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The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County offers Cuyahoga County residents an opportunity to stay informed and become involved as advocates for mental health and alcohol and other substance use disorder issues. Clients, family members, providers and the public may request placement on the ADAMHS Board's email distribution list.

Being on our distribution list allows you to stay informed by receiving the latest news and action alerts about legislation and other issues impacting mental health and alcohol and other substance use issues in Cuyahoga County, the state of Ohio and the United States.

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2023 Advocacy Action Agenda

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Overarching Advocacy Objectives for 2023:

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County has developed this **Advocacy Action Agenda** to guide its advocacy efforts for 2023. This agenda was developed with the overarching goal of promoting recovery of individuals living with mental illness and substance use disorders by adopting and acting on the **six 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Goals, which align with the Recovery Oriented System of Care principles and are overlaid in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Implementation Plan:**

1. **Strengthening Service Delivery System.**
2. **Measuring Impact.**
3. **Maximizing Available Funding.**
4. **Maintaining a High-Performing Organization.**
5. **Strengthening Behavioral Health Workforce.**
6. **Sharing Information.**

The ADAMHS Board uses the Advocacy Action Agenda to develop messages to legislators, state agencies, policy makers, clients, families, providers and the general public to advance important behavioral health issues.

Goals:

- ***NEW - Support OhioMHAS and OACBHA's State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Recommendations.***
- ***NEW - Advocate for Problem Gambling Awareness related to online sports betting and suicide prevention.***
- ***NEW - Support efforts for the development of a behavioral health crisis center with county and state partners.***
- ***NEW - Advocate with providers, partners and OhioMHAS for increased Medicaid rates.***
- ***NEW - Ensure systemwide education and awareness of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative.***

- **Educate all stakeholders about 988**, the new number for the national suicide prevention LifeLine.
- **Increase community-based and grassroots Suicide Prevention Education** and expand Suicide Prevention coalition membership.
- **Support OACBHA's efforts in the modernization of Ohio Revised Code 340.**
- **Advocate for data sharing** with state and local agencies.
- **Collaborate** with OhioMHAS and OACBHA **to expand access to a core safety net of crisis services.**
- **Support co-responder and care response team projects.**

