

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2020-0260

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish</b>	A <b>Resolution</b> authorizing a grant agreement with The MetroHealth System in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to assist in the construction of an Addiction and Behavioral Health Center in Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: <b>Councilmembers Brady and Stephens</b>	

WHEREAS, the residents of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, have been devastated by the opioid epidemic resulting in a critical need to treat the behavioral health needs of those struggling with addiction in our community; and

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 pandemic commenced in early 2020 the demand for addiction and behavioral health services in Cuyahoga County is outpacing the current system's capacity and there is a significant deficit of addiction and behavioral health beds in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, there has been a resurgence in opioid and other drug-related deaths in Cuyahoga County, including 68 deaths in May 2020 making it the deadliest month ever in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2019, the Cuyahoga County Council enacted Chapter 725 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish an Opioid Mitigation Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending all funds received as part of any action related to Cuyahoga County's opioid litigation and all funds are to be used solely for opioid remediation, mitigation, and rectification of the opioid epidemic in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, The MetroHealth System is proposing the creation of a 110-bed Addiction and Behavioral Health Center to comprehensively treat those individuals struggling with addiction and behavioral health issues in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to support The MetroHealth System in construction of the Addiction and Behavioral Health Center in Cuyahoga County by providing funding from the Opioid Mitigation Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes a grant agreement with The MetroHealth System in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 from the Opioid Mitigation Fund to assist with capital costs related to construction of a 110-bed Addiction and Behavioral Health Center in Cuyahoga County.

**SECTION 2.** The County Executive is authorized to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate the grant agreement authorized herein, such appropriation is approved and the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

**SECTION 4.** To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

**SECTION 5.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County, the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County, and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 6.** 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.

On a motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Stephens, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron and Brady

Nays: None

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County Council President                      Date

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County Executive                                      Date

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Clerk of Council                                      Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 24, 2020  
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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Clerk's Note: Electronic signatures affixed in accordance with Cuyahoga County  
Code Chapter 110]