

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-04-03**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)  
REGARDING FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS Board) Policy entitled "Awarding Contracts for Non- Medicaid Services," effective April 28, 2010, the ADAMHS Board of Directors may issue a Request for Information (RFI) upon the request of ADAMHS Board staff regarding community mental health and alcohol and other drug service needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this RFI is to engage with the Board's contract providers and/or faith-based spiritual organizations to deliver spiritual/faith-based direct service needs to client(s) that will accomplish the Board's Faith-based Outreach Committee's mission to recognize and advocate spirituality in the recovery process; to connect the spiritual perspective with other interventions and best practices; and to promote the concept that treatment works and people recover; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Board does not provide direct services and recognizes that spirituality is an important element of recovery that should be incorporated into treatment and recovery services where appropriate; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff thank the Faith-Based Subcommittee that, under the leadership of Rev. Karell T. McDaniel, provided the Board with a solid Action Plan recommending the RFI; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Executive Committee has reviewed the ADAMHS Board staff's recommendation and recommends that the Board of Directors approve the issuance of the RFI to identify contract providers and/or faith-based organizations to develop partnerships and strategies that would ensure that when a client acknowledges their spirituality through the assessment process, that it is integrated in the overall treatment and recovery process; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Executive Committee reviewed the ADAMHS Board staff's recommendation and recommends authorization to approve the issuance of the RFI to solicit information to integrate faith-based services in treatment and recovery services.

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

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors approves the issuance of the RFI to solicit information from contract agencies to integrate faith-based services in treatment and recovery services.
2. The ADAMHS Board CEO is hereby authorized to appoint the RFI Committee to review and issue the RFI and evaluate the information that is submitted for recommendation to the Board of Directors.

On the motion of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., seconded by Harvey A. Snider, Esq., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** April 22, 2015