

**Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board
Levy Review
HSLRC Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER-CHAIR

The Human Services Levy Review Committee (HSLRC) meeting was called to order by Jesse Hemphill on June 11, 2020 at 11:06am.

ROLL CALL

HSLRC members present: Jesse Hemphill, Jean Carter Ryan, Michael Curtin, Jerry Friedman, Jim Bowman, Rose Handon, Ph.D., and Zak Talarek.

A committee quorum was present.

Office of Management & Budget (OMB): Rachel Buske and Madeline Gresham.

County Administration: Ken Wilson.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Hemphill announced that the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the 2020 ADAMH levy recommendation.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Buske announced that the next item on the agenda was the approval of the May 21, 2020 meeting minutes. She asked if the Committee had any edits or comments. There were none.

Mr. Hemphill made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Carter Ryan seconded the motion. All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried.

UPDATE ON REPORT PROJECTIONS AND THE CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES RESOLUTION

Ms. Buske informed the Committee that she ran actual revenue and expenditures year-to-date through the end of May and did not find any new data that would justify revising the projections in the report. She did note that she added additional information to the report indicating that it was still too early to fully assess the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, ADAMH is anticipating changes in both revenue and expenditures and will adjust its decision-making moving forward with a focus on ending the current levy cycle with the recommended 90-day cash balance.

Ms. Buske notified the Committee that the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Certification of Estimated Resources resolution on June 2nd. OMB is still waiting to receive the Auditor’s certification but ADAMH has already begun its public outreach to determine if it is feasible to move forward with its request to place the issue on the November ballot.

Ms. Buske directed the Committee to an article on the resolution from the Columbus Dispatch that indicates the Commissioners are concerned about placing an increase on the ballot. Ms. Buske noted that the Commissioners are looking forward to reviewing the Committee's report.

FINALIZE HSLRCADAMH LEVY REPORT-HSLRC MEMBERS

Ms. Buske announced that the next item on the agenda was to finalize the 2020 HSLRC report. Mr. Hemphill stated that he thought the report was very well written and thanked staff for their hard work. None of the Committee members had any additional edits or feedback.

Mr. Curtain made a motion to approve the report with the recommendation of a 2.2 mill levy renewal with a 0.65 mill increase for a five-year duration beginning in 2022. Ms. Carter Ryan seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried.

NEXT STEPS – OMB

Ms. Buske walked the Committee through the next steps of the process. She will send the draft to the Public Affairs team for their review. OMB will finalize the report and it will be submitted to the Commissioners electronically on June 19th, with hardcopies being provided on June 24th.

If ADAMH decides to proceed with its request, the briefing for the Ballot Language resolution will be on July 9th and the General Session will be on July 14th. Mr. Talarek will present the resolution for approval on the Committee's behalf and Ms. Buske will send the Committee members the necessary information on how they can attend the call if they would like to do so.

If ADAMH decides to defer its request to 2021, Ms. Buske explained that the Committee would table its recommendation and the issue would be addressed in 2021, although she noted that the Committee would not likely be expected to conduct as thorough a review the second time around.

UPDATE ON COUNTY COLLABORATION EFFORTS

Mr. Talarek informed the Committee that Franklin County Job and Family Services is developing a family stabilization unit that will work with families that are initially referred through the Franklin County Juvenile Court to focus on improving outcomes for African-American males. The initiative will promote better data sharing and collaboration among many agencies, including all the levy agencies who will participate, to address all barriers a family may need assistance with removing. He noted that this is an exciting pilot that seeks to address the goals of the Rise Together Blueprint to Reduce Poverty and continue the fight against racism as a public health crisis. OMB will provide updates to the Committee as the pilot is implemented.

OFFICE ON AGING MID-LEVY REVIEW

Ms. Buske explained that OMB does not anticipate that any of the other levy agencies will request to go on the ballot in 2021. She informed the Committee that the Office on Aging will be presenting its mid-levy review sometime later in the year. The Office on Aging has a new director, Orvell Johns, who was formerly with the Franklin County Domestic Court. Ms. Buske will be reaching out with more information on the mid-levy review at a later date.

CLOSING REMARKS

Before turning the floor over to Mr. Hemphill for his closing remarks, Ms. Buske thanked the Committee for its hard work and told them that it was greatly appreciated by herself and by County Administration and by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Hemphill thanked the Committee for its hard work and praised OMB staff for their work as well. He stated that the process had run very smoothly despite having to switch to virtual meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the HSLRC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18pm.