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STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Adam G. Jacobs, from Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Psychology for a term beginning November 8, 2024 and ending at the close of business October 4, 2029, replacing Adam G. Jacobs, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor

Adam G. Jacobs, Ph.D.

Bio

Adam Jacobs obtained his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the State University of New York, and then earned a Doctoral degree in Psychology from the Wright Institute at Berkeley, California. After earning his Master's Degree, Adam moved to Appalachia where he helped to start a multi-jurisdictional community behavioral health agency for children and their families. It was during this time that he met his wife of 40 years, Melissa Siegrist, of Coshocton, Ohio.

Adam did his internship, his post doctoral residency and subsequently worked at multiple community based non-profits in California. During this time he delivered behavioral health services; conducted research; helped develop State and National advocacy associations; assisted the Department of Defense with the development of a range of services for military personnel; and served as the CEO of a community non-profit agency.

In 1991, he joined the 148-year old child service organization Bellefaire as its Clinical Director, and in 1996 became the CEO. Since 1996 Bellefaire has grown from a local child service agency located in Shaker Heights that annually served 1,000 children, to an organization annually serving some 35,000 children and families from across Ohio and the nation. During this time he also co-founded the nationally renowned Monarch Center for Autism.

In 2000, Adam started the Wingspan Care Group, an administrative service and management company. Under his leadership as President of Wingspan, the company grew into a \$75 million dollar enterprise responsible for roughly 1,500 employees and according to a recent economic impact study, annually contributing over \$157 million dollars to Ohio's economy.

In 2002 he founded the Cuyahoga Connection – an education and advocacy agency. Then in 2004, Adam co-founded Monarch Teaching Technologies, a for profit technology firm producing cloud-based assisted educational technology for those on the autism spectrum. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of this tech firm. His most recent start-up is Lifeworks, a residential and supported employment company that produces soap and bath products.

Adam has served as a Board member and President of the Cleveland Psychological Association, plus been a member of the American & Ohio Psychological Associations for some three decades. Adam's background as a psychologist plus success growing and operating behavioral health care and educational organizations has resulted in his working closely with both state and national elected officials on both sides of the aisle. He has been appointed to a number of gubernatorial commissions; provided testimony to the legislature; helped to draft legislation at both the state and national level, and has served as a Councilman in Chagrin Falls.

Adam's wife, Melissa, is the owner of A Velvet Hammer, an interiors shop in Chagrin Falls, Ohio which also manufactures a custom line of upholstered children's furniture. They have two children: Sam is 35, lives in Chicago and is the former owner of a finance firm for early stage companies and currently a Partner at McKinsey. Their daughter Hannah is 32, has conducted research on multiple myeloma at various sites including Dana Farber/ Harvard Cancer Institute, and is a fellow in pediatric cardiology at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

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PRESIDENT

7/2002–present

Wingspan Health Care Group, Cleveland, Ohio

Founder of Wingspan, an Administrative Service & Management Organization that provides facilities, fiscal & legal services, medical supervision and treatment, human resources administration and serves as a holding company for a family of organizations with consolidated revenues of \$75 million and approximately 1,500 employees, including:

- **Applewood Centers, Inc.:** A consolidated child welfare, behavioral health, classroom based education and juvenile justice service agency
- **Bluestone Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital:** *Founder & Chair* of an in-patient psychiatric hospital specializing in the treatment of co-occurring disorders
- **The Kids Connection & Kids PAC:** *Founder & Chair* of these 501(c)4 & 527 companies which were organized to conduct advocacy efforts on behalf of Wingspan's supported organization
- **Bellefaire JCB:** A multipurpose child, youth, and family service Agency (see below)
- **Lifeworks:** *Founder & Chair* of this service agency for adults on the autism spectrum, providing group home care, vocational training and independent living skills
- **Monarch Teaching Technologies:** *Founder & Treasurer* of this "C" corporation, incubated in collaboration with Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard University, to produce web-based educational material for children with learning disabilities.

PRESIDENT

Clinical & Associate Director

Bellefaire JCB, Cleveland, Ohio

1996 – present

1991– 1996

Direct the operations of a \$45 million, multi-site, behavioral health, I/DD and child welfare agency. Programs include residential treatment; foster care; case management, outpatient, in-home and school based counseling; day treatment; adoption and permanency planning services; a Big Brother/Big Sister program; home- and center-based childcare; a homeless and missing youth service continuum; transitional and independent living; a medical clinic, community pre-school plus parent education; case management; and a National Center for Autism including a preschool, a charter school, a boarding academy for youth & OP services.

- Mobilized multiple Boards in advocacy & fundraising efforts.

- Secured approximately \$30 million for capital projects, increased endowment by 300% and completed two successful Capital Campaigns.
- Built multiple key infrastructures e.g.; a primary care center, CBAs with unions, a 3,000 device IT network serving NE Ohio; and accreditation with the Joint Commission

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2/1986-12/1990

Social Advocates for Youth, Santa Rosa, California

- Operated a range of anti-poverty and employment training programs
- Began group homes for abused and homeless children
- Doubled agency revenues in five (5) years.
- Increased agency market penetration from 2% to 7%.
- Researched and brought on-line early stage integrated fiscal software
- Helped design California's first workfare program
- Co-authored and helped to organize a ballot initiative with local law enforcement, area schools, and the public service sector.
- Represented agency with policy makers at all levels of government, as well as in print, on radio, and television.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- Developed and delivered services within six (6) Appalachian counties, where human services had existed at only safety-net levels.
- Operated home-based Head Start & National Head Start Training Program
- Began first Employment Assistance Program for the U.S. Military on the West Coast.
- Developed an agency and local Boards from scratch.
- Independent system analyst and planner for various entities, including the U.S. Air Force, I/ DD & Mental Health Boards.
- Researcher on various NIH projects
- Councilman, Village of Chagrin Falls
- President of the Cleveland Psychological Association
- Helped start, organize, and operate a statewide advocacy association of 300 & a national advocacy association of 900 plus non-profits.
- Worked as a legislative analyst, policy developer, and advocate.

EDUCATION AND LICENSES

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
B.A. & M.A. Degrees

Wright Institute at Berkeley, CA
State University of New York at Plattsburgh

Psychology License Number 4688 (Licensed in Ohio & Illinois, MFCC in CA)

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Term Begins: 10/5/2024
Term Ends: 10/4/2029
Party Affiliation: Independent
Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate
Financial Disclosure: Public disclosure required
Vice: Adam G. Jacobs

