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CCCMHB and the Cleveland Public Library Host More Tools for Recovery on October 7, 2002

Cleveland, Ohio – The Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) and the Cleveland Public Library have teamed up to inform the community about recovery from mental illness with *More Tools for Recovery*, a special event observing National Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 6-12). The event will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 7, 2002, in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium of the Downtown Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue.

"This free event, open to the public, focuses on a number of tools available to help people with mental illness and their families on the road to personal recovery. These tools are the Internet, our Services Directory and *Tools for Recovery* Consumer Handbook," explains William M. Denihan, CCCMHB Chief Executive Officer. He adds, "National Mental Illness Awareness Week provides us with the perfect opportunity to host this event and convey this information to the community."

During this special event, the CCCMHB will launch its new Website – <u>www.cccmhb.org</u>. The community will be able to find information about available services and provider agencies in Cuyahoga County. Facts about mental health, news, legislation, publications, reports and general information about the CCCMHB will also be available.

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The CCCMHB's new Service Directory, which highlights mental health services and other resources in Cuyahoga County, will also be introduced and available. Stories of personal recovery will be shared and librarians will offer tips on using the library to find mental health information and resources. The *Tools for Recovery* Consumer Handbook, which presents easy to use information for mental health consumers and family members about many resources and services available throughout Cuyahoga County, will be available free of charge. The CCCMHB and the Cleveland Public Library have also produced a bookmark featuring a mental health reading and website list that will be distributed at all Cleveland Public Libraries.

Mr. Denihan further explains, "We are partnering with the Cleveland Public Library to deliver our message about recovery from mental illness, because the library is a place where people of all ages gather to learn. The library is a perfect partner in disseminating accurate information about mental health to the residents of Cuyahoga County."

For more information, or to RSVP, call 216-241-3400, ext. 326.

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