

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-05

AUTHORIZATION OF BRIDGEWAY REVIEW AND SPECIAL AUDIT CLOSURE

WHEREAS, In July 2008, Bridgeway, Inc., the fiscal agent for the Board's consumer operated organizations, notified the former Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) about concerns regarding Home for TLC's fiscal practices that required immediate attention, including concerns of overspending; questionable expenses; lack of sufficient documentation/receipts, and insufficient funds available to meet payroll; and,

WHEREAS, Bridgeway acknowledged some of the responsibility for not requiring TLC to provide receipts and remain within its monthly allocation, and Bridgeway staff recognized the problems and worked with the CCCMHB and Home for TLC to correct the situation; and,

WHEREAS, The Board terminated the Fiscal Agent responsibilities with Bridgeway in September 2008; and after a comprehensive review of Bridgeway and TLC in August 2008, the Board made a request to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office on October 8, 2008, to conduct an investigation of Bridgeway; and,

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Auditor of State, and in August 2009, the Auditor initiated a special audit to examine the Self-Help and Peer Empowerment (SHAPE) program budget related to TLC and determine whether the payments made to Bridgeway by the Board were in accordance with program guidelines; determine whether payments to TLC Executive Director or payments made on his behalf, were supported and for valid SHAPE program expenditures; determine whether other SHAPE payments to TLC staff and vendors were supported and for valid SHAPE program expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, The ADAMHS Board and Bridgeway addressed results of the audit and consulted the Prosecutor's Office for advice/counsel, it was determined that the ADAMHS Board fulfilled its due diligence in investigating this matter and notifying authorities and accepted a cash payback of \$168,000 and \$170,000 recouped through the reallocation of real property from Bridgeway, and that Bridgeway has made significant changes in management and has excelled in providing residential care, the closure of the review and special audit is recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors accepts the cash payback and reallocation of real property from Bridgeway, Inc.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors authorizes the closure of the comprehensive review and special audit.

On the motion of Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., seconded by Eugenia Cash, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: I. Bailey, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, M. Crosby, R. Folbert, R. Fowler,
B. Gohlstin, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, E. Thoms,
M. Warr

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: D. Biegel

DATE ADOPTED: November 16, 2011