

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2011-0003

<b>SPONSORED BY: Council President Connally and County Executive FitzGerald</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> calling for the Ohio Department of Mental Health to hold the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County harmless in the 408 funding formula revision, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, in 2009, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) proposed a review and changes to the 408 allocation formula to develop a revised distribution of state resources to community boards, and through advocacy efforts the ADAMHS Board was able to fend off this catastrophic funding reduction from ODMH – not once – but twice; and,

WHEREAS, with full implementation of the proposed formula, the ADAMHS Board would have only \$13 million to use for community mental health services not covered by Medicaid after funding state hospitals stays, versus \$26 million under the current formula that could be used for local services – a reduction of 50% that would have the following impact: thousands of people will be without mental health services, suicide prevention and other mental health crisis services will not be available on a 24-hour basis, 240 of 800 consumers will lose their supported housing, employment/vocational services for consumers will be seriously reduced, and over 450 jobs in the behavioral health field will be lost, creating a severe shortage of services; and,

WHEREAS, in March 2010, ODMH was preparing to implement the formula earlier than anticipated on July 1, 2010, and the ADAMHS Board once again advocated and debated several components of the formula to account for Cuyahoga County’s unique factors, such as: prevalence, severity of mental illnesses, poverty, higher crime rates, higher forensic population, highest number of returning offenders, substance abuse, ethnicity, and lead poisoning; and,

WHEREAS, ODMH offered a 10% phase-in of the reduction for Fiscal Year 2011 with the remainder of the reduction made over the next 10 years or less, and the ADAMHS Board rejected the offer and requested that the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County be held harmless for Fiscal Year 2011; and,

WHEREAS, ODMH agreed and the allocation to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County for Fiscal Year 2011 remained the same as Fiscal Year 2010, thus avoiding any reduction in 408 funding for mental health services; and,

WHEREAS, the ADAMHS Board will be facing the same issue again for Fiscal Year 2012.

THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the Council of the County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio that:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** In an effort to avert this 408 financial crisis for community mental health services, the Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio supports the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County request that ODMH continue to hold the ADAMHS Board harmless from the revised formula and not decrease 408 funding.

**SECTION 2.** The Council of Cuyahoga County requests the County Executive to direct that this resolution be sent to the Governor of State of Ohio, the Director of ODMH; the CEO of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, and each member of the Cuyahoga County Delegation in the Ohio House and Senate.

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members elected to Council, this ordinance shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Yeas: Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Connally,  
Rogers, Simon, Greenspan and Miller

Nays: None

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County Council President

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Clerk of Council Pro Tem

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