

November 18, 2015

Dear Members of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County:

Since our Committee of the Whole meeting on November 4, we have overcome our recent challenge of a 17% reduction in county funding for CY2016/17 as proposed by the County Administration. During that time we considered and rejected an offer made by the County Administration to develop a new program with DCFS to replenish part of the proposed reduction -- while offering a pilot program because we believe that helping the children is the right thing to do -- and requested full-funding from the County Council that was unanimously approved.


With this challenge behind us, I am recommending that we enter into a two-year contract with most of our provider agencies for Calendar Year 2016/17. A two-year contract will offer our providers funding stability that they have requested in previous budgets. Board staff will also be able to spend more time on outcomes and performance measures that will be presented during a mid-biennium budget/performance review in November 2016.

There are some providers and programs that we will only be offering a one-year contract for a variety of reasons, including new agencies and pilot programs that are explained in the attached documents. A revised Budget at a Glance by Provider and Service is also attached to illustrate the 2016/17 contracts.

Our Faith-based pilot programs, which were approved during the October General Meeting, are now included in the budget packet and will remain at a one-year contract.

We will still maintain our flexibility to fund providers based on the availability of funding, shifting of Board priorities or not meeting performance goals.

Sincerely,



William M. Denihan  
Chief Executive Officer

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