



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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-01

**SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 523:
REQUESTING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS HB 523
TO MAKE NEEDED CHANGES TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 340**

WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is committed to enhancing the quality of life for our community through a commitment to excellence in mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services coordinated through a person-centered network of community supports; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340 is the authorizing statute for Ohio's Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards that empowers Boards to assess, plan, develop, fund, administer, and evaluate the local system of mental health and addiction and recovery services, ensuring the provision of high quality, cost-effective, and culturally-appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, While local ADAMHS Boards do not provide direct services, each has the statutory requirement to ensure a local continuum of care through contracts with agencies, and the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County contracts with over 70 providers; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio is experiencing an increasing incidence of overdose and suicide deaths and the demand for treatment and support services continues to grow, the members of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County have determined that there is a critical need for modernization of Chapter 340; and,

WHEREAS, Boards are uniquely positioned to rapidly identify changing community needs, respond to crisis situations, and serve as a catalyst for change; and

WHEREAS, HB 523 will modernize governing board appointments, revise board contracting authority, allow for the exchange of Medicaid recipient data, and provide for consideration of additional information related to the certification of providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County respectfully requests that the Ohio General Assembly support Ohioans impacted by mental illness and substance use disorders by expeditiously passing HB 523 to modernize Chapter 340.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County authorizes its Chief Executive Officer to distribute this resolution to the members of the Ohio House of Representatives serving Cuyahoga County, especially Representatives Shayla Davis (D) District 11 and Bishara Addison (D) District 9, who are members of the House Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports Committee.

On the motion of Katie Kern-Pilch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-S, seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, E. Cade, G. Howard, P. James-Stewart, B. Jones, K. Kern-Pilch, S. Killpack, M. Rodas, S. Rosenbaum, H. Snider

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: June 22, 2022