

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-10-01**

**APPROVAL OF FAITH-BASED OUTREACH BROCHURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS Board) in Resolution No. 13-05-02 accepted the Faith-Based Outreach Committee Action Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of goals of the Action Plan is to increase awareness and understanding of mental health/addiction in the faith community and to address societal stigma surrounding the illness; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Faith-Based Outreach Subcommittee worked diligently to develop a Faith-based Outreach brochure to address this overall goal and to introduce the concept of **MERGE Spirituality** (**M**ental Health, **E**motional Wellness, **R**ecovery, **G**aining, Excellence); and,

**WHEREAS**, the brochure includes the mission statement of the Faith-based Outreach Committee, information about its goals, a speakers bureau, and training opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed brochure draft was reviewed and unanimously approved by the members of the Faith-based Outreach Committee at its meeting on October 2, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Faith-based Outreach Committee looks forward to sharing this brochure with the public and recommends its approval to the full Board.

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

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors adopts the Faith-based Outreach brochure to increase awareness and understanding of mental health/addiction in the faith community and to address societal stigma surrounding the illness.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to distribute the Faith-based Outreach Brochure to the community.

On the motion of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., seconded by Ericka Thoms, the foregoing motion was adopted.

**AYES:** D. Biegel, R. Blue, M. Boyle, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, E. Thoms, W. Tobin, M. Warr, A. Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** October 23, 2013