

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-01-01

ACCEPTANCE OF 2017 ADVOCACY ACTION AGENDA

WHEREAS, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County develops and approves an Advocacy Action Agenda each year to focus its efforts and develop messages to legislators, state agencies, policy makers, clients, families, providers and the general public to advance important behavioral health issues; and,

WHEREAS, at the beginning of each year, the prior year's Advocacy Action Agenda is reviewed by the Community Relations and Advocacy Committee to determine success and a new agenda is set and recommended to the full Board by the Committee for the current year; and,

WHEREAS, the Advocacy Action Agenda for 2017 was developed with the over-arching goal of promoting recovery of individuals living with mental illness and addictions by adopting and acting on the five Recovery Oriented System of Care principles:

1. Focusing on Clients and Families
2. Ensuring Timely Access to Care
3. Promoting Healthy, Safe, and Drug-Free Communities
4. Prioritizing Accountable and Outcome-Driven Financing
5. Locally Managing Systems of Care; and,

WHEREAS, the Advocacy Action Agenda is in addition to the advocacy and collaboration that the Board provides on a daily basis through its work of ensuring that mental health, addiction treatment and prevention and recovery services and supports are available to help children and adults reach and sustain recovery; and,

WHEREAS, adoption and implementation of the 2017 Advocacy Action Agenda will help facilitate the implementation of the Recovery Oriented System of Care by focusing Board efforts, activities, decisions and funding to advance recovery issues and initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors adopts the 2017 Advocacy Action Agenda.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to distribute the 2017 Advocacy Action Agenda to the community.

On the motion of Harvey A. Snider, Esq., seconded by Steve Killpack, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: January 25, 2017

Stay Informed About Advocacy Efforts

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County offers Cuyahoga County residents an opportunity to stay informed and become involved as advocates for mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction issues. Clients, family members, providers and the public may request placement on the ADAMHS Board's e-mail distribution list.

Being on our distribution list allows you to stay informed by receiving the latest news and action alerts about legislation and other issues impacting mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction in Cuyahoga County, the state of Ohio and the United States.

To have your name placed on our e-mail distribution list, or to obtain more information about the Advocacy Action Agenda, contact Scott Osiecki, Chief of External Affairs, at osiecki@adamhscc.org, or at 216-241-3400, ext. 814.

Another way to stay informed is to visit the ADAMHS Board's Web site at www.adamhscc.org. You can find client and family information, service providers, facts about mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction, news and legislation, Board publications and general information about the Board. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Cover artwork was created by a client of New Directions . The keychain with the Narcotics Anonymous initials and the Just for Today slogan represents the artist's current recovery mindset - if I can do it just for today I will have the strength to go on tomorrow - taking recovery one day at a time.



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2017 Advocacy Action Agenda

Overarching Advocacy Goal for 2017:

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County has developed this **Advocacy Action Agenda** to guide its advocacy efforts for 2017. This agenda was developed with the overarching goal of promoting recovery of individuals living with mental illness and addictions by adopting and acting on the five Recovery Oriented System of Care principles:

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System of Care Goals:

- Support the *State-wide Recovery is Beautiful* movement and the ADAMHS Board Implementation Plan to ensure that a Recovery Oriented System of Care is developed and implemented in Cuyahoga County, through client and family involvement; community education; integrated behavioral health, spirituality and wellness; peer support; timely access to services; quality of care and performance-based contracting and financing.
- Support efforts to promote:
 - Mental illness and addiction are chronic diseases.
 - Treatment works and people recover.
 - Recovery is to be celebrated!

- Support efforts to eradicate the heroin/opiate/fentanyl epidemic in Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio.

- Support efforts for the development of AOD Residential Treatment, Recovery Housing, Sober Beds and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

- Support efforts to increase the number of practitioners available to provide mental health and addiction services, including MAT and psychiatric services for both youth and adults and assist provider network in recruiting staff.

- Support prevention activities, public awareness efforts and training to reduce the stigma of mental illness and/or addictions and educate the community by featuring client personal recovery success stories.

- Support police reforms as part of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of Cleveland through continued leadership of the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee.
- Support efforts for youth participation in Board activities and issues through the ADAMHS Board Youth Advisory Council to ensure sustainability, vitality and long-term success of the Board and its programs, while preventing stigma, addictions and suicide.
- Support efforts to increase employment for people living with mental illness and/or addictions, including certified Recovery Coaches, with the Board provider agencies.
- Support spirituality in the recovery process and efforts of the Faith-based Outreach Committee and initiatives.
- Support efforts to increase coordination with managed care organizations to help integrate services.
- Support state and federal legislation that benefit people living with mental illness and/or addictions.
- Support efforts to promote the delivery of high quality, cost effective mental health and addiction treatment and recovery support services, including promotion of the ADAMHS Board as establishing a unified system of care.
- Support efforts to position the ADAMHS Board as the authority on behavioral health issues and convener of stakeholders to address the local mental health and addiction recovery needs of the community, including the continuation of the Addiction Recovery Advocacy Meetings.

Funding Goals:

- Support efforts to achieve dedicated local funding for mental health and addiction support services by examining opportunities for a dedicated ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services levy.
- Support the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) 2018/19 Biennial Budget platform that focuses of increasing state funding to support a Recovery Oriented System of Care.
- Support efforts for the utilization of standardized provider performance measures to establish funding priorities.