

**ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENCY PROVIDER  
PARTICIPATION IN TEAM DECISION MAKING MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (CCDCFS) utilizes Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings as an integral part in determining the safety of a child relative to removal, placement, and permanency; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCDCFS identified that a large percentage of the parents of children in care are challenged with mental health and/or alcohol and/or other addiction concerns; thus, the agencies targeted for funding are the adult behavioral health agencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, clinical input and expertise from the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board's contract providers for adults was identified as a necessary component within the meeting process while making critical life decisions on behalf of children and their families; and,

**WHEREAS**, the over-arching goal, according to CCDCFS is to rehabilitate parents and families to resume their parenting responsibilities; and Board staff, in tandem with CCDCFS, has begun to develop the program details and reimbursement mechanisms; and,

**WHEREAS**, a significant barrier for agency representation at meetings was identified as a primary concern given that the full meeting content is not billable to Medicaid; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Board CEO recommends designating funds to adult contract treatment providers to reduce the aforementioned systemic obstacle and for Board staff to develop a process for documentation and reimbursement to the agencies' direct service representatives while participating in the TDM process; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Board of Directors Finance and Operations Committee reviewed Board staff's recommendation to allocate funding to ADAMHS Board adult contract agencies in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to enable agency provider participation in Team Decision Making meetings upon the completion of the program protocols.

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

- A. The ADAMHS Board of Directors approves the funding allocation of \$75,000 to support the participation of adult treatment contract providers in the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services' Team Decision Making (TMD) meetings.
- B. The ADAMHS Board Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute and make payments pursuant to the terms of the contract, subject to the availability of funds.

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

**AYES:** D. Biegel, M. Boyle, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Romaniuk,  
W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** February 27, 2013