

Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board

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Mental Health Board Appreciates Commissioners Consideration

Cleveland – The Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) appreciated the attention and consideration it was provided by Commissioners Jimmy Dimora, Tim McCormack and Peter Lawson Jones during its Calendar Year 2004 County Budget Hearing on December 4, 2003.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to illustrate our needs and plans, and hope that the Commissioners will provide us with adequate funding needed to maintain and expand a comprehensive system of mental health care for the residents of Cuyahoga County," expressed William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer.

Bonita W. Caplan, Board Chair, added, "The Commissioners appeared receptive of our desires and efforts to restore crisis intervention and emergency services and expand services to children, as well as to men and women returning to the community after incarceration and people who are homeless."

The CCCMHB is eagerly awaiting the Commissioners' final decision of its budget allocation for Calendar Year 2004.

"Once we hear officially from the Commissioners, we can begin to implement our plans for restoration and expansion," said Mr. Denihan.

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NOTE: Mr. Denihan and Mrs. Caplan are available for interview by contacting Scott Osiecki, Director of External Affairs, at 216-241-3400, ext. 361