

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-07

ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LEVY – ISSUE 26



WHEREAS, over 7,500 children and adults living with mental illness and substance use disorders in Cuyahoga County rely on treatment services and nearly 180,000 rely on crisis, non-treatment, prevention and recovery services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, which receives funding from the Health & Human Services Levy; and,

WHEREAS, every year 200,000 families - 500,000 county residents - rely on other human services funded by the Health & Human Services Levy, including protecting children from abuse and neglect, keeping MetroHealth’s trauma care and health safety net, and providing home health, meals and heating assistance for seniors; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the continuing impact of the ever changing opioid epidemic on our community, as well as the suicide risks in Cuyahoga County, residents need the local health & human services to continue; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Council placed a renewal of the 4.8 mill Health & Human Services Levy on the March 19, 2024 ballot, which is not a tax increase, and when passed will extend for a period of eight years with collections beginning January 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the successful passage of this Issue 26 will maintain a critical safety net for persons living with mental illness and substance use disorders as well as services for all citizens of Cuyahoga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby strongly endorses and supports a renewal of Issue 26 - the 4.8 mill Health & Human Services Levy on the March 19, 2024 ballot to continue providing crisis, prevention, treatment and recovery support services for mental health and substance use disorders and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Governors and staff are committed to providing support and services to assist in the passage of Issue 26 – Health & Human Services Levy – not a tax increase - to keep vital health and human services.

On the motion of Michelle R. Curry, MPA, seconded by Steve Killpack, MA, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: B. Addison, A. Bhardwaj, R. Blue, M. Curry, J. Dixon, S. Galloway, P. James-Stewart, S. Killpack, H. Snider

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: January 24, 2024