

March 25, 2026

TO: Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Members

FROM: Mr. Tom Reed, Chairman

SUBJECT: Minutes – March 16, 2026 Board Meeting

Board Members Present:

Joe Browning
Melissa Kimmel
Steve Ohlinger

Spencer Morgan
Gary Phillips
Tom Reed

Board Members Absent:

Melissa Cottrell
Megan Dunfee
Jonathan Mathis

Michelle Morris
Mikie Strite

Staff Present:

Robin Harris
Chris Love
Jenny Metts

Angela Stowers
Shannon Ware

Guests:

Elliot Colley/Student Intern
Stephen Cook/AETNA OhioRISE

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by Tom Reed, the Board Chairman, at 6:00 p.m. and he welcomed everyone. Ms. Ware introduced Elliot Colley, a student intern through DJFS that had participated in the Community Health Worker Summer internship. Ms. Ware shared that the ADAMH Board has been able to bring him back under the Work Experience Program.
2. Approval of Agenda – The packets were emailed to the Board Members. Mr. Reed requested approval of the revised agenda.

MOTION 26:205 Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the revised agenda and Mr. Ohlinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Reed requested approval of the February 2, 2026 fiscal committee and board meeting minutes.

MOTION 26:206 Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept the February 2, 2026 fiscal committee meeting minutes as presented and Ms. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION 26:207 Ms. Kimmel made a motion to accept the February 2, 2026 board meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Executive Director’s Report – Robin Harris highlighted items on the Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Reed requested approval of the Executive Director’s Report.

MOTION 26:208 Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the February 3, 2026 through March 16, 2026 Executive Director’s Report as presented. Mr. Ohlinger seconded the motion, which carried.

5. Fiscal Committee Report

- a-d. Fiscal Committee Report – Steve Ohlinger reported that the Fiscal Committee reviewed and approved each report included in the fiscal packet. The reports are included in the Board packet for review and he asked for Ms. Metts to share details from the fiscal meeting.

MOTION 26:209 Mr. Ohlinger made a motion that the Board approves and accepts the fiscal packet for January and February 2026 to include Balance Sheets, Expenditures, Funding Grids, and Agency Distribution Reports to be filed for audit as submitted. Mr. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- e. FY’26 Contract Revisions – Mr. Ohlinger requested approval of the following FY’26 Contract Revisions:

Hopewell Health Centers
-FY’26 Title XX

\$+ 25,296.00

MOTION 26:210 Ms. Kimmel made a motion to approve an FY’26 contract revision in the amount of \$25,296.00 for Hopewell Health Centers as presented and Mr. Browning seconded. The motion carried.

- f. Other – Ms. Metts reminded the Board of the upcoming BAR Review that begins the last week in March and CY’25 Audit is ongoing now.

6. Old Business

- a. Agency Reports & Updates - Ms. Harris shared that we are continuing to make progress with NAMI moving into our counties. They are recruiting board members,

training people, applying for some grants, and helping our board offer some programming. Angie Stowers was able to attend Rooted in Recovery's grand opening in Pomeroy last weekend. The Lost Voices group is looking at formalizing their existence as a coalition and Shannon Ware is working with them. Agencies are gearing up for summer programming and applying for money. Ms. Stowers added that Hopewell Health Centers and Field of Hope have primarily provided summer programming in the schools. At this time, Gallipolis City Schools is not planning to have summer school and that will impact programming from our providers.

