

FOUR COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD

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Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests

Board chairperson John Nye called the May meeting of the Four County ADAMhs Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Karen Bleeks, Sandy Herman, Tod Hug, Jill Mack, Jeff Mayer, John Nye, Michelle Oyer-Rose, Cindy Rose, Stephen Seagrave, Nick Varano, Mari Yoder

Absent: Tim Livengood, Roy Miller, Stephen Seagrave, Wayne Smith

Guests: Joanna Gioia, OhioGuidestone, Christine McVay, OhioGuidestone, Patricia Hardy, OhioGuidestone, Megan Bowser, Recovery Services of NW Ohio, Dawn Miller, Maumee Valley Guidance Center, Jessica Kline, New Home Development Company

Staff Present: Tonie Long, Bethany Shirkey, Angelica Abels, BJ Horner, and Lisa Jones

Community Response

Christine McVay, OhioGuidestone, reported that the agency is partnering with the Path Center in Defiance to place a social worker onsite. The social worker will meet with clients at the Path Center to provide resources, referrals, and assistance with basic needs. OhioGuidestone will also help eligible Medicaid clients obtain free cell phone services, which will be active for a six-month time period. This added support will make it easier for clients to schedule and manage appointments.

Joanna Gioia, OhioGuidestone, reported that early childhood mental health services have successfully launched in Fulton County and are progressing well. The agency hopes to expand these services to the remaining three counties in the near future.

Jessica Kline, New Home Development Company, reported that *Upton II*, the new permanent supportive housing development in Defiance, is now expected to open at the end of July. Weather-related delays have pushed the timeline back slightly. An open house is planned, with invitations to follow.

Megan Bowser, Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio, shared that the agency is currently working to launch the Four County CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Team, with two Delta Police Officers stepping in to lead the effort. She also reported that the agency has introduced virtual counseling services that first responders can take advantage of to support officer wellness.

2. Approval of Board Minutes of April 9, 2026

5-14-26-1 Vote

MOTION: Tod Hug

SECOND: Sandy Herman

MOTION PASSED

3. Board Ends

A. Mari Yoder reported that she has reviewed Policy 1.3 (Subsidy Priorities) and the Board is in compliance, however, a necessary language update is needed. The reference to the *Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services* must be revised to reflect the agency's new name, the *Ohio Department of Behavioral Health*.

B. Karen Bleeks reported that she has reviewed Policy 2.1 (Philosophy of Policy Governance) and the Board is in compliance.

C. Nick Varano reported that he has reviewed Policy 2.5 (Election of Officers) and the Board is in compliance.

D. Mari Yoder reported that she has reviewed Policy 4.3 (Protection of Assets) and the Board is in compliance.

4. Board Monitoring

A. Board member Tim Meister reported that he has reviewed Policy 4.1 (Financial Conditions) and that the Board is in compliance. (A copy of the FY26 third quarter report follows the meeting minutes.)

B. CEO Report

Tonie Long reported that the Board concluded its BAR review today and commended Angie Abels for her extensive work on numerous financial audits over the past several months. She also shared that Board staff have begun essential cybersecurity training, which must be completed by July 1, 2026, to meet Auditor of State requirements. Tonie informed the Board that the agency's application for the Recovery Housing Grant was not selected. This funding—received for the past two years—supported recovery housing for women through Recovery Services and for men through OhioGuidestone. Only six Boards were awarded funding this cycle, compared to twenty-two in 2025. As a result, these services may not be subsidized at previous levels. However, Tonie noted that the Board did make the cut for the OneOhio Grant, and she feels confident in the Board's chances of receiving the award. These funds would support a partnership with Harbor to provide supported employment services. She also reported that the Adult Mobile Crisis pilot program will launch on June 15, 2026. Meetings with local hospitals will be scheduled soon to review the new process. Tonie shared that the recent tabletop disaster exercise at the Fulton County Fairgrounds was a success and received positive feedback. The activity allowed key community partners to test the Four County Behavioral Disaster Plan in coordination with the Fulton County EMA. Finally, Tonie introduced a new initiative, Operation New Beginnings, led by BJ Horner. BJ explained that the program aims to interrupt the cycle of drinking and driving among individuals charged with an OVI.

