ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 10-03-02



ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ISSUE 15

WHEREAS, over 44,000 children and adults living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction in Cuyahoga County rely on services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, which receives funding from the Health and Human Services Issue; and,

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of citizens rely on other human services funded by the Health & Human Services Issue, including children and family services, services to seniors, and critical emergency services such as MetroHealth's Burn Center and Life Flight; and,

WHEREAS, with a struggling economy, resulting in lost jobs and benefits including health insurance, the residents of Cuyahoga County need local health & human services more than ever, and the economic downturn and cuts in State and local funding have put the county's critical health & human services at risk; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Commissioners have placed the 2.9 mill renewal Health and Human Services Issue 15 on the May 4, 2010 ballot to retain \$86 million to continue to provide important services to the residents of Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the successful passage of Issue 15 will help to maintain the critical safety net providing mental health and alcohol and other drug services to the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby strongly endorses and supports the 2.9 mill renewal Health and Human Services Issue 15 to maintain funding to meet the mental health, alcohol and other drug, and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.
- 2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing support and services to assist in the passage of the Health and Human Services Issue 15.

On the motion of Ericka Thoms, seconded by Mary Warr, the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously.

AYES: F. Amunategui, E. Cash, B. Fowler, K. Gambatese, J. Hnanicek, P. Jones,

R. Kemm, A. Leopard, H. Snider, C. Still Noble, E. Thoms, M. Warr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: March 24, 2010