

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-06-09

SUPPORT OF PARITY IN ALLOCATING NON-MEDICAID FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHSCC) Board of Directors are committed to assuring that residents of Cuyahoga County live healthier lives through access to quality mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and support services; and,

WHEREAS, in the State of Ohio's initial Biennial Budget, Non-Medicaid allocations are excessively disproportionate for basic community mental health needs in Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the ADAMHSCC's Board of Directors recently learned of the proposed distribution of the \$3 million of 505 Community Mental Health funds, released through the Mid-Biennial Budget Review, by the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH); and,

WHEREAS, upon review of the proposed distribution totals, the ADAMHSCC Board of Directors are distressed to see that while the average Non-Medicaid allocation amount for an Ohio resident needing mental health services is \$4.20 per person, the average for a resident living in Cuyahoga County is 20 cents/per person which is the lowest in the state; and,

WHEREAS, the distribution table indicates that Cuyahoga County's per capita per population should be \$5,380,752.00; the allocation out of \$51,491,524.00 for the largest county in Ohio with the greatest number of mental health consumers is \$405,524.00; and,

WHEREAS, the ADAMHSCC Board of Directors look at this allocation as an affront to the consumers of mental health services in our county and our excellent provider agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Board's Finance and Operations Committee recommends to the full Board that it strongly advocate for parity with the Ohio Department of Mental Health in the distribution of Non-Medicaid funds for community services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The ADAMHSCC Board of Directors authorizes William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, to express our deep concern and disappointment with the Ohio Department of Mental Health's distribution of the 505 allocation.

2. The ADAMHSCC Board of Directors strongly advocate for parity in the funding of Non-Medicaid dollars.
3. The ADAMHSCC Board of Directors will consider legal action to remedy the injustice in the distribution of overall 505 funding.

On the motion of Harvey Snider, seconded by Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., the foregoing resolution has been adopted unanimously.

AYES: D. Biegel, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, C. Noble, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, A. Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: June 27, 2012