

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-06**

**APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FUNDING AND BOARD SYSTEM PRIORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County sets priorities for behavioral health services to ensure that available dollars fund the best and most necessary services to support recovery. The CEO established a priority setting process for CY2019 that was focused on community needs, impact on clients and families, impact on providers, strategic fit with the Board's mission & vision, external directives, partnerships, internal directives, and available resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of this CY2019 priority setting process, board staff reviewed existing resources such as the 2016 Needs Assessment, 2017 Strategic Plan, the Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) goals and community assessment, and preliminary analysis from the Crisis Services Needs Assessment; and,

**WHEREAS**, to obtain community and Board input, a series of ten focus groups were held. These included sessions during an All Providers Meeting, the Board Community Relations and Advocacy, Planning and Oversight and the Finance and Operations Committees, the Action Committee Advocating Change (ACAC) Client Group, a Staff Retreat and three community stakeholder webinars. The CEO and Board Management Team reviewed and discussed all of the information gathered from these focus groups as part of the priority setting process; and,

**WHEREAS**, with additional consideration of Behavioral Health Redesign, implementation of Managed Care, the Opioid Crisis, increase in suicide and limited funding, the CEO is recommending the following ten funding priorities for CY2019 behavioral health and recovery services – which are not listed in rank order:

1. High Quality Housing including Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) for adults with mental illness, Sober and Recovery Housing certified with National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, and Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) that meet State and National Residential Care and Assisted Living Regulations and Policies.
2. Expanded Crisis Services for both children and adults.
3. 24 Hours/Seven Days per Week Access for mental health and addiction treatment services, for adults and children, with in-person services delivered wherever possible.
4. Peer Support for mental health and addiction, including innovative programs in Adult Care Facilities and Recovery Housing.
5. Prevention and early intervention programs and campaigns for mental health and addiction across the lifespan for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, using both traditional and innovative approaches in the community such as Faith-Based programming.
6. Employment Programs including sheltered and supported.
7. Inpatient and Ambulatory Detoxification Services.
8. Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction Disorders.
9. Piloting of Innovative Techniques and Programs, such as the new Bridge device for Ambulatory Detox.
10. Transportation for clients to keep mental health and addiction treatment appointments; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the funding priorities, the CEO also recommends the following internal system priorities that will be included in the Board's 2019 operating budget:

1. Client-Centered Funding Strategies.
2. System Training.
3. Stigma Reduction.
4. Education and Prevention Campaigns.
5. Workforce Development.
6. Collaboration with Courts and Criminal Justice System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby approve the recommended CY2019 Funding and Board System Priorities as listed above.
2. The ADAMHS Board Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute the necessary service provider contracts, based upon the availability of funds.

On the motion of Ericka L. Thoms, seconded by Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** R. Blue, E. Caraballo, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Shannon, H. Snider, M. Step, E. Thoms

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** June 27, 2018