Who is OACBHA?

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) is the statewide organization that represents the interests of Ohio’s county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards at the state level. The Association works with a variety of governmental bodies including the Ohio General Assembly, the Office of the Governor, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Ohio Department of Medicaid, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Auditor of State, the Ohio Treasurer of State, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, and other organizations and coalitions to seek support for initiatives that will help expand and enhance mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and support services. Most importantly, however, OACBHA gives the Boards a forum to address statewide issues and provides Boards with the means to communicate their positions and concerns with a single voice.

The membership of the Association is made up of Ohio’s Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards. These boards are statutorily empowered to plan, develop, fund, manage, and evaluate community-based mental health and addiction services. Boards are funded with federal, state and local government fund, as well as with local levies, and in turn the Boards are responsible for ensuring that addiction or mental health services are available to those who need them, regardless of their ability to pay.

The membership has adopted the following vision, mission and values for the Association:

**Vision**

OACBHA will lead Ohio’s diverse local communities in advancing recovery to achieve health and wellness

**Mission**

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities shall provide leadership as the unifying voice promoting local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care that provide mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and supports services for all Ohioans

**OACBHA Governance**

An 11-member Executive Council, representing all areas of the state, is elected by the Membership to serve as the Association’s Governing Body. The Executive Council, along with the Chief Executive Officer, determines the directions and goals for the Association. Members are invited to serve on committees and workgroups to study and make recommendations on issues and concerns to the full membership.