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### **ADAMHS Board Elects New Slate of Officers**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO – At its June General Meeting, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County elected a new slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). Harvey A. Snider, Esq., was elected to Chair; Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, was elected to Vice Chair, and Pythias D. Jones, MD, was elected to Second Vice Chair.

- **Harvey A. Snider, Esq, Chair**, a principal in the law firm of Kenen & Snider, Co., L.P.A, has extensive experience in behavioral health and leading organizations. To highlight a few of his volunteer leadership positions, he has served as a Board Member, Second Vice Chair and Vice Chair of the ADAMHS Board, and was past Board President of Connections: Health. Wellness. Advocacy; past Board President of NAMI-Ohio; past Board President of NAMI Greater Cleveland, and past Board President of Magnolia Clubhouse. He also served as a member of the Jewish Family Service Association Board of Trustees, the St. Joseph Christian Life Center and the University Hospital/Laurelwood Hospital Ethics Committee. He is presently a member of the Council of Delegates to the Ohio State Bar Association.

Mr. Snider said, “As Chair I will work to gather unity among the behavioral health community to implement ways and means to deal with the lack of adequate funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. I also believe that my experience dealing with the Ohio Legislature and Governor’s office has provided me with skills necessary to promote the issues of concern for our consumers and providers.”

He also expressed his desire to expand areas that are now considered crucial to the recovery process, such as: art and music therapy, physical therapy, nutrition, employment, housing and reentry services.

Mr. Snider is a resident of Pepper Pike, Ohio.

- **Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, Vice-Chair**, is the Executive Director of Youth and Support Services/External Humanware Administrator for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, where she has worked on behalf of young people in our communities since 1999. She previously served

as the Second Vice Chair of the ADAMHS Board. Ms. Cash has 20 years of social work experience and formerly served as a social worker with Meridia SouthPointe/Meridia in Euclid, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and MetroHealth Medical Center. She also worked with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services. She is affiliated with the Women's Christian Ministry of the Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church, the National Association of Social Workers and once served on the Office of Urban Health Advisory Board.

"I have served diligently and passionately in my role as Second Vice Chair to ensure ongoing care and support for our consumers," stated Ms. Cash. "My dedication, commitment and experience with advocacy will help me as Vice Chair to ensure the voices of consumers are heard by our local and state legislators."

Ms. Cash is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

- **Pythias D. Jones, MD, Second Vice Chair**, is a Psychiatrist for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and has served on the ADAMHS Board as the Chair of the Planning and Oversight Committee and member of the Finance Committee. He is affiliated with the Cleveland Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the Cleveland Psychiatric Association, the Cleveland Academy of Medicine and the Ohio State Medical Association.

Dr. Jones said, "I am eager to expand my role in serving the ADAMHS Board as Second Vice Chair. I will assist the Board in planning and making decisions about integrated physical and behavioral health care for our consumers."

Dr. Jones, is a resident of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The volunteer Board of Directors has the legal responsibility and authority for the planning, funding and monitoring of community mental health and alcohol and other addiction treatment services in Cuyahoga County delivered through its network of provider agencies. Under Ohio law, the ADAMHS Board is one of 50 Boards coordinating the public behavioral health system in Ohio.

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**Editor's Note:** Photos of the newly elected slate of officers and all of the ADAMHS Board of Directors are posted on the Board's Web site at: <http://adamhsc.org/en-US/board-members.aspx>