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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio** – “Governor Ted Strickland’s announcement today that he is allocating \$32.6 million for mental health services in Ohio could not have come at a better time for Cuyahoga County,” stated William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County.

The \$32.6 million was made available as a result of projected \$518.6 million in enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (EFMAP) funds. The mental health funding will be distributed to county behavioral health boards based on a per capita basis, which should provide about \$3 million to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County.

“We had just identified a projected Fiscal Year 2011 budget shortfall of \$462,000 due to the amount needed to provide the match for increasing Medicaid services, when I received the good news from the Governor. We thank Governor Strickland for this lifesaving one-time allocation that will allow us to stave off a reduction and continue funding needed mental health services,” added Mr. Denihan.

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of public mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction services delivered to the residents of Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board does not provide services directly to consumers and clients, but contracts with provider agencies to deliver services that assist consumers and clients on the road to recovery.

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