

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16-01-04

APPROVAL OF 2016 ADVOCACY ACTION AGENDA

WHEREAS, the 2016 Advocacy Action Agenda was developed with the over-arching goal of supporting mental health; alcohol and other drug, opiate and gambling addiction treatment programming in the schools and in the community; employment and vocational opportunities; prevention, and stable and/or increased funding to support Non-Medicaid services; and,

WHEREAS, the 2016 Advocacy Action Agenda supplements the daily advocacy efforts that the ADAMHS Board provides through its work to ensure that behavioral health services and supports are available to help children and adults reach personal recovery. It also reflects collaboration with groups, such as the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition, NAMI and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities in promoting other advocacy efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the ADAMHS Board's messages and communications to legislators, state agencies, policy makers, consumers/clients, providers and the general public will be in sync with the advocacy issues identified in the 2016 Advocacy Action Agenda; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee supports and recommends the proposed 2016 Advocacy Action Agenda to guide its advocacy efforts throughout 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors adopts the 2016 Advocacy Action Agenda to guide its advocacy efforts throughout 2016.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to distribute the 2016 Advocacy Action Agenda to the community.

On the motion of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., seconded by David E. Biegel, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: January 27, 2016