



Tri-County Connection

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Our Mission

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services is dedicated to planning, funding, monitoring and evaluating substance abuse and mental health services for Darke, Miami and Shelby counties; working diligently to see that the services are cost-effective and of the highest possible quality; informing the community about these services; and ensuring that people have access to them.

Tri-County Board Chairperson Receives OACBHA Innovative Leadership Award

At a ceremony hosted by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Wayne Willcox, Tri-County Board Chairman, received the Association's *Innovative Leadership Award*. The *Innovative Leadership Award* honors community volunteers who serve as a member of a local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board with distinction by supporting the mission and vision of the Board, motivating others to service, and by demonstrating loyalty to his/her ideals and to the people in the community served by the Board.

Mark McDaniel, Executive Director of the Tri-County Board, presented the award to Wayne at the luncheon and stated, "As the Piqua City Chief of Police, Mr. Willcox is able to provide a criminal justice perspective for system-wide planning and collaboration. As a member of the Board of Directors and

a leader in the criminal justice system, he persistently advocates for the availability of effective and appropriate services for our community's most vulnerable population. As a leader, Wayne is able to motivate others to make a difference in the behavioral health system and the community as a whole."

Wayne has served as a volunteer Board member of the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health since 2001. In that time, Wayne has served in various capacities

on the Board including AoD Planning Committee member, Finance Committee Chairperson, Community Relations Committee Chairperson, Vice-



Mark McDaniel (L) presents Wayne Willcox with the Outstanding Leadership Award at the OACBHA Ceremony

Chairperson and most recently the Board Chairperson. The Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services is very fortunate to have dedicated Board members, such as Wayne, and is appreciative of the recognition provided by OACBHA.

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities is the statewide association that represents all of Ohio's Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards. For more information regarding the Association, visit www.oacbha.org.

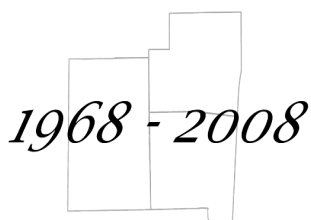
Would you like to receive the Tri-County Connection e-news?

The Tri-County Board will be transitioning to an electronic-newsletter beginning in Spring 2008 to help us reduce cost and reach a larger audience. The February 2008 newsletter will serve as the last mailed *Tri-County Connection*. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send your request along with your e-mail address to browna@mdsadamhs.mh.state.oh.us.

PLEASE NOTE the Tri-County Board will continue to print the *Tri-County Connection* in limited quantities for those that request a paper copy. Please submit requests for a mailed copy of the newsletter at the above e-mail address or at (937) 335-7727.

**Local ADAMHS Boards:
Benefiting Communities for
40 Years**

There are 46 local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards, 4 Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Boards and 4 Community Mental Health (CMH) Boards representing Ohio's 88 counties. These County Boards are made up of volunteer members from the community and given the statutory authority to plan, fund, monitor and evaluate publicly funded mental health and recovery services. The strength of the local Boards lie in community and family involvement - local citizens evaluating needs and planning services for our community's most vulnerable population. Who better to render decisions on local mental health and recovery services than dedicated members of our local community?



The Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services — Celebrating 40 years of dedicated service to the Tri-County Community.

Celebrating 40 Years of Service to the Tri-County Community

The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services, along with other ADAMHS Boards from across Ohio, celebrated their 40th Anniversary in Columbus on January 30, 2008. The event, hosted by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, highlighted the history of the state and local behavioral health system as well as honored local Board Members for their contribution and commitment to our system. Tri-County Board Chairperson, Wayne Willcox, was among those honored at the celebration.

A bit of local history...

On July 17, 1967, the Ohio Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation act (HB

648) was passed and provisions were made for local input and control of the services provided. On November 20, 1967, Miami County Commissioners named six members of the required nine to serve on the local 648 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board. After the Board was organized and functioning, it was mutually agreed among the County Commissioners of Miami, Darke and Shelby Counties to expand the Board area to include all three Counties. This would allow the area of jurisdiction of the Board to correspond with the Tri-County Catchment Area designated in the State Plan.

