



**ADAMH**

Your Mental Health & Addiction  
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# Annual Report 2023

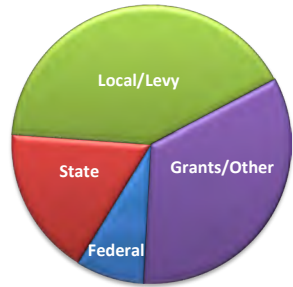


**Our mission is to enhance the behavioral healthcare system for our communities, ensuring individuals and families have access to person-centered, evidence-based treatment and support.**

# Financials - Calendar Year 2023

## Revenue

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Federal              | \$945,893           |
| State                | \$2,057,110         |
| Local/Levy           | \$4,880,940         |
| Grants/Other         | \$3,983,187         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> | <b>\$11,867,130</b> |



## Expenses

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Administration                                     | \$995,319           |
| <b>Services to Our Communities</b>                 |                     |
| Crisis Care  | \$514,134           |
| Civil Commitments                                  | \$22,823            |
| Community Coalitions & Trainings                   | \$178,478           |
| Consumer Supports                                  | \$326,562           |
| BH Provider Supports                               | \$350,446           |
| <b>Purchased Services on Behalf of Communities</b> |                     |
| Mental Health Treatment                            | \$917,445           |
| Mental Health Housing                              | \$1,784,469         |
| Substance Use Disorder Treatment                   | \$517,512           |
| Prevention   | \$1,395,038         |
| <b>Grant Expenditures</b>                          |                     |
| ATP Ross & Pickaway                                | \$134,552           |
| State Opioid Response (SOR)                        | \$2,768,353         |
| Specialized Docket Subsidy                         | \$375,000           |
| CIT Grant  | \$13,960            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                              | <b>\$10,294,090</b> |

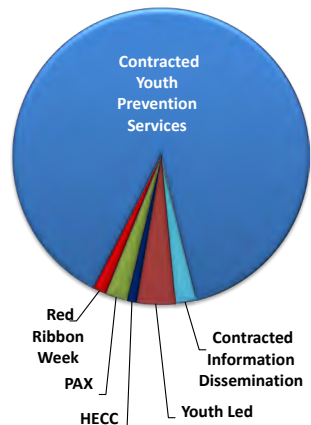


Services to Our Communities

## Prevention Spending

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Contracted Youth Prevention Services | \$1,291,896        |
| Contracted Information Dissemination | \$33,462           |
| YouthLed (SORGrant)*                 | \$59,128           |
| HECC (SORGrant)*                     | \$15,625           |
| PAX(DYS)                             | \$35,162           |
| Red Ribbon Week                      | \$20,761           |
| <b>TOTAL PREVENTION SPENDING</b>     | <b>\$1,456,034</b> |

\*\$74,753 included in SOR under expenses



# 2023 - A Year of Change and New Leadership for ADAMH



Penny Dehner retired in April 2023 after 18 years of service to the board. Dehner had been with the board since 2004 when she was hired as the Director of Information Management. In March 2010, she was promoted to Associate Director. Dehner served as Executive Director from 2017 – 2023.

"It has been my honor and privilege to work with the Board of Directors, local partners, stakeholders, and coalitions to serve the residents of our communities needing behavioral health services. I am most proud of

the cohesive team of individuals who have the expertise, commitment, and desire to continue to strengthen and improve behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery supports. I know the board's mission will be in great hands," said Dehner.

Melanie Swisher accepted the Executive Director position in April 2023. Swisher joined the board as the Associate Director in September 2017 and is an independently licensed social worker with a supervisory designation.

"I appreciate the leadership of Penny Dehner and the impact that she has made on our system of care," explained Swisher. "We have a great team at the ADAMH Board. We will continue working hard to make sure our community has access to quality evidence-based services across the continuum of care."



Kelly Dennis joined the board as Associate Director in April of 2023. Dennis has a bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University. Dennis resides in Chillicothe with his wife and four children.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to join the team at the Paint Valley ADAMH Board and help contribute to the great work they are doing for our communities. I am excited to be back at the local level and working with the local communities, stakeholders, and service providers to help improve mental health and recovery outcomes for the population we serve," said Dennis.

"Kelly is a wonderful addition to our board. His strengths and experience in strategic planning, project management, and data-driven processes will complement the Paint Valley ADAMH Board well," said Melanie Swisher, Executive Director.

Board Chairperson Phyllis Amlin Snyder retired from the board in October 2023. Snyder joined the Board of Directors in 2015. During her time with the Board, she served as Treasurer, Vice Chairperson, and Chairperson. The Board is grateful for her many years of service and dedication.



Heather Crosier was named the Board Chairperson in November 2023. Crosier joined the Board of Directors in 2017. During her time with the board, she has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairperson, and Chairperson.



The 10th annual Write In Red - Red Ribbon Week Essay Contest was conducted during Red Ribbon Week, Oct 23-27, for all middle and high school students. Each participating middle and high

school submitted it's school's winning essay to the Paint Valley ADAMH Board. One student from each county was selected to receive a \$500 scholarship to any accredited college or university. We are pleased to share that the following students were awarded a \$100 prize for winning their school's essay contest and a \$500 scholarship for winning the county contest:

- Sienna Hartley, Miami Trace Middle School - Fayette County
- Jillian Harvey, Fairfield High School - Highland County
- Makenzi Bates, Westfall High School - Pickaway County
- Gabrielle Wall, Waverly High School - Pike County
- Jozy Lougheed, Southeastern High School - Ross County

## Strengthening Crisis Services

In 2023, the Paint Valley ADAMH Board was awarded \$7,962,700 to help strengthen local services for residents facing a mental health or substance use crisis. The funding is part of \$90 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds awarded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

"The residents of our communities deserve the absolute best crisis care possible," said Melanie Swisher, Executive Director of the Paint Valley ADAMH Board. "The funding from this grant is a giant step toward this endeavor. I am so thankful our region was awarded these funds."

