

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 11-05-07
Recognition of Budget Reductions

WHEREAS, The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is facing a \$13,712,228, or 33%, reduction in available funding for Non-Medicaid services because of cuts in funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, Difficult decisions on addressing this *extremely large reduction* must be made with the very best interest of our clients and consumers in mind; and,

WHEREAS, The following is a summary of budget circumstances:

- A 10 year (2002 – 2012) funding analysis from The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities indicates that ODADAS' funding for community services has decreased by 51% , and ODMH's funding for community services has decreased by 76%.
- The system suffered a 35% reduction in the FY2010-11 biennial budget, and fears another 30% reduction in the FY12-13 budget.
- The state is also using all funding for community behavioral health services to cover the Medicaid match, leaving a miniscule amount of state funding to provide services to people not eligible for Medicaid – mostly the working poor – or for services not covered by Medicaid. For the ADAMHS Board, this reduction translates to an actual 93% reduction in state funding available for community mental health services, and funding from ODMH will be reduced to only \$179,000.
- ODADAS's budget is being reduced by 3%. Although that does not sound like a large reduction, it equates to a 21% statewide reduction in available funds that can be used for community treatment and prevention services. For the ADAMHS Board this means a 19% reduction in available funds for community treatment and prevention services. Our funding from ODADAS will be reduced to \$6,621,804.
- The ADAMHS Board will be responsible for paying 100% of FY11 Medicaid claims that will be paid in FY12; and,

WHEREAS, The following cost containment measures will be used in making provider funding recommendations:

- Narrowing focus to the following priority services:
 1. Residential programs and services
 2. Employment services
 3. Crisis services
 4. Peer Support
 5. Children's services not funded by Medicaid.
- Retaining focus on the continued implementation of Central Intake for adults with mental illness through the SCALE Program.
- Reduce or eliminate funding based on individual agency expenditure trends, quality of services, evidence of collaboration with other agencies to reduce cost and provide better services, and duplication of services.
- Placing caps on the maximum payment allowed for services just as ODMH and ODADAS have done with Medicaid payments, for the following services:
 1. AOD prevention services
 2. Residential services
 3. Employment services
 4. Mental health consultation and prevention services

WHEREAS, The reductions are going to impact the ADAMHS Board staff and administrative budget requiring staff layoffs effective July 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY:

1. Acknowledges the gravity of the FY12-13 State Budget and understands that difficult funding decisions must be made, including a reduction or elimination of funding to providers, and layoffs of a portion of ADAMHS Board staff.

On the motion of J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., seconded by David E. Biegel, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, C. Brown, E. Cash, M. Crosby, T. Falcone, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams

DATE ADOPTED: May 25, 2011