



Legislation Text

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To recognize ADAMH of Franklin County for the contributions it has made to mental health awareness and behavioral healthcare needs

WHEREAS, ADAMH of Franklin County is dedicated to improving the well-being of our community by reducing the incidence of mental health problems and eliminating the abuse of alcohol and other drugs in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, ADAMH helps residents of Franklin County find the right places to turn for affordable, quality alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services which are provided by more than 35 non-profit contract agencies located in neighborhoods throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, The ADAMH system exists for our community, connecting over 42,000 residents to appropriate mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment services as well as funding prevention and early intervention services for more than 23,000 adults and 19,000 children; and

WHEREAS, ADAMH is concerned with access to quality care and supports, and has invested in recovery residences and supportive housing units to provide expanded access to safe, affordable housing as well as invested in expanding access to youth crisis beds to create a safe environment for youth in crisis; and

WHEREAS, ADAMH evaluates and determines the needs of behavioral healthcare services in our community every two years through a Community Plan that serves as a means for funding advocacy by defining local need, the gaps that may exist, and how additional funds may close those gaps, as well as for gathering local data to successfully obtain Block Grant Funds from SAMHSA and other behavioral health funding streams.

WHEREAS, to accurately, assess the trends of addiction, mental illness and pertinent behavioral healthcare needs, ADAMH, in partnership with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio and Community Research Partners conducted the *Preparing for the Future: 2014 ADAMH Needs assessment*, which produced policy relevant and action driven information.

WHEREAS, May has been designated as National Mental Health Month, a time dedicated to focusing national attention on the importance of mental health, and to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, as well as the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions. Now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council recognizes the importance of mental health awareness and acknowledges the contributions that ADAMH of Franklin County has made to mental health and behavioral healthcare needs.