

Lake County ADAMHS Board



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From our Executive Director Kimberley Fraser



hroughout State Fiscal Year 2021, the Lake County ADAMHS Board has continued to prioritize what matters most – ensuring that every Lake County individual and family has access to premier behavioral health services and supports. While we have navigated some challenging waters through the past year, the persistent hard work and dedication of our staff, Board, and provider network have allowed us to continue to fulfill our mission of service.

In the face of growing external challenges, we've continued to be proactive and adaptable when it comes to the quality and accessibility of the services we support. As COVID impacted our system, the behavioral health network was able to quickly and efficiently transition to alternative ways to conduct business, hold meetings, and deliver services to the individuals who count on us. Our system of care became more resilient in ways that will serve our community well as future challenges arise.

Collaboration has always been one of the hallmarks of this ADAMHS system, and this fiscal-year was no exception. We value our strong relationships with educators, local and state government officials, law enforcement and first responder organizations, courts, and other Lake County social service departments. Our collaborative efforts have helped enhance the scope of service we offer to the community, and we depend on those partnerships to drive the health and wellness of our county.

Our Lake County ADAMHS Board believes there is nothing more vital to our ability to carry out our state statute-mandated responsibilities than local decision making. Our board of directors are all Lake County residents who serve without compensation. They are continually focused on the effectiveness and efficiency of what we do. They're local people making important decisions that impact their fellow Lake Countians.

I'm extremely proud to be a part of this Lake County ADAMHS system. I hope you share that pride. Thank you, as always, for your support.





Important ways we help and support people and families in Lake County

Educational presentations. This fiscal year our community outreach specialist did 51 presentations to groups large and small. All-told, thousands of people now better understand mental illness and substance-use disorders, how to access local resources, and the importance of what we do.



Wellness Initiatives. We created and distributed a series of seasonal wellness guides to help our neighbors cope with stressors that they might be experiencing. We also produced a series of short videos with those same goals in mind.

Compass Line & Transportation Line. Both of these initiatives have dramatically improved access to services for people who need them. *This fiscal year our Compass Line fielded 369 calls, and made 620 referrals and our Transportation Line helped 3,073 clients get to and from appointments.*



You Matter Month. As COVID continued to spawn fears and anxieties we declared February "You Matter Month" in Lake County. We created and distributed hundreds of yard signs that combined affirmative messaging and help resources.

Week of Appreciation. Ohio's *Week of Appreciation* is an opportunity to show support and appreciation to those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders. The Lake County ADAMHS Board saluted those important community partners by delivering appreciation bags to law enforcement offices, fire and EMT stations, emergency departments, and behavioral health care teams throughout the county.

Health Equity. Lake ADAMHS expanded efforts to address health equity, both internally and system-wide. Our Director of Quality and Clinical Operations, Christine Lakomiak, will lead this ongoing effort.

First-responder and front-liners stressors. The impacts of significant stressors—COVID, overdoses, and others—have weighed heavily on law enforcers, fire and rescue teams, and hospital personnel. In response, we established a first-responder program through Crossroads Health, and implemented a designated COVID support line for employees of Lake Health to help them deal with the stress.

Dangerous street drugs. We continued to help battle the misuse of opioids and other dangerous drugs. Our Opiate Task Force continues to be a leader in these efforts. Emphasis areas include public education about the nature of substance abuse disorders and treatment options.



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BOARD

BOARD'S FY 2021 EXECUTIVE Committee

Dave Enzerra, *Chair* Andy Meinhold, *Vice-Chair* Matt Sabo, *Treasurer* Roberta Kalb, *Secretary* Les Beck, *Past Chair*

BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Brown Kimberley Collise Roberta Kalb Pamela Kurt James McBride

Julia McGruder Jordyn Paratore Karen Sippola Joanne Zeroske

Eryn Medved is now our staff accountant.

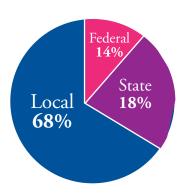
Eryn's extensive professional background is largely in the banking world. She has analytical, problem solving, organizational, and communication skills that will serve her well in this position. Welcome aboard, Eryn!

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Bridges

Catholic Charities Community Services of Lake County Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Crossroads Health Extended Housing Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers Lake Health Emergency-Based Crisis Services Lifeline NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Lake County Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare/Community Services Network Signature Health Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance Windsor-Laurelwood WomenSafe

FINANCIAL



SFY	20	21	Rev	enue

TOTAL	\$15,389,077	
Local	\$10,423,301	
State	\$2,806,220	
Federal	\$2,159,556	

FY 2021 ADAMHS Expenses - out of every dollar invested

About the Lake County ADAMHS Board

Established by Ohio statute, the ADAMHS Board plans, monitors, evaluates, and funds services for Lake County residents dealing with a mental illness and/or substance-use disorders. Those services are delivered through a network of providers. Board members are all Lake County residents who serve without compensation.