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### **Former Dayton Police Chief Appointed to ADAMHS Board of Trustees**

Retired Dayton Chief of Police James Newby is the newest member of the Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMHS) Board of Trustees. Newby, who was appointed by county commissioners to a four year term, will serve on the ADAMHS Board Administrative Policy Committee and Program and Services Policy Committee.

“I am honored to join the ADAMHS Board which faces numerous addiction and mental health challenges,” said Newby. “Heroin is the latest scourge that must be combated. It’s killing once productive citizens of our community at an alarming rate.”

Last year in Montgomery County, 162 people died from drug overdoses, the highest on record. Unintentional drug overdose is the leading cause of injury related death in Ohio, ahead of car accidents, suicide and falls according to the Ohio Department of Health.

Throughout his career and since his retirement, Newby has been active in the community serving eight years on the Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees, in addition to the Children Services Board, the Child Protection Task Force and the Human Services Levy Council. He also previously served on the ADAMHS committee to create a special Mental Health Court as part of the Dayton Municipal Court.

The ADAMHS Board of Trustees meeting is the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 409 W. Monument Ave., Suite 102, Dayton. The meetings are open to the public.