Coordinating Local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care

Local Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards are statutorily empowered to plan, develop, fund, administer and evaluate the local system of care for mental health and addiction services. An ADAMH Board does this by serving as the community addiction and mental health services hub for the county or counties under its jurisdiction. The local ADAMH Boards lead the local efforts to support wellness, promote prevention, and address mental illness and addiction by bringing together local partners impacted by mental illness and/or addiction, including individuals with lived experience. ADAMH Boards work with their partners to: assess community needs; provide a unified system of prevention, education, treatment, and support services; and ensure the viability of a community support system for their service district. Boards also promote a comprehensive system of high-quality, cost-effective, and culturally-sensitive mental health and addiction services to meet the needs of their local citizens.

ADAMH Boards serve as the local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) leaders and hubs for community engagement, incubators for new ideas, and catalysts for innovation and change to collectively address mental health and addiction issues across Ohio. The positive influence that prevention, wellness, treatment, and recovery have on individuals, families and communities cannot be overstated. We know that strong, healthy communities foster job growth, community safety, and overall economic development. By ensuring a local system of care that includes prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support services and programs, Boards help keep individuals and families well and intact, and open the door to recovery for individuals living with a mental illness and/or addiction.

ADAMH Boards and ROSC

Ohio’s 51 Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and/or Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards have worked for the past four years to implement Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) in their local communities. A ROSC places its primary focus on the individuals and families in need of prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support services, building on their strengths and incorporating a coordinated, collaborative approach across the community. The foundation of Ohio’s ROSC is locally managed continuums of care designed to provide person-centered prevention, treatment, and recovery support services to help individuals and families impacted by mental illness and addiction achieve wellness and sustain long-term recovery.
Ohio’s ADAMH Boards, as the local hubs, are designed to bring together local partners and stakeholders to address mental illness and addiction in a comprehensive and systematic way. Local systems of care are nimble, allowing them to see local trends, respond to crisis situations, braid and blend funds to meet local needs, and serve as a catalyst to address them in a timely manner. Local Boards represent all 88 counties, and work with their state and local partners to assess, plan for, and administer the local hub and system of care. Potential community partners of the hub who are impacted and deal with mental illness and addiction on a regular basis are as follows:

Every sector of society is impacted by mental illness and addiction. It’s going to take every part of every community to develop solutions to ensure that we have healthy, safe, and drug-free communities. Through the local hubs we can collectively focus our community responses, from the individual in need, to the public policy level, on meeting the needs of individuals and families impacted by mental illness and/or addiction in Ohio’s local communities. As the county hub conveners and leaders of the local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care, local ADAMH Boards are collaborating with the state, each other, and their local stakeholders to identify best and promising practices and to share successes. Together, we are building a comprehensive focus on prevention and wellness, education, early intervention, treatment, and recovery. Through this work, we continue to bring hope to our communities and build the understanding that Treatment Works, People Recover, and Recovery Is Beautiful.

To have the best opportunity to address mental illness and addiction and the stigma associated with these diseases, across Ohio we must have all partners at the table working together. Ohio’s ADAMH Boards, with their unique statutory role, are working with state and local partners bringing stakeholders together to help Ohio address mental illness and addiction enabling Ohio to have healthy, safe, and drug-free communities, where individuals and families thrive.