



**RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-01**

**Support of a Dedicated Mental Health and  
Addiction Services Levy**

- WHEREAS,** A Needs Assessment conducted by the Center for Community Solutions found that 94,194 residents of Cuyahoga County are eligible for mental health and/or addiction services; and,
- WHEREAS,** 46,510 children and adults living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction in Cuyahoga County rely on services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County; and,
- WHEREAS,** Because of a lack of funding, 47,684 of the residents eligible for services are not being served; and,
- WHEREAS,** The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County receives funding from two Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services levies and the amount allocated from these levies by the County Administration to the ADAMHS Board has been steadily declining over the last 10 years; and,
- WHEREAS,** A dedicated mental health and addiction services levy would be beneficial to the citizens of Cuyahoga County by providing a constant flow of county funding to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to pay for services that are NOT covered by Medicaid, such as housing, medication, prevention, education, suicide prevention vocational/employment, detoxification, crisis, education and peer support for people on Medicaid, as well as treatment services for the remaining citizens that will still be left out of Medicaid Expansion; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340.03(A)(7) and 340.033(A)(12) specifically authorizes ADAMHS Boards to recruit and promote local financial support for mental health programs or alcohol and drug addiction programs from public and private sources, and Board discussions about a dedicated levy have been taking place for many years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. Strongly supports a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy.
2. Believes that a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy will benefit the people of Cuyahoga County by providing a constant flow of county funding to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to pay for services that are NOT covered by Medicaid.
3. Authorizes William M. Denihan, the Chief Executive Officer of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, to pursue the possibility of placing a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy on the November 5, 2013 Cuyahoga County ballot.

On the motion of Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., seconded by Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., the aforementioned resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr, A. Williams / **NAYS:** M. Boyle, W. Tobin / **ABSTAIN:** None  
**DATE ADOPTED:** February 27, 2013