

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-02

**Call for the Ohio Department of Mental Health to Hold the
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Harmless
in the 408 Funding Formula Revision**

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) proposed a **review and changes to the 408 allocation formula to develop a revised distribution** of state resources to community boards, and through advocacy efforts the ADAMHS Board **was able to fend off this catastrophic funding reduction from ODMH** - not once - but twice; and,

WHEREAS, under full implementation of the proposed formula, the ADAMHS Board **would have only \$13 million to use for community mental health services** not covered by Medicaid **after funding state hospitals stays, versus \$26 million** under the current formula that could be used for local services – **that's a reduction of 50%** that would have the following **impact**:

- **Thousands of people** will be **without mental health services**.
- **Suicide prevention** and other mental health **crisis services** will not be available on a 24-hour basis.
- **240 of 800** consumers will **lose their supported housing**.
- **Employment/Vocational services** for consumers will be seriously reduced.
- Over **450 jobs in the behavioral health field will be lost**, creating a **severe shortage of services**; and,

WHEREAS, in March 2010, **ODMH was preparing to implement the formula earlier than anticipated** on July 1, 2010, and the ADAMHS Board **once again advocated and debated several components of the formula** to account for Cuyahoga County's unique factors, such as: **prevalence, severity of mental illnesses, poverty, higher crime rates, higher forensic population, highest number of returning offenders, substance abuse, ethnicity, and lead poisoning**; and,

WHEREAS, **ODMH offered a 10% phase-in** of the reduction for Fiscal Year 2011 with the **remainder of the reduction made over the next 10 years or less**, and the ADAMHS Board **rejected the offer** and requested that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County **be held harmless** for Fiscal Year 2011; and,

WHEREAS, **ODMH agreed and the allocation to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County for Fiscal Year 2011 remained the same as Fiscal Year 2010**, thus avoiding any reduction in 408 funding for mental health services; and,

WHEREAS, the **ADAMHS Board will be facing the same issue again for Fiscal Year 2012**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. In an effort to avert this 408 financial crisis for community mental health services, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County **respectfully requests that ODMH continue to hold the ADAMHS Board harmless from the revised formula and not decrease 408 funding**.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County directs that **this resolution be sent to Governor Ted Strickland; Sandra Stephenson, Director of ODMH, and each member of the Cuyahoga County Delegation in the Ohio House and Senate**.

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On the motion of Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., seconded by Harvey A. Snider, Esq., the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

AYES: David E. Biegel, Ph.D., Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Eugenia Cash, J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Pythias Jones, M.D., Rick A. Kemm, MNO, Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, J. Richard Romaniuk, Ph.D., Harvey A. Snider, Esq., Ericka L. Thoms, Mary R. Warr, Anngela Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: September 29, 2010