

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-01-01

ENDORSEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ISSUE 15

WHEREAS, nearly 47,000 children and adults living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug addiction in Cuyahoga County rely on services funded by or through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, which receives funding from the Health and Human Services Issue 15; and,

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of citizens rely on other human services funded by the Health & Human Services Issue 15, including children and family services, services to seniors, and critical emergency services such as MetroHealth's Burn Center and Life Flight, and the ADAMHS Board 24-hour suicide prevention hotline; and,

WHEREAS, with an economy that continues to struggle, resulting in lost jobs and benefits, the residents of Cuyahoga County continue to need local health & human services more than ever, and cuts in State funding that were enacted in the most recent State budget have resulted in a loss of \$38.4 million to County human services funding, putting critical services at risk; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Executive has placed the 4.8 mill renewal Health and Human Services Issue 15 on the March 6, 2012, ballot to retain \$139 million to continue to provide important services to the residents of Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the successful passage of Issue 15 will help to maintain the critical safety net providing mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services to the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ADAMHS Board of Directors hereby strongly endorses and supports the 4.8 mill renewal Health and Human Services Issue 15 to maintain funding to meet the mental health, alcohol and other drug, and other vital human services needs of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.
2. The ADAMHS Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing support and services to assist in the passage of the Health and Human Services Issue 15.

On the motion of Pastor Charles E. Brown, seconded by Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: I. Bailey, D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, R. Folbert, R. Fowler, P. Jones, R. Kemm, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr, A. Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE ADOPTED: January 25, 2012