Steve Dillon
GUESTS	

FY24 HCCP Focus – Connection.

FY24 HCCP Goal – Create healthy behaviors, individuals, and communities.

FY24 HCCP Prevention Priorities – Delay onset; protect the brain; protective and promotive factors; support the family; deliver services in the community.

Strategic Imperatives 2023-2028

- Creating Connections between Youth and Trusted Adults
- Promotion of Positive, Healthy, Alternative Activities
- Understanding of Adolescent Brain Development
- Data Collection

DISCUSSION

1. **Celebrations, Challenges, and Concerns.** The following was shared by Council members:

- Stacy Shaw** – Children’s Mentoring Connection had a successful fundraising event last weekend (10.14.23).
- Cheryl Miller** - Hancock Public Health has initiated the Immigration Coalition to rally community partners to receive education regarding the increasing immigrant population, and to develop an actionable strategy to ensure safety and connection to resources for the immigrant population. The Partnership will be regularly updated on this work and will offer to assist wherever necessary.

2. **Updates.** Zach Thomas provided updates on the following:

- a. **Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana for Recreational Use** – The ADAMHS Board approved the Resolution at its September 2023 Board Meeting. The following recommendations were made by the Coalition on Addiction Committee Chairs to communicate the Resolution throughout the community: 1. Members of the Coalition should share the Resolution broadly by forwarding the E-Update and/or sharing on social media sites; 2. Prepare a press release for The Courier; 3. Discuss Resolution with Chris Oaks (Good Mornings with Chris Oaks, WFIN); 4. Prepare editorial (Dr. Kose); 5. Share Resolution with school superintendents/faith-based organizations, asking entities to share the Resolution across their organizations and consider writing an editorial (staff assistance available if requested).
- b. **HIPS Program** – The HIPS (Hidden in Plain Sight trailer) Program was showcased at the 10.9.23 Hancock County Teachers' In-Service Day. One hundred teachers and staff walked through the trailer. Family Resource Center and Hancock Public Health continue to discuss the development of a plan to share the management of the HIPS Program.
- c. **OHYES Survey** – Almost all Hancock County and Findlay City Schools have registered to administer the OHYES Survey. All data will be collected this fall (through December 31, 2023.) Data analysis reports should be available to the community late spring 2024.
- d. **Summer Lunch Program** – The Community Partnership supported the 2023 Summer Lunch Program with funds which supported compensation to lunch monitors. Peggy Grandbois submitted the final report which indicated that it was a successful program.
- e. **YMCA** – The YMCA has been asked to consider having representation on the Community Partnership Council. The YMCA is an active partner in the community that supports pro-social activities for youth and adults and aligns with the goals of the Community Partnership.

3. **Social Media Project & Vaping Project.** The Partnership Council spent much of its meeting time discussing two critical issues that have been identified as significant concerns/issues for Hancock County/Findlay City youth. What follows are highlights from that discussion:

- a. Data collected from a survey administered to the 2024 Hancock Youth Leadership (HYL) Class was reviewed. It revealed that youth see social media as both a positive and negative influence in their lives.
- b. HYL was also asked about other concerns affecting their overall well-being: Mental health was identified as a top concern. The Partnership Council was also provided with a list of suggestions HYL created on how to improve mental health in their schools.
- c. Over the course of the school year, HYL will continue to explore this data, through a learning program focused on the Strategic Prevention Framework, to determine if there are any immediate strategies they could implement locally.
- d. Many schools are reporting to the Community Partnership that youth vaping is increasingly getting out of hand. Although the Community Partnership was not awarded the federal prevention grant (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) that would have addressed vaping, it still intends to move forward in helping schools and the community address this significant health issue. A list of suggestions was created to begin developing a strategy:
 - i. Catalogue all county and city schools' vaping infraction policies. *Is it possible to develop a uniform policy across all schools that aids in the diversion and prevention of vaping?*
 - ii. Consider messaging campaigns that provide information to inform kids of the actual risks of vaping.
 - iii. Survey HYL on vaping.
 - iv. Survey all county and city schools on what they need to address vaping. *It is the intention of the Community Partnership to provide the support schools need, rather than offer strategies that may have little relevance to the school.*
 - v. Campaign that all "no smoking" signs say, "no smoking and no vaping."
 - vi. Create a messaging campaign that addresses vaping concerns specifically to parents and adults who work with youth.
 - vii. Sheriff Heldman will be hosting a spring 2024 community event that will focus on vaping.