5. Approval of the Approval Agenda

- A. To authorize filing calendar year 2026 adjusted appropriations and estimated revenue as submitted to the Board, and to authorize the CEO to make any and all necessary adjustments to calendar year 2026 appropriations and estimated revenue to carry out the fiscal functions of the Board as allowed in ORC Section 340.032.
- B. To authorize payment of the itemized list of invoices as presented to the Board at the May 14, 2026 board meeting under the provision of Then and Now Certificates. *(A copy of the list follows the meeting minutes.)*
- C. To authorize the Board CEO to contract with OhioGuidestone for mental health services that include outpatient, substance use, prevention services, and crisis care for an amount not to exceed \$1,410,396. This shall be for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- D. To authorize the Board CEO to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with OhioGuidestone to administer the Adult Mobile Crisis services for an amount not to exceed \$372,046. This shall be for the period of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.
- E. To authorize the Board CEO to provide an amount not to exceed \$140,000. to the Four-County Region Specialty Docket Project. This is for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
- F. To authorize the Board CEO to enter into shared payment agreements for placement costs of multi needs adolescents. The amount shall not exceed \$110,000. for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- G. To authorize the Board CEO to provide an amount not to exceed \$90,000. to the Drug Free Coalitions. This is for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- H. To authorize the Board CEO to contract with Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center to provide school navigation services for an amount not to exceed \$80,000. This shall be for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- I. To authorize the Board CEO to provide an amount not to exceed \$55,000. to the Guardianship Service Board for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- J. To authorize the Board CEO to contract with Children's Resource Center (CRC) to provide youth stabilization services for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. This will be for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- K. To provide funding support to CASA in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- L. To authorize the Board CEO to contract with SARAH's House for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- M. To authorize the Board CEO to contract with The Multi-Area Narcotics Unit (MAN-Unit) to provide liaison services for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- N. To provide an amount not to exceed \$5,000. for support of Together We Can Make A Difference for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- O. To authorize the Board CEO to contract with Amanda Waldfogel to provide support groups for an amount

not to exceed \$3,000. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

5-14-26-2 Vote

MOTION: Mari Yoder

SECOND: Jill Mack

MOTION PASSED

Motion was made by roll call vote to approve the following resolution:

Resolution requesting the Defiance County Auditor to certify the districts total current valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal levy.

WHEREAS, during an election on November 2, 2021, the electors of the Four County ADAMhs Board District approved a renewal tax for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the last collection of that tax levy will occur in the year 2027 and this board had determined that the continuation of the collection of that tax for an additional five years is necessary for the proper operation of the District;

WHEREAS, the board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the board to carry out its duties as set forth in Chapter 340 of the Revised Code in the Four county area and, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the limitation for the provision of drug addiction services and mental health services in the Four Counties, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with R.C. § 5705.03(B), the board must certify to the Defiance County Auditor a resolution requesting the Auditor to certify: (a) the total current tax valuation of the Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties' District; (b) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and (c) an estimate of how much the levy will collect annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.7 (seven-tenths) mill for each \$1.00 of taxable value, and an estimate of how much that amounts to for each \$100,000.00 of valuation, for the County Auditor's appraised value; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with R.C. § 5705.03(B), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of the board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, that it is a renewal levy, and the section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Four County ADAMhs Board of Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties, that:

Section 1. This board declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the board to carry out its duties as set forth in Chapter 340 of the Revised Code in the Four County area and, that it is necessary to levy a renewal of the existing 0.7 (seven-tenths) ad valorem property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for a period of five (5) years, for the provision of drug addiction services and mental health services in the Four Counties; and that it intends to submit the question of that renewal levy to County electors at an election to be held on November 3, 2026, as authorized by R.C. § 5705.19.

Section 2. This board requests the Defiance County Auditor certify to it the following:

- (a) The total current tax valuation of the District, and
- (b) The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal 0.7 (seven-tenths) mill tax levy.
- (c) An estimate of how much the levy will collect annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.7(seven-tenths) mill for each \$1.00 of taxable value, and an estimate of how much that amounts to for each \$100,000.00 of valuation, for the County Auditor's appraised value.

Section 2. This board states that the purpose of this levy is to provide for current expenses and that Section 5705.19 of the Revised Code authorizes submission of the question of the levy.

Section 3. That the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the board shall immediately deliver a certified copy of this resolution to Jill Little, Defiance County Auditor.

Section 4. This board finds and determines that all formal actions of this board, and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this board and of

any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law.

5-14-26-3 Vote

MOTION: Tod Hug SECOND: Jeff Mayer

Bleeks, yes; Herman, yes; Hug, yes; Mack, yes; Mayer, yes; Meister, yes; Nye, yes; Oyer-Rose, yes;
Rose, yes; Varano, yes; Yoder, yes

Roll call: 11 yes, 0 no MOTION PASSED

6. **New Business**

A. Nominating committee chair, Michelle Oyer-Rose presented officer nominations for FY27. Tod Hug was nominated for Board Chairperson and John Nye as Vice-Chairperson. Elections will take place at the June 11, 2026 meeting. Nominations were closed as there were no further recommendations from the floor.

5-14-26-4 Vote

MOTION: Nick Varano SECOND: Sandy Herman MOTION PASSES

B. The next meeting will be held June 11, 2026.

7. **Executive Session**

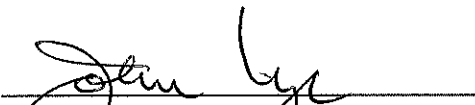
No executive session was needed.

8. **Adjournment**

5-14-26-5 Vote

MOTION: Jeff Mayer SECOND: Karen Bleeks MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Board Chairperson, John Nye