

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-05-02**

**SUPPORT OF ADVOCATING FOR AWARENESS OF  
PODIATRIC AND DENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING  
WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

**WHEREAS**, during the October 2018 General Meeting, a discussion was held regarding the need for podiatric and dental services for the population served by the ADAMHS Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, an Adhoc Committee was appointed to research the issue; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the March 2019 Planning and Oversight Committee, Mary M. Step. Ph.D., Board Member, presented findings of research that showed living with a mental illness and/or substance use disorder increases the risk of adverse oral or podiatric health outcomes and vice/versa; and,

**WHEREAS**, further discussions on this topic were held during the months of April and May by members of the Planning and Oversight Committee and the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Community Relations & Advocacy Committee supports approving the recommendations regarding podiatric and dental health care needs for the population served by the ADAMHS Board to include:

- Hosting client health fair(s) including free dental and podiatric assessments provided by other community healthcare organizations or dental and/or podiatry students; and,
- Developing and disseminating information regarding available free and/or low-cost dental and podiatric resources in Cuyahoga County; and,
- Increasing client awareness of dental and podiatric health through social media, peer support and other means.

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

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors supports staff recommendations to advocate for awareness of podiatric and dental health needs of individuals served by the ADAMHS Board.
2. No ADAMHS Board funding will be used to provide podiatric and dental health services.

On the motion of Harvey Snider, Esq., seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

**AYES:** R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, G. Howard, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, E. Kirkland, M. Rodas, H. Shannon, H. Snider, M. Step

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DATE ADOPTED:** May 22, 2019