- viii. Survey medical offices to determine if patients are asked if they vape in addition to using tobacco/smoking.
- ix. Catalogue business and company vaping policies.

ACTION ITEMS TAKEN DURING MEETING

- 1. Motion to approve September 2023 Meeting Report – Kaleb Brown. Second – Kim Hiatt. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1. Add vaping strategies (listed above) into Community Partnership Strategic Plan, with actionable and time-limited action steps.
- 2. The following items will be covered in the November 2023 Partnership Council meeting: Prevention Mandates, 2023 Quarter 3 Scorecard, Focus on Prevention documents, Review of Inclusion Toolkit Facilitator Training.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

9:00-10:30 a.m.

ADAMHS Office

THE DELEGATION

Report

October 17, 2023

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Lindamood Room, Findlay-Hancock County Public Library



Delegation Members/Attendees

Carla Benjamin – <i>Welcome to a New Life</i>	Christina Muryn – <i>City of Findlay Mayor</i>	Dionne Neubauer – <i>Findlay- Hancock County Chamber of Commerce</i>
Don Essex – <i>City of Findlay</i>	Erin Schwiebert – <i>Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i>	Hiro Kawamura – <i>University of Findlay</i>
	Jennifer Swartzlander – <i>ADAMHS</i>	Jerome Gray – <i>Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center</i>
John Drymon – <i>Trinity Episcopal Church</i>	Karim Baroudi – <i>Hancock Public Health</i>	Andy Hatton – <i>Findlay City Schools</i>
Kimberly Bash – <i>Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation</i>	Kirby Overton – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Melissa LaRocco – <i>Legal Aid of Western Ohio</i>
Precia Stuby – <i>ADAMHS</i>	Scott Lammers – <i>Family Resource Center</i>	Sarah Clevidence – <i>Findlay-Hancock County Public Library</i>
Seth Butler – <i>Independent Consultant</i>	Steve Dillon – <i>ADAMHS</i>	Tommie Harner/Stacy Tapia – <i>Western Ohio Foodbank</i>
Zach Thomas – <i>ADAMHS</i>	Kaylee Schleucher – <i>Northwestern Mutual</i>	Chloe Crowther – <i>Marathon Center for the Performing Arts</i>
Laura Reinhart – <i>Hancock Public Health</i>	Nancy Firth – <i>St. Andrew's UMC</i>	Stefan Adams – <i>Findlay City Schools</i>
Chris Caldwell – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Jaclynn Hohman – <i>City of Findlay</i>	Stephen Garrison – <i>University of Findlay</i>
Heather Smith – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Maria Guarnieri – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Kaleb Brown – <i>United Way</i>
Peggy Dillon – <i>Hot Yoga Findlay</i>	Jennifer Davis – <i>Family Resource Center</i>	Nichole Coleman – <i>Hancock County Veterans Office</i>
Sarah Perrigo – <i>Economic Development</i>	Cheryl Miller – <i>Hancock Public Health</i>	

DISCUSSION:

- Celebrations, Challenges, and Concerns.** The following was shared by Council members:
 - Jerome Gray – The Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center had a successful Hispanic Heritage Festival event this past weekend (10.14.23).
 - The Delegation members offer their congratulations to Missy LaRocco for receiving the Non-Profit Leader of the Year Award at the Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards (10.11.23).
- Immigration Coalition.** Hancock Public Health initiated the Immigration Coalition to rally community partners to receive education regarding the increasing immigrant population, and to develop an actionable strategy to ensure safety and connection to resources for the immigrant population. The Delegation spent a significant portion of the meeting discussing next steps for the Coalition. Below are highlights from the discussion:
 - Immigration is a driver of economic development, of which the State of Ohio is supportive. However, it does not take account that social supports and services are severely limited in capacity but desperately needed to support the immigrant population.
 - There is up to a 24-month gap from when an immigrant arrives in the country to when they may receive official status as a refugee or asylee, becoming eligible for additional

social service supports. This leads to incredible challenges in connecting immigrants with appropriate services during this gap.

