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**Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board
Seeks Nominations for Helping Hands Awards**

CLEVELAND, OHIO – The Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) is seeking nominations for the Tenth Annual Helping Hands Awards and The Kathleen Burton Memorial Award. The awards recognize achievements and contributions in community mental health during 2005.

William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, explained, “The Helping Hand Awards are designed to illustrate the Board’s slogan - *At times, we all need a helping hand*. The awards honor individuals and organizations for extraordinary achievements in the mental health field that embody the Board’s mission, positively impact the lives of people and end stigma of mental illness in Cuyahoga County. ”

The award categories are: Consumer Involvement (a consumer or a consumer operated service); Family Involvement (a family member of a person with mental illness); Faith-based Involvement (organizations, clergy or lay persons associated with faith-based organizations); CCCMHB Agency Mental Health Program (a program operated by a CCCMHB contract agency); Media (mass media coverage of mental health services or issues); and Legislators of the Year (one local, one state and one federal legislator). The Kathleen Burton Memorial Award recognizes the outstanding mental health professional of the year.

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, April 28, 2006. The awards will be presented at the CCCMHB Annual Meeting and Awards Brunch at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott at Key Center. To receive a nomination form, contact Scott Osiecki at 216-241-3400, ext. 361, or visit the Board’s Web site at www.cccmhb.org.

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