

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-01-01

APPROVAL OF 2011 ADVOCACY ACTION AGENDA

WHEREAS, an action step in the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County 2011-2013 Strategic Plan specifies the development of an Advocacy Action Agenda to guide its advocacy efforts for each calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, the 2011 Advocacy Action Agenda was developed with the over-arching goal of promoting personal recovery from mental illness and dependency on alcohol and other drugs, with the understanding that recovery is defined as a process unique to each individual that is measured by reaching small and continuous goals, is built on partnership, trust, hope, supporting choices and promoting dignity, respect and excellent care; and,

WHEREAS, the 2011 Advocacy Action Agenda is in addition to the advocacy that the ADAMHS Board is always focused on, such as mental health and alcohol and other drug programming in the schools, employment and vocational opportunities, Medicaid reform, prevention, insurance parity and reducing the over regulation of providers to create greater efficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, the 2011 Advocacy Action Agenda enhances the advocacy that the Board provides on a daily basis through its work of ensuring that behavioral health services and supports are available to help children and adults reach personal recovery, and the collaboration with other groups, such as the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition, NAMI and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities; and,

WHEREAS, the ADAMHS Board's messages and communications to legislators, state agencies, policy makers, consumers, providers and the general public will be in sync with the advocacy issues identified in the 2011 Advocacy Action Agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors adopts the 2011 Advocacy Action Agenda to guide its advocacy efforts throughout 2011.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to distribute the 2011 Advocacy Action Agenda to the community.

On the motion of Ericka Thoms, seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously.

AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, T. Falcone, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, C. Noble, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: January 26, 2011