- c. Mission Possible has been serving the local Haitian population. Mission Possible has extensive missionary work experience in Haiti and has recently transferred those efforts to support the local Haitian population.
 - d. Hancock Public Health has suggested two major goals of the Immigration Coalition: 1.) The development of a local immigration processing center that could serve as a one-stop location to support immigrants once they arrive in the community; 2.) prop up a non-profit (such as Mission Possible) to directly serve the immigrant population.
 - e. Hancock Public Health shared that its capacity to manage the Immigration Coalition is limited and sees a better fit for the work of the Immigration Coalition to be managed through the Delegation. Additionally, many of the community representatives that would be participating in a separate Immigration Coalition are already members of the Delegation and such a management structure would eliminate duplication and create better efficiency. However, the staffing capacity of the Delegation is already limited and it would be a challenge to include the management of the Immigration Coalition as part of the staffing duties for the Delegation. It would be better served to move forward with a collaborative approach (to be defined more clearly in document form).
 - f. There is a need for community-level education and training on the immigration process and cultural sensitivity.
 - g. **The following ACTION ITEMS were agreed upon by the Delegation members and Hancock Public Health:**
 - i. Invite Mission Possible (including Hachemy Gabriel) to become a member of the Delegation (Cheryl Miller).
 - ii. Complete a mapping process of services and supports necessary to immigrants upon arrival in the community (Missy LaRocco, Cheryl Miller).
 - iii. Connect with Clark County (Ohio) to discuss "lessons learned" from the creation of their immigration processing center (Cheryl Miller).
 - iv. Develop community-level education opportunities on immigration process and cultural sensitivity (Findlay-Hancock County Chamber, Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Cetner, Delegation).
 - v. Connect with BGSU Public Health Resource Center for guidance on serving immigrant populations (Karim Baroudi).
 - vi. Define governance/management structure of Immigration Coalition (Hancock Public Health, Delegation).
3. **A.F.T.E.R. Report.** Sarah Perrigo attended the meeting to provide a review of the A.F.T.E.R (Attracting Future Talent, Entertainment, and Resources) Report which was an initiative of Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development. The report summarizes the surveying of a young professional task force working in Findlay/Hancock County about their perceptions of the community and what is necessary to maintain a professional workforce that desires to live and remain in the community. Members of the task force were all under 28 years of age, completed at least a 4-year college degree, and were not originally from Findlay/Hancock County. The following items were identified as significant areas of concern and/or necessary improvement:
- a. More housing options.
 - b. Safe transportation, including opportunity to use various modes of transportation.
 - c. Community culture, including opportunities for growth in the areas of cultural sensitivity, empathy, and acceptance.

- d. Improved retail option and downtown.
- e. Increased passive recreation.
- f. Increased regional connectivity to more urban areas.
- g. Improved office culture.

The report may be accessed here: <https://findlayecondev.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/A.F.T.E.R.-Hours-Task-Force-Comprehensive-Report.pdf>.

Additionally, Delegation members remarked that: Findlay is not modernizing as are other similarly sized communities; can the A.F.T.E.R. Report inspire more intergenerational conversations as a way to improve the community and attract and retain young talent; based on the A.F.T.E.R. report, what are changes that can be made in consensus intergenerationally.

- 4. **Facilitator Training for *Inclusion Toolkit*.** The training will take place November 15 & 16. There are four openings remaining. Any Delegation member is welcome to any of the remaining openings – please contact Zach Thomas (zthomas@yourpathtohealth.org)

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 1. Follow through on Immigration Coalition Action Items listed above in 2g.
- 2. Complete a crosswalk of A.F.T.E.R Report and *Inclusivity Report* to reveal correlations and/or differences that may assist the Delegation in its work to create spaces of belonging.
- 3. Provide a review of the *Inclusion Toolkit* training.
- 4. 2023 Q3 Scorecard
- 5. Update on CCE Health Equity Plan of Action
- 6. Workgroup Updates (You Belong Campaign, Civic Engagement)

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Lindamood Room, Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

ROSC Leadership Team Report

Meeting Date: October 24, 2023

Meeting Time: 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Meeting Location: ADAMHS Board

ROSC Leadership Team Members:

