
Stark MHAR board grants Aller a pay raise

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CANTON John Aller, who has been chief executive officer of the Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery for a decade, recently received a 5 percent merit pay increase.

The pay raise, approved by the agency board of directors, brings Aller's annual salary to \$137,131. The county Mental Health & Addiction Recovery provides treatment funding for several mental-health and substance-abuse agencies in the county, such as CommQuest and Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health.

"There are two broad points why we chose to do that," said Andrew Turowski, board president for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery. "One would be the exceptional evaluations. There were very specific successes involved in that process. The other would be an independent wage study that showed that he was well below the mid-point for the position he was filling."

Aller became executive director of the Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery in 2008 when a board that funded local mental-health treatment agencies was blended with another board that provided funding for the substance-abuse treatment agencies.

"I appreciate the continued support of the board of directors who encourages innovation and cutting-edge initiatives to address the behavioral health needs of Stark County," Aller said in a written statement. "My role has allowed me to work in very important areas — collaborating ... and looking at the public health needs of the county. There's more work to be done. I look forward to leading efforts to make lives healthier in Stark County."

Aller currently is pursuing a doctorate degree at Kent State University. His pay raise is retroactive to July 27, 2017.

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