

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10-02

AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR CENTRALIZED INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT THROUGH THE SCALE PROGRAM (Screening, Centralized, Assessment, Level of Care Assignment & Engagement in Treatment) TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County initiated a Central Intake Pilot Project (CIPP) in January 4, 2010 that focused on new, non-Medicaid, adult consumers in the mental health system or adult consumers that had been inactive with an agency for more than six months with a goal to improve client care through a consistent assessment process and assignment to care, while reducing costs across the mental health system by eliminating multiple assessments on the same consumer which rapidly depletes non-Medicaid resources each year; and,

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2010, the ADAMHS Board issued a Request for Proposal to identify a provider for central intake and assessment. Connections: Health, Wellness, and Advocacy responded to RFP on August 27, 2010. The RFP Review Committee evaluated the proposal and met with Connections on October 6, 2010 for further discussion regarding its proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the ADAMHS Board staff is recommending the implementation of an ADAMHS Board-funded effort to centralize screening, assessment, and linkage services in Cuyahoga County for uninsured clients to be now known as the SCALE project which stands for "Screening, Centralized Assessment, Level-of-care assignment, and Engagement with Treatment," and it is the ADAMHS Board staff's additional recommendation to award \$700,620.00 to Connections: Health, Wellness and Advocacy to implement of SCALE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors approves the implementation of an ADAMHS Board-funded effort to centralize screening, assessment, and linkage services in Cuyahoga County for uninsured clients to be known as the SCALE project which stands for "Screening, Centralized Assessment, Level-of-care assignment, and Engagement with treatment," and approves the award \$700,620.00 to Connections: Health, Wellness and Advocacy to implement SCALE.
2. The ADAMHS Board Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute the contract, subject to the availability of funding.

On the motion of Harvey Snider, seconded by Ericka Thoms, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, M. Crosby, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin

DATE ADOPTED: October 27, 2010