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Chairman Johnson, Vice-Chairman Hoagland, Ranking Member Sykes,  
and members of the Senate Community Revitalization Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 105. My name is Orvis Campbell, and I am the Sheriff of Tuscarawas County. I am also a former Board member of our local ADAMH Board.

I support the changes proposed in SB 105 as I believe they will allow the local ADAMH Boards to improve how they work with communities and how they administer the local continuum of care for individuals and families impacted by mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

While the bill addresses numerous issues, I would like to focus on three areas, program certification, data sharing, and contracting.

SB 105 proposes language that would require the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide local ADAMH Boards information when a new provider seeks certification, when a provider is being re-certified, and if a provider is under investigation. Then Boards have the opportunity to provide any information that may be beneficial to OhioMHAS when it is considering provider certification applications or renewals or conducting investigations of certified providers. This change is needed because:

- ADAMH Boards are in the best position to have information about the service providers operating in their local communities that may be of help with OhioMHAS' certification and investigation processes.
- Often times, an ADAMH Board is unaware of a new provider or program in its service district until that provider requests funding, or until they receive complaints or hear about concerns from local residents.

- ADAMH Boards are on the ground in the local community, they often know when there are problems and when they need to be addressed.
- ADAMH Boards and local partners need to be aware of who is providing services to residents of the community. Clients, families and communities deserve to know that services provided within Ohio's public behavioral health system are held to a high measure and have an expectation of quality when accessing those services.

SB 105 also proposes requiring the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish requirements and procedures for the provision of providing Medicaid-recipient data to ADAMH Boards for the purpose of coordinating public benefits, the administration and management of the programs, and ensuring the essential elements of the board's continuum of care is available to recipients of behavioral health services, as appropriate. This change is needed because:

- ADAMH Boards need timely and complete information in their role as the central point of coordination in their communities for the local behavioral health system. When an ADAMH Board is contacted by someone in the community, such as law enforcement, about an immediate client crisis, the ADAMH Board needs access to a comprehensive picture of that person's needs and services received in order to assist that person as effectively as possible.
- ADAMH Boards need Medicaid data for recipients receiving behavioral health services to have a complete picture of local services and supports.
- Planning for the entire local system of care, effectively addressing immediate client crises, coordinating care across the variety of systems and providers, and ultimately stabilizing and planning for ongoing care for community members, necessitates ADAMH Boards having a complete picture of the services and supports provided to individuals in the local system.
- By having data come to Boards directly from Medicaid, it would reduce the amount of redundant data that providers need to provide, particularly if they contract with multiple Boards.

Additionally, SB 105 proposes removal of a Chapter 340 requirement that ADAMH Boards must provide 120-days' notice to providers when proposing substantial changes to a service contract or non-renewal of a service contract. It also proposes removing the requirement for the 120 days of negotiation and potential mediation that must occur if a provider disputes the proposed changes or non-renewal. These changes are important because:

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- Providing notice of contract non-renewal or changes in terms four months prior to the end of the contract while ADAMH Boards are still evaluating how local needs are being met with current services, and are months away from finding out what funding they will have available to purchase services does not make sense.
- The bill clarifies that a board can use any process it chooses for entering into contracts (competitive or otherwise). This will remove the confusion as to whether ADAMH Boards can use RFPs or an application process for new providers or services.
- The bill also proposes adding language that would require ADAMH Board contracts to provide a process for providers to appeal an early termination. This language would provide a measure of due process to providers in the absence of the 120-day notice requirement that it proposes to remove.

In summary the bill provides for more local control. Ohio has a long history of being a home-rule state, and this bill would better provide ADAMH Boards with the ability to make decisions in the way that makes the most sense for the local system's needs while making the best use of the federal, state and local dollars they use to purchase services and supports.

The bill's changes to Chapter 340 will modernize the statute and enable ADAMH Boards to ensure that quality services, that will better support the needs of clients and families impacted by mental illness and substance use disorders, are being provided in their communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony and your ongoing work to support local ADAMH Boards and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,



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