	Andrea Sensel		Meelee Kim
	Angela DeBoskey		Margaret Osborne
	Ann Woolum	X	Mark Rimelspach
	Brooke Nissen		Michelle McGraw
X	Carla Benjamin		Nancy Hutchinson
X	Carl Etta Capes	X	Nichole Coleman
X	Crystal Weitz		Pastor Gregg Fox
X	Derek Puchta		Pastor Dutch VanderVlucht
	Ginny Williams		Rachel Walter
X	Jessica Bittner	X	Rosalie King
X	Jodie Firsdon		Ryan Kidwell
X	Kegan Wise	X	Scott Lammers
	Kim Switzer	X	Stacy Shaw
	Liana Gott		Thom Bissell
X	Maggie Brown		Tricia Valasek
X	Deb Jordan	X	Victoria Graham
X	Caity Bidlack		

Staff/Consultant:

X	Precia Stuby	X	Zach Thomas	X	Jennifer Swartzlander
	Dr. Flaherty				

Approval of prior minutes – Minutes accepted as presented.

Items to Discuss:

- 1. Maternal Health** – Jennifer shared that a group will be convened to identify community services, needs, gaps, on maternal health specifically regarding mental health and substance use. The meetings are scheduled for November 1st, November 29th and January 30th. It was recommended to include a discussion on the immigrant population during the meetings.
- 2. Hancock County Immigration Coalition-** Precia shared that 50+ community members met to discuss the significant immigrant population in our community. They have come to Hancock County to work. Sub-committees will be addressing community education specifically on the Haitian culture and education on the various immigration status. The sub-committees will report to the Cultural Delegation. The committee discussed interpretation services and how to make individual websites accessible. The first training will happen November 5th at Fresh Brewed Business.
- 3. MAT Provider meeting-** Zach shared that community MAT providers are convening on November 16th as a 1 year follow up to the last meeting. During the last year there has been an expansion of MAT induction and services. The BVH Emergency Department now offers inductions.
- 4. Community Position on Legal Substances** – Zach shared that the position will

be updated to include policy recommendations around marketing. He shared that Community Partnership, and the Coalition on Addiction has passed a resolution opposing Recreational Marijuana (Issue 2).

5. **Associated Press** Precia thanks those who participated in the visit with the Associated Press. They are writing a story around the opiate drug company settlement funding that will be available to support community substance use services. They are highlighting individuals and the programs that helped those clients in their recovery journey.
6. **Faith-Based Update** – Jen shared that the FAM Talks (Faith, Addiction and Mental health) sessions have been successful. The topics that will be covered with the faith community include ROSC, Grief, Anxiety and Depression and Substance Use.
7. **Individual Recovery Measures** –Reviewed this committee's survey results on suggested individual recovery measures. Precia shared the idea of recovery focused on what individuals desire within the categories of home, health, purpose and community. The focus becomes recovery as thriving vs. just not using substances.
8. **Concerns/topics from the Committee** – Precia shared the upcoming Camp FUN event for youth 9-17 years old who have been impacted by substance use.

Kegan Wise of Whirlpool and on the NAMI Board share the Mental Health First AID (MHFA) initiative at Whirlpool. They rolled out the MHFA training as part of their 'Be Well' programming in Findlay and now it is offered in all US plants and across the world. The training helps supervisors and employees understand how to respond when an employee is experiencing mental health symptoms in the workplace.

Grant/Funding updates:

- **The Loft – capital project** – Brooke shared that they are working on the purchase and renovation of a new location for The Loft.
- **The Steady Path – Grant final numbers and new Bureau of Justice Assistance grant** – Precia shared the Steady Path has served 186 unique individuals (more than 200 admissions) over in its first 3 years.

Follow-up:

- **Jennifer will include OhioGuidestone's Interpreter Services information and Zach's website accessibility guidance.**
- **Send out the Camp Fun flyer with ROSC minutes.**

Next meeting: January 23rd 8-9:15 a.m.

OHIO SUICIDE PREVENTION FOUNDATION

Suicide Prevention in Ohio's Hispanic Community

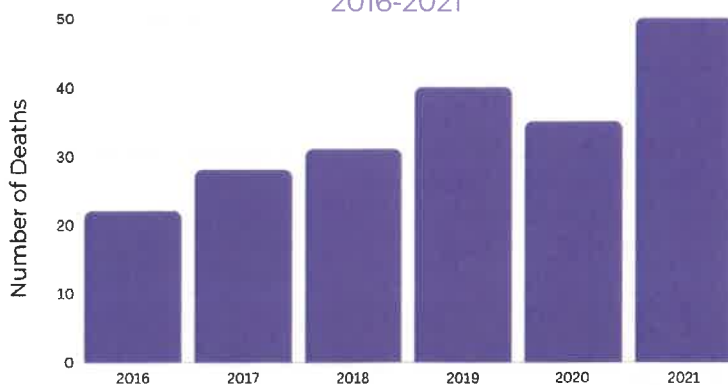
As the fastest growing population group, Ohio's Hispanic community is comprised of more than 505,000 people, accounting for 4.2 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2021 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's Hispanic population more than doubled since 2000 and has more than tripled since 1980.¹ Suicide is a growing concern among this population as they are disproportionately affected by economic, social, and health consequences.²

