

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-01-01**

**ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY – ISSUE 33**

**WHEREAS**, over 34,000 children and adults living with mental illness and substance use disorders in Cuyahoga County rely on services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, which receives funding from the Health and Human Services Levy; and,

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of citizens rely on other human services funded by the Health & Human Services Levy, including children and family services, services for seniors and older adults, and community health care services such as Life Flight at MetroHealth Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS**, in light of the impact of the continuing opioid epidemic on our community and the rising suicide rates in Cuyahoga County, residents need local health & human services more than ever; and, cuts in State funding have put the counties' critical health & human services at risk; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Council has placed on the March 17, 2020 ballot; a replacement of 3.9 mills of an existing Health and Human Services levy and an increase of 0.8 mill for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for a period of eight years, outside the ten mill limitation, in accordance with the provision of section 5705.192 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 0.8-mill increase would go into effect in 2021 and would add about \$35 million more to Health and Human Services, of which \$9 million is slated for new programs and \$26 million would be used to maintain or expand existing services; and,

**WHEREAS**, with the passage of this levy the County has agreed to provide the ADAMHS Board with \$5.1 million dollars, \$2 million for crisis services and \$3.1 million for the Residential Assistance Program, which provides housing for adults with severe mental illness; this funding is vital to sustaining crisis services, a continuum of care for persons living with severe mental illness and to provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services for the residents of Cuyahoga County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the successful passage of this levy will maintain a critical safety net for persons living with mental illness and substance used disorders as well as all citizens of Cuyahoga County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The ADAMHS Board of Governors hereby strongly endorses and supports replacement of 3.9 mills of an existing Health and Human Services Levy – Issue 33 – and an increase of 0.8 mill to maintain and increase funding to adequately meet the treatment and recovery support services for mental health and substance use disorders and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

2. The ADAMHS Board of Governors and staff are committed to providing support and services to assist in the passage of this Health and Human Services Levy – Issue 33.

On the motion of Sharon Rosenbaum, MBA, seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** R. Blue, G. Boehm, C. Bryant, E. Cade, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider, M. Van Voorhis

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** January 29, 2020