

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-03-01



**ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY: ISSUE 9**

**WHEREAS**, over 10,000 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 renewal of the 3.9 mill Health and Human Services Levy on the May 8, 2018 primary ballot to fund critical health and social service programs that aid citizens in need; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed renewal will extend for a period of two years and is the smaller of two levies, the last of which was approved in May of 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, when this renewal levy passes, taxes will not increase and there will be no increase to the homeowner; 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 the 3.9 mill Health & Human Service Levy: Issue 9 is critical to help maintain and strengthen the 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 3.9 mill renewal Health and Human Services Levy: Issue 9 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 9.

On the motion of Mary M. Step, Ph.D., seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, Cassi Handler, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch,  
E. Kirkland, H. Snider, M. Step

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** March 28, 2018