A Closer Look

According to preliminary data from the Ohio Department of Health, from 2020 to 2021, suicide deaths among Hispanic Ohioans increased 43 percent, with males experiencing higher rates than females. For Hispanic American youth, the numbers are even more staggering.

On average, from 2012 to 2021, the number of suicide deaths among male Hispanic youth (ages 10-24) was nearly four times the number of deaths among their female counterparts. From 2020 to 2021, suicide deaths among male Hispanic youth increased 14 percent while deaths among female youth decreased 24 percent.³

Number of Suicide Deaths in Ohio's Hispanic Community, 2016-2021



Data Provided by the Ohio Department of Health

Growing Concerns

Living in a prolonged state of fear and being separated from the home and culture one has always known can have a profound impact on an individual's mental health and well-being. Because so many Hispanic-Americans experience this, mental health and suicide have become growing concerns for the community.

Resources

- Ohio Hispanic Coalition ohiohispaniccoalition.org
- Teleayuda Ohio teleayudaohio.com
- Apoyo Latino cincinnatiatlano.org
- Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio ccswoh.org
- Live Another Day liveanotherday.org/bipoc/latinx
- Casa de Paz Cincinnati casadepazcinci.org
- The Healing Center (Cincinnati) healingcentercincinnati.org
- Santa Maria Community Services (Cincinnati) santamaria-cincy.org/espanol
- Ohio Latino Affairs Commission ochla.ohio.gov/latino-community/resources
- Urban Minority Outreach mha.ohio.gov/get-help/prevention-services/urban-minority-outreach

Risk Factors

According to the American Psychiatric Association:

Although Hispanics are the largest ethnic minority group living in the United States, anti-Hispanic discrimination is still prevalent—and on the rise, especially with the controversies surrounding undocumented immigrants from Latino countries. Stereotyping of Hispanics in the current sociopolitical climate continues to affect Hispanics negatively. Discrimination is a contributing factor in social inequality and health disparities and is associated with adverse mental health outcomes in Hispanics. Discriminatory experiences for Hispanics are specifically associated with an increase in emotional stress, social isolation, and symptoms of depression and anxiety. Additionally, research suggests that everyday discrimination increases the probability of Hispanics reporting suicidal thoughts and behaviors.⁴

In addition to racial discrimination, other risk factors specific to the Hispanic-American community include:

- Life experiences
- Migration
- Cultural estrangement
- Drug/alcohol usage
- Fear of deportation⁵

Lowering the Risk

In Hispanic cultures, commitment to family, and having healthy and strong bonds is crucial. It has been reported that Hispanic youth who have supportive relationships with their parents are less likely to attempt suicide.⁶ Hispanic female youth also benefit from positive relationships with their mothers, specifically, which can reduce withdrawn and depressive behaviors and suicide attempts.⁶

In addition, ethnic identity is positively associated with self-esteem among Hispanic adolescents, and has been shown to moderate the relationship between perceived discrimination and depression.⁶

According to Dr. Ruby Castilla-Puentes, president of the American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry, Hispanic individuals can leverage many cultural characteristics that define the countries of the Latin American region to head off mental health disorders before they devolve into depression or suicidality.²

To ensure that Ohio's Hispanic-American Population has adequate support, we must also ensure that barriers to mental health care such as insurance coverage are addressed. Interpretation services for Spanish-speaking individuals is also crucial in making sure a person is able to seek help.

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OSPF gives hope to those in crisis, strength to those in the struggle, and comfort to those in grief. OSPF is a non-profit organization that works tirelessly to help all of Ohio's communities reduce the risk of suicide. Our work includes supporting those impacted by suicide, raising awareness of mental health issues, and coordinating community resources and evidence-based prevention strategies across the state.



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