Official action was taken by the Darke County Commis-

sioners on September 30, 1968 in the appointment of members to the Board from Darke County. This was followed on October 2, 1968 by two appointments by the Shelby County Commissioners. At the regular Board meeting on October 16, 1968, with representation from all three counties, the Board became the Tri-County Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

In 1989, HB 317, the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Act, created the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and added substance abuse prevention, treatment and support services under the authority of the local Boards — creating local ADAMHS Board.

Board & System News Darke County IHBT Grant

The Darke County Mental Health Clinic was awarded funding for certification to provide Intensive Home Based Treatment (IHBT) to children and their families that are at risk for out-of-home placement in Darke County.

The IHBT Program will allow the DCMHC to offer Intensive Home Based Treatment to children that display an array of dangerous behaviors that cannot be effectively and appropriately treated with traditional community-based intervention strategies. These children are diagnosed with severe emotional disturbances (SED) and are proven to be at high risk for out-of-home placement. The Darke County IHBT Program will

operate through the Darke County Intersystem Diversion Team (IDT) and include 6-12 weeks of intensive treatment. As part of the treatment program, a child and family wrap around plan will be developed with input from the family, IDT Core Team and the IHBT Team that will identify all service providers working with the family. The IHBT Program and wrap around services will:

- ▶ provide parents with the skills necessary to maintain child safety and preserve the family in a home environment;
- ▶ provide services that will allow the child to remain with the family during treatment and avoid long-

term placement; and

- ▶ provide intersystem service collaboration to assure appropriate and effective treatment.

Since the establishment of the IHBT program in January 2008, the Darke County Mental Health Clinic has identified the lead therapist and primary CPSP for the program as well as identified 8 families that may be appropriate referrals for IHBT services.

For more information regarding the Darke County IHBT program or other services offered by the Darke County Mental Health Clinic, visit www.dcmhc.org or call (937) 548-1635.

Board & System News *continued*

State Budget News and System Changes

On Thursday, January 31, 2008, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced the closing of two State Hospital campuses in Ohio — one being the facility utilized by our Board area, Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare located in Dayton. The hospitals will close on July 1, 2008.

In addition to the closure of the State Hospital campuses, Strickland unveiled budget cuts and other changes to balance the \$52.3 billion budget, which runs July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. Among those reductions were targeted reductions to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

An economic slow down was

sited for the budget squeeze and reductions made to the State mental health system. Jim Ignelzi, Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, said the Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare campus in Dayton was targeted because of the age of the facility and the fact that there are additional State psychiatric hospitals located in Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo. The Dayton campus, located on Wayne Avenue, has been in existence for more than 150 years. The facility employs 200 staff members and operates on a \$10 million a year budget. The outpatient program of Twin Valley will continue to be open.

Our Board area, consisting of Darke, Miami and Shelby

Counties, has been reassigned to the Toledo campus of the State Hospital. The Tri-County Board is aware that the reassignment will create additional stressors on consumers, families and law enforcement due to transportation issues. We are currently exploring ways to reduce the impact of the Dayton campus hospital closure and enhance local capacity.

The other mental health hospital to close in Ohio is located in Cambridge, about 100 miles east of Columbus. It too is one of the older facilities and is located in close proximity to a newer facility in Athens.

For more information regarding the State budget, visit www.governor.ohio.gov.

WANTED:

Board Members

Are you looking for a way to serve your community on a local volunteer Board? Are you sensitive to those suffering from mental illness and substance abuse issues? Are you a resident of Miami, Darke or Shelby County?

If so, we're looking for you!

The Tri-County Board is recruiting interested individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board, established in 1968, serves all residents of Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties and is dedicated to planning, funding, monitoring and evaluating substance abuse and mental health services through a network of provider agencies.

