

Cuyahoga County Council
Health Human Services & Aging Committee
March 3, 2011 – Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Brady, Chair; Yvonne Conwell, Vice Chair; Mike Gallagher; Pernel Jones; Sunny Simon

Also Attending: Dave Greenspan; Dale Miller; Julian Rogers

1. **Public Comment** – none
2. **Presentation**

William Denihan, CEO of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County – Mr. Denihan presented on two issues of concern: (1) the impact of the state’s decision to not build the planned state mental hospital in Cleveland and (2) local funding for behavioral health services. (Power point presentations attached.)

Mr. Denihan asked that the committee consider asking the state to reconsider its decision. He asked that the county consider allotting the ADAMHS Board a larger share of levy funding or putting on a separate levy. Mr. Denihan responded to several questions from Committee members.

The Committee suggested that more information was needed about the state’s decision to move the mental health hospital and that perhaps the County Executive’s office could make inquiries of the City of Cleveland as the city has invested at least \$4M in this project.

Joe Gauntner, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, also addressed the committee, clarifying some HHS budget figures. Committee discussion followed, with most members opposed to a separate levy; members were interested in continuing discussions about addressing the ADAMHS board needs.