



On behalf of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, I want to personally congratulate and thank Governor John Kasich for including Medicaid Expansion in his budget that was announced on Monday, February 4, 2013. This expansion up to the recommended 138% of the federal poverty level will provide 600,000 uninsured Ohioans with Medicaid, including 80,000 people right here in Cuyahoga County, including people living with mental illness and addictions.

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is committed to working with the General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Mental Health Director Tracy Plouck to not only support the Governor's Medicaid Expansion, but to also secure additional Non-Medicaid funding to provide important services that help people stay on the road to recovery that Medicaid does not cover. These services include housing, medication, prevention, education, detoxification and peer support programs.

I urge you to contact Governor Kasich and Director Plouck to congratulate and thank them for their leadership. I also encourage you to contact the members of the General Assembly for their support of the budget and request them to add additional Non-Medicaid funding to make-up for the years of loss in funding for mental health and addiction services.

Sincerely,

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