The Paint Valley ADAMH Board will utilize funding from the grant to build a crisis center that will house a 23-hour observation unit and an 8-bed crisis stabilization unit. In addition, the funding will help establish mobile crisis teams throughout the Paint Valley region that will be able to meet people where they are during their times of crisis.

"Because of these investments, more Ohioans and their families will have a better response to their behavioral health crisis needs than ever before," said former OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss. "With these projects, Ohio is taking a leap forward to reverse decades of neglect for Ohio's behavioral health crisis care system, ultimately creating a more hopeful future for people experiencing a behavioral health crisis."

*Note: This award will not be spent until calendar year 2024, and is not reflected in the Financials for 2023.*

## New Board Member

The Board welcomed a new member in 2023. Laken Woods joined the Board of Directors in September. Laken is actively involved in peer recovery programs within our board region. She is a resident of Ross County.



## Specialized Project Snapshot

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|---|--------------------|
| <b>State Opioid Stimulant Response Grant (SOS)</b><br>Recovery and Vocational Supports, MAT Treatment, Peer Recovery Support Wellness Coordinators (creating a safe sober community), Recovery Housing, Wraparound Services, Youth-Led Prevention Programing, Promotion of Overdose Awareness Day, 988 and Crisis Text Lines. | <b>\$2,768,353</b> |
| <b>CIT Expansion</b><br>Increase number of CIT trained officers, work with Pickaway County Sheriff's Office to record/track crisis calls, work with SPVMHC to follow-up with the individuals making the crisis call to get clients engaged in treatment, provide stipends for CIT-trained officers to attend MHFA training.   | <b>\$19,655</b>    |
| <b>Access to Wellness (formerly Multi-System Adult)</b><br>Assist clients who have been diagnosed with severe mental illness and involved in multiple systems to sustain successful recovery by providing assistance with time-limited recovery supports.   | <b>\$44,063</b>    |
| <b>Department of Youth Services (DYS) Grant</b><br>PAX Good Behavior Game in Ross County schools (grant from Ross County Juvenile Court).   | <b>\$35,162</b>    |
| <b>Week of Appreciation</b><br>Sponsored events to promote appreciation of first responders and frontline staff.  | <b>\$10,000</b>    |

*Note: The amounts listed are the actual dollars spent in calendar year 2023.*



## 5th Annual RECOVERY CELEBRATION



The Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Services Board is pleased to share the recipients of the 2023 Recovery Celebration awards which were presented during the fifth annual celebration on Thursday, September 14 at Bell Manor in Chillicothe. Congratulations to all of the award winners. We want to thank each and every frontline worker and everyone in our community who works so hard to offer hope and promote recovery. Our community is full of amazing people. The beauty of recovery can be found all around us if we are willing to look for it.



**Officer Chris Claytor**  
Crisis Intervention Advocate



**Mary Preston**  
Mental Health Advocate



**Stacey Saunders-Adams and Christina Arredondo**  
Prevention Advocates



**Genna Scott**  
Substance Use Disorder Advocate



**Danielle Hurff**  
Peer Recovery Supporter Advocate



**Penny Dehner**  
Community Champion

# Vision Statement

To ensure a thriving, well connected community, with a commitment to sustained resilience, recovery, and wellness for everyone.

## Board Members

**Heather Crosier**

*Chairperson, Ross County*

**Dr. Brian Jenks**

*Vice Chairperson, Fayette County*

**Tonya Sturgill**

*Treasurer, Highland County*

**Faye Williamson**

*Secretary, Fayette County*

**Gabriel Carpenter** Pickaway County  
**Donna Collier Stepp** Ross County  
**Tandy Cyrus** Ross County  
**Nathan Elliott** Ross County  
**Ann Holmes** Ross County  
**Aaron McHenry** Ross County  
**Keith Peters** Pickaway County  
**Chase Rutherford** Ross County  
**Laken Woods** Ross County

## Board Staff

**Melanie Swisher**

*Executive Director*

**Kelly Dennis**

*Associate Director*

**Lorrie Cockrell**

*Administrative Assistant*

**Adam Dyer**

*Chief Financial Officer*

**Kyle Howard**

*Database/Network  
Coordinator*

**Vonda Kern**

*Office Manager*

**Danielle Oates-Barrows**

*Grants Manager*

**Melinda Sheets**

*Consumer Support/  
Graphic Artist*

**William Showman**

*Manager of Prevention  
& Evaluation*

## ADAMH Contract Provider Agencies

The following agencies are located in Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, Pike & Ross Counties:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Ohio**
- **Integrated Services for Behavioral Health**
- **NAMI Southern Ohio**
- **Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center**

The following agencies are available in the counties listed:

- **Fayette Recovery Center** - Fayette County
- **PARS - Pickaway Area Recovery Services** - Pickaway County
- **The Recovery Council** - Highland, Pike and Ross Counties



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