Vacant positions include:

Darke County

ODMH: MH Professional

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Miami County

Commissioner Appointee

Shelby County

Commissioner Appointee

Interested persons should contact the Board office at (937) 335-7727 to request an application or for more information regarding the Board of Directors.

Training Opportunities

Tri-County CIT Academy

This intensive 4-day training will provide law enforcement with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively to a crisis incident involving a mentally ill individual. The training will be conducted under the instructional supervision of local CIT-trained police officers, mental health professionals, consumers, and family advocates and will offer practical techniques for de-escalating crisis situations.

The training will be held April 28 — May 1, 2008 from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at the Miami County Sheriff's Training Center, Co. Rd. 25-A in Troy. The training is FREE of charge and pre-registration is required.

The deadline for registration is Friday April 11, 2008. To register, please contact Amanda Brown at browna@mdsamhs.mh.state.oh.us or (937) 335-7727 ext. 209. Please include

your name, title, department or agency, and day-time contact information with registration

Tri-County Jail Training: Understanding Mental Illness and Preventing Suicide

This one-day training for jail personnel, co-sponsored by NAMI Ohio, will provide valuable and practical information for those who encounter individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system. The training will be held on two dates: Monday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 19 from 8:30 AM—4:30 PM. The training will be provided to all Shelby County jail personnel and is open to jail personnel in Darke and Miami Counties as well. The training is FREE of charge and pre-registration is required. Please submit registrations to browna@mdsamhs.mh.state.oh.us.

Welcome new Board staff!

The Board would like to announce that Jodi Long, LISW LICDC, has been hired as the new Director of Planning and Evaluation. Jodi replaces Dr. Mary Ramey who retired after many years of service in the Tri-County Behavioral Health system. The Board would like to welcome Jodi and send best wishes to Mary in her future endeavors!



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- Marianne Helmlinger
- Becky Henry
- Jerry Herbe
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- William Lutz
- Dr. Jennifer Shoenfelt
- Judy Sonner
- Jason Wagner
- Roger Welklin
- Ruth Wright
- Marcia Youtz

Board Staff

- Mark McDaniel, M.B.A.,
Executive Director
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- Terri Becker, CPA
- Amanda Brown, B.Ed.
- Sharon DeWeese
- Norma Hatke
- Marleen Hemmelgarn
- Jerry Hill, MCSE
- Jodi Long, LISW LICDC
- Stephen McElDowney

Provider Network

Community Housing of Darke, Miami & Shelby Counties

1100 Wayne Street, Suite 4001
Troy, Ohio 45373
(937) 332-0021

Catholic Social Services

1201 Fairington Drive
Sidney, Ohio 45365
(937) 498-4593

Darke County Mental Health Clinic

212 East Main Street, PO Box 895
Greenville, Ohio 45331
(937) 548-1635

Darke County Recovery Services

600 Walnut Street
Greenville, Ohio 45331
(937) 548-6842

Miami County Mental Health Center/Choices

3130 North Dixie Highway
Troy, Ohio 45373
(937) 335-7166

Miami County Recovery Council

1059 North Market Street
Troy, Ohio 45373
(937) 335-4543

SafeHaven, Inc.

Miami / Shelby Co. Site
633 North Wayne St.
Piqua, Ohio 45356
(937) 615-0126

Darke County Site

105 W. Third St.
Greenville, Ohio 45331
(937) 548-7233

Shelby County Counseling Center, Inc.

500 East Court Street
Sidney, Ohio 45365
(937) 492-8080

Shelby County Recovery, Inc.

202 North Walnut Street
Sidney, Ohio 45365
(937) 497-7355

24-Hour Tri-County CRISIS Hotline 1-800-351-7347



Tri-County Network of Care Web Site

www.tricounty.oh.networkofcare.org

Don't forget to visit your local Tri-County Network of Care website providing tri-county residents with a one-stop online resource offering vital information and links to local behavioral health services and support for all tri-county residents. The web site is updated daily and offers the latest information on over 4,000 behavioral health topics and links to service providers located right here in your local community.

Visit the Tri-County Network of Care website at:

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