

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-09-03**

**SUPPORT FOR NAMI OHIO'S POSITION  
REGARDING A NEW NAME FOR THE CONSOLIDATED STATE DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) are in the process of consolidating into a new department by July 1, 2013, and;

**WHEREAS**, the departments have sought input from stakeholders on many areas of the consolidation including the new name of the department, and;

**WHEREAS**, NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Ohio unanimously opposes using the term "Behavioral" in the agency's name because the people represented by the department do not have behavioral problems -- they have biological brain disorders and the behavior is a symptom of the illness.

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Ohio prefers that "Mental Health" be included in the consolidated department's name, it encourages people living with addictions to provide input on how the addiction treatment system should be reflected in the new name.

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

1. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County supports NAMI Ohio's recommendation that "Behavioral" does not appear in the agency's name because the people represented by the department do not have behavioral problems -- they have biological brain disorders and behavior is a symptom of the illness.

On the motion of Pastor Charles E. Brown, seconded by Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones,  
R. Romaniuk, A. Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** M. Warr

**DATE ADOPTED:** September 19, 2012