

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-01A**

**APPROVAL OF THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO  
REMAIN AN 18 MEMBER BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio 2014-15 Biennial Budget Bill (HB 59) contains language that changes the Ohio Revised Code Sec. 340.02 (A) through (G) and Sec. 340.021 (A) through (B) (2) and authorizes all Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Boards, Mental Health Boards and Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Boards to either remain at 18 members or reduce its size to 14; and,

**WHEREAS**, this option provides Boards that have difficulty in recruiting and retaining 18 members the ability to reduce its size; and,

**WHEREAS**, if a Board elects to remain at 18 members, the Board should adopt a resolution approving that decision and forward the resolution to the Board of County Commissioners (County Executive/Council) and the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, for boards operating as 18-member boards, the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall appoint eight members of the Board, the County Commissioners (County Executive/Council) shall appoint 10 members; and,

**WHEREAS**, based upon a discussion regarding the option of reducing the ADAMHS Board size from 18 to 14 members, the Board of Directors recommends remaining an eighteen (18) member board.

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

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors approves remaining an eighteen (18) member board.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to forward the resolution to Cuyahoga County Executive Edward FitzGerald and OhioMHAS Director, Tracy Plouck, in accordance with the timelines identified above.

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

**AYES:** D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, H. Snider, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** August 28, 2013