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Cuyahoga County, Ohio –The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County will save \$440,000 per year in rent when it moves to its new office space located on the 6th, 7th and 8th floors of the historic United Bank Building, 2012 West 25th Street. Moving on February 16, 2010, is the final administrative phase of the consolidation of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADASBCC) that formed the ADAMHS Board and enhanced provisions of behavioral healthcare in light of limited county resources.

“All money saved through the consolidation is being used for mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services, including this \$440,000 that is the result of combining the two former Board offices,” explained William M. Denihan, CEO of the ADAMHS Board.

Since July 1, 2009, the consolidation has saved \$4.4 million in administrative and personnel costs. “The ADAMHS Board has 70 budgeted positions on its Table of Organization. That’s 30 fewer positions than the two separate Boards, saving \$2.5 million that was put back into services,” said Denihan. “Another \$1.9 million was saved from the duplicative costs of operating separate Boards.”

Kathryn E. Gambatese, Board Chair, stated, “The ultimate goal of the ADAMHS Board is to be consumer and client focused, provide superior services and be a cost efficient organization to benefit the citizens of Cuyahoga County who rely on mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction services.”

The ADAMHS Board invites the community to tour its new office space, find out about the cost savings and acknowledge the donations of office furniture and other equipment. The parking lot and new elevators will be complete in the spring. However, a *Soft Opening* will be held on February 24, starting at 2:00 p.m. A day-long Grand Opening with presentations and discussion groups will be held later in the spring.

More information on the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County can be found at www.adamhsc.org.

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