- b. OACBHA Legislative/Budget Update –Ms. Harris stated we will be looking at capital budgets before long. Legislatively, our ADAMH Board in particular is not in a position to be worried about the property tax actions but obviously boards across the state are very concerned with that issue and the potential impact on partners in the community could be devastating. Ms. Harris stated that we may see a flurry of activity around criminal justice issues and competency restoration. DBH sent out a survey today to agencies regarding crisis services but they did not include boards in that survey.
- c. Coalition Updates – Ms. Ware pointed out that the format of the HUB Report has changed a little with the addition of the Lost Voices Coalition. Gallia County Hope is undergoing leadership restructuring. They are still working on the Screenagers film series project. Jackson SPARC has decided in going forward they want to split meetings into a daytime for agencies and providers and an evening opportunity for those unable to attend the daytime sessions. They are expanding community outreach by attending First Thursday in Jackson and Third Thursday in Wellston. Due to weather, illness and other factors, recent Meigs AHA! meetings have been limited. Lost Voices is expanding from a support group into a grassroots coalition. They are looking into starting additional AA/NA meetings and seeking Nar-Anon Support options. Lastly, the GJM Suicide Prevention Collaborative applied for two OSPF grants. They were awarded \$250 for Donut Day to support connection with law enforcement. The Collaborative is awaiting a decision on a Youth-Led Project supporting Claudia Joy Phillips-Hope 4 Teens. They are also working with OSFR Teams to obtain data and coordinate planning for LOSS Team Leadership through OSPF training opportunities. Elliott Colley is working on a 988-t-shirt design.
- d. FORGE Boys Leadership Foundation – Ms. Harris reported that the first FORGE Boys Leadership Foundation event will take place Saturday, March 21st at Gallia Academy Middle School. They had 151 slots to fill and as of last week there was still 30 slots left.
- e. Jackson FCFC Update – Ms. Harris reported that the Jackson FCFC audit was completed and there were no findings for recovery but there were recommendations to do things differently. Although auditors were aware of the fiscal issues that arose this year, they were not part of this audit and will not be until the next audit. Family and Children First Council audits take place every other year. Council members are now working to correct the way the Jackson County FCFC conducts business. The

Jackson County Health Department has decided not to continue being the Administrative Agent; however, they are under contract with the state until June 30th. The Jackson County DJFS will take it over July 1, 2026. Over the next few months, there will be a series of meetings to reorganize, develop budgets, and to help make that transition.

- f. Other – There was nothing to discuss under this item.

7. New Business

- a. Board Fiscal Reserves Policy – Ms. Harris stated that the Board Fiscal Reserves Policy is included in the packet. This is not a new practice but did not have a formal policy in our manual.

MOTION 26:211 Ms. Kimmel made a motion to approve the Board Fiscal Reserves Policy as presented and Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- b. OACBHA FY'26 Ohio 988 Awareness Project Mini Grant – Ms. Ware announced that we have applied for a mini-grant through OACBHA for the promotion of 988. She explained that the 988 Awareness Project proposal is designed to complement our “Your Presence Is a Present” campaign. This allows continuity of the message throughout the year. A copy of the board mini-grant application was included within the packet.
- c. Field of Hope Federal Community Projects Application - Ms. Harris reported that Congressman David Taylor visited the Field of Hope campus and suggested that they apply for his federal Community Projects Discretionary Funds. Although the Field of Hope project does qualify, there is a requirement that the funds pass through a government agency. It was recommended that our board should provide that role. Congressman Taylor also suggested applications and support letters be sent to Senator Jon Husted and Senator Bernie Moreno’s offices. If awarded the funding, our ADAMH Board is a pass through and we will provide oversight to make sure they meet all the requirements. A portion of the budget is designated to offset our expenses related to monitoring and audit costs.
- d. Board Marketing & Communication – Ms. Ware shared that she developed a one-page of information that explains how our ADAMH Board functions and a page explaining when to call 911 and when to call 988. She distributed copies and informed the Board that this will also be inserted into our resource guides. Ms. Ware is also working on social media posts explaining the Board’s function, 988, how crisis services work in this area, and staff member/board member spotlights. She asked for Elliot Colley to talk about the Board’s participation in the Meigs County Baby Shower. Mr. Colley distributed and talked about information that he created and illustrated to help build attachment with a baby. Ms. Ware shared that the Community Health Worker Pilot Program was a success and we have decided to go with year two here in Gallia County. We have added additional worksites through

DJFS Summer Youth Employment Program and are exploring opportunities to allow those that exceed that financial bracket to participate in some portion of the program. This year we are working with Prevention First to have them evaluate the potential to add prevention certification. We currently have 5 worksites (ISBH, Hopewell, Gallia County Health Department, and Field of Hope). She hopes to bring back some of the CHW interns as well to lead the group activity work on Fridays here at the Board Office. Ms. Ware stated the hope is to perfect the model to present to the other counties. Ms. Harris added that we had 5 last year and are hoping for 10 this year.

- e. Board Training/Next Meeting (April 20, 2026)
5:30 p.m. Fiscal Committee
5:45 p.m. Contract Review Committee
6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- f. Other – Stephen Cooke/AETNA OhioRise spoke briefly about the goal of making OhioRise work better.
- g. Opportunity for Public Comments – There was nothing to discuss under this item.

MOTION 26:212 Ms. Kimmel made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Tom Reed, Chairman

Mikie Strite, Secretary