

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04-05

**POSITION ON SUBSTITUTE MEASURE OF HB 110
(2022-2023 STATE OPERATING BUDGET)**

WHEREAS, the substitute measure of Ohio House Bill (HB) 110 incorporates changes to the number and way that Governing Board Members are appointed to local ADAMHS Boards, in a manner that will meet one County's need but unnecessarily disrupt other Board areas across the state; and,

WHEREAS, currently, ADAMHS Boards have either 14 or 18 members on their Board of Directors. Membership is comprised of County Commissioner or Executive appointments, as well as appointments by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). Membership also includes "category" appointments that ensure client, family and clinical voice in the governing process of Boards, including:

- clinician with experience in the delivery of mental health services
- clinician with experience in the delivery of addiction services
 - a single member who meets both qualifications may fulfill the requirement for a clinician
- person who has received or is receiving mental health services
- parent or other relative of such a person receiving/has received mental health services
- person who has received or is receiving addiction services
- parent or other relative of a person receiving/has received addiction services; and,

WHEREAS, the HB 110 substitute measure would remove the requirement that client, family and clinical voice would be included, and would also allow for a decrease in the number of Board members to five or nine without input from the current Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is devoted to fair representation and citizen leadership on its Board of Directors, as currently written in Section 340.02 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). We believe that the appointed volunteer Board Members serve a critical role in our local systems of care. As such, we need to ensure robust community representation from all areas, and that our 18-member Board is necessary for representing the constituents of our diverse, populous county; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that this measure originated from a legislator from one board area, Erie and Ottawa Counties, and is not representative of the position of ADAMH Boards across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County states that the current system of Board appointment is working well. The substitute measure of HB 110 is a change that is not requested or supported by the ADAMHS Boards across the state, and it is our position that the measure should be revised, at minimum, to only apply to Erie and Ottawa Counties.

On the motion of J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, G. Boehm, E. Cade, R. Fowler, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider

NAYS: None

DATE ADOPTED: April 28, 2021