

Disruption of Statewide Oversight:

HB 58 shifts complaint investigations and inspections to local ADAMH boards, creating confusion, duplication, and inconsistencies. I know this would be an additional burden and too much for my current ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to take on. All boards lack the expertise, staffing, and consistent standards to assume these responsibilities effectively.

Operators may be forced to comply with two different sets of standards, undermining existing progress.

Inappropriate Certificate of Need (CON) Program:

It is unclear if the currently proposed model will raise sufficient revenue to support additional staff at OhioMHAS to implement a CON as well as additional staff at all county boards to maintain duplicative onsite visits and complaint investigations. The CON model is inappropriate for recovery housing, which does not receive Medicaid reimbursement for housing.

Risk to Quality Operators and Residents:

High costs and unclear need-assessment could push quality operators out or force them to raise rents. May make treatment-tied housing more attractive, even if it lacks recovery-focused services. Recovery housing is a low-cost way to aid many in their recovery post-treatment. I believe in long-term support for those in recovery and recovery housing as a long-term, viable option is extremely important for many. My father, Paul Yassall, greatly benefitted from staying in recovery housing after he left inpatient treatment and continued to go to outpatient treatment.