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MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD OF PORTAGE COUNTY

*A publication to increase awareness of mental health and substance use disorder issues in our community.*

Dear Community Member,

Welcome to our July edition of the Resource e-newsletter. Please feel free to share with your friends and colleagues.

## Board Welcomes John Garrity, PhD as Executive Director

John Garrity, PhD, has been selected as the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County's next executive director. He will assume the role in October as the current executive director. Joel Mowrey, PhD, is set to retire at the end of the year.

Garrity has more than eighteen years of experience in community mental health and addiction services in both urban and rural counties. Currently he is the Chief Quality Officer at the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. Prior to that he worked for the Nord Center in Lorain County and Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services.



Read more at [www.mental-health-recovery.org/news](http://www.mental-health-recovery.org/news)

## Thank You to Alberta Caetta & Karen Cox for Years of Service

The Board thanked Alberta Caetta and Karen Cox for their many years of dedicated service, volunteer hours, and leadership on the Board. Chairman Bill Nome and Executive Director Joel Mowrey presented each with a certificate of appreciation at board meetings this spring.



## Crisis Intervention Team Education Collaboration Class of 2018



Area school professionals completed a week-long training in crisis intervention and mental health sponsored by the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County. Topics included human trafficking, substance use disorders, gender and sexual minorities, domestic violence, and internet safety with presenters from the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Streetsboro Police, Coleman Professional Services, Children's Advantage, Townhall II, and the Portage County Health District. Read more and view photos at [www.mental-health-recovery.org/news](http://www.mental-health-recovery.org/news)

## AxessPoint Offering Medication Assisted Treatment in Kent

AxessPointe in Kent has added Vivitrol to its list of services. The medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for addiction is prescribed by AxessPointe with counseling services provided by Townhall II, Coleman Professional Services, and Family & Community Services. Both the medication and the counseling are required pieces for MAT to be successful.

AxessPointe is one of the agencies that offer MAT in Portage County, including University Hospitals Portage Medical Center and Coleman Professional Services.

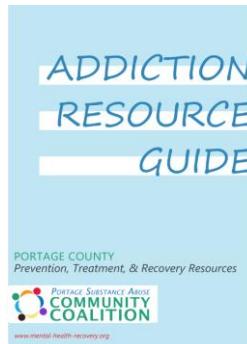
AxessPointe Community Health Centers is a federally qualified health center that delivers primary medical, dental and preventive health services in medically underserved areas. AxessPointe also provides pharmacy and women's health. The Kent office is located at 143 Gougle Avenue. Call for info 330.673.1016

## Townhall II earns Three-Year CARF Accreditation

CARF International announced that Townhall II has been accredited for a period of three years for its Horizon House Women's Residential treatment program; Diversion/Intervention: Psychosocial Rehabilitation (children, adolescents, & adults); Intensive Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol & other Drugs/Addictions (adult); Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol & other Drugs/Addictions (children, adolescents, & adults); Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (adults); and Prevention: Alcohol & other Drugs/Addictions (children & adolescents). The latest accreditation is the fifth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that CARF has given to Townhall II.

## Upcoming Events

August 31: Lights of Change, Kent  
September 10: Mental Health & Recovery Board Meeting, Kent  
September 11 & 12: Mental Health First Aid, Coleman Ravenna  
September 29: NAMI Walk, Kent  
October 23: Portage Substance Abuse Coalition Conference, NEOMED, **Save the date!**



**The Portage County Addiction Resource** guide lists substance use disorder treatment providers in Portage County and the surrounding area.

You are not alone

**Text the keyword "4hope" to 741 741** and expect a reply from a trained Crisis Counselor within five minutes. Your message is confidential & anonymous.

## NETWORK OF CARE



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