



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

RESOLUTION NO. 16-01-01: ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: ISSUE 23

WHEREAS, nearly 15,000 children and adults living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction rely on services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, which receives substantial funding from the Health and Human Services Levies; and,

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of citizens rely on other human services funded by the Health & Human Services Levies, including children and family services, services to seniors, and critical emergency services such as MetroHealth's Burn Center and Life Flight; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Council has placed a 4.8 mill renewal Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 23 on the March 15, 2016 ballot to generate \$133 million a year for health and human services; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed renewal will be for eight years, instead of the standard four, to decrease the number of times the county would have a proposed tax before voters; and,

WHEREAS, when Issue 23 passes, taxes would not increase and the cost to an owner of a home will continue to be \$12.25 per month per \$100,000 of the property value; and,

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health agencies take an active role in supporting the passage of the Health and Human Services levies through funding and volunteer contributions; and,

WHEREAS, the successful passage of Issue 23 will help to maintain and strengthen the critical safety net providing mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support services, children and family services, services to seniors, and critical emergency services to the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby strongly endorses and supports the 4.8 mill renewal Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 23 to provide funding to meet mental health and addiction and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing support and services to assist in the passage of the Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 23.

On the motion of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., seconded by Eileen Saffran, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: E. Cash, D. Biegel, R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, C. Handler, P. Jones, S. Killpack, C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, E. Saffran, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr

DATE ADOPTED: January 27, 2016