



RESOLUTION NO. 16-01-02

**Renewal of Support for a
Dedicated Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy**

- WHEREAS,** Nearly 15,000 children and adults living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction in Cuyahoga County rely on mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County; and,
- WHEREAS,** While the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County receives funding from two Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services levies and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the amount of funding continues to fluctuate; and,
- WHEREAS,** The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County strongly endorses and supports the 4.8 mill renewal Health and Human Services Levy: Issue TBD placed on the March 15, 2016 ballot to provide funding to meet mental health and addiction and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County, and;
- WHEREAS,** The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County believes that a dedicated mental health and addiction services levy would be beneficial to the citizens of Cuyahoga County by providing a constant flow of county funding to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to pay for support services that are NOT covered by Medicaid, such as housing, medication, prevention, education, suicide prevention, vocational/employment, detoxification, crisis, education and peer support, as well as treatment services for citizens that are still not covered by Medicaid Expansion; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340.03(A) (7) and 340.033(A)(12) specifically authorizes ADAMHS Boards to recruit and promote local financial support for mental health programs and alcohol and drug addiction programs from public and private sources, and Board discussions about a dedicated levy have been taking place for many years, and that the Board passed resolution 13-02-01 in support of a Dedicated Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy on February 27, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. Strongly renews its support for a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy.
2. Believes that a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy will benefit the people of Cuyahoga County by providing a consistent flow of county funding to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to pay for support and treatment services that are NOT covered by Medicaid.
3. Authorizes William M. Denihan, the Chief Executive Officer of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, to pursue the possibility of placing a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services Levy on an upcoming Cuyahoga County ballot.

On the motion of Harvey Snider, Esq., seconded by Ericka Thoms, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

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

NAYS: None

DATE ADOPTED: January 27, 2016