

## RESOLUTION NO. CR-01-20

### A RESOLUTION TO FORM THE SUBSTANCE ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE FOR THE GROVE CITY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Council and Administration met January 26, 2019 to discuss goals for 2019, and development of a formal Grove City Opioid Action Plan was included; and

WHEREAS, in March 2019, the Governor's Recovery Ohio Advisory Council released its initial report addressing 75 recommendations in 8 core areas (Stigma and Education, Parity, Workforce Development, Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery Supports, Specialty Populations, and Data Measurement and System Linkage); and

WHEREAS, Alcohol Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County, through collaboration with stakeholders throughout Franklin County, created a Franklin County Opiate Action Plan, which provided four overarching goals to serve as the focus of policy strategies for 2017 through 2019 (Prevent opiate abuse and addiction; Reduce the number of opiate-related deaths; Expand access and decrease wait time for treatment; Improve the safety of our community); and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes successful initiatives on both the state and county level demonstrate the importance of working collaboratively and effective local strategies will involve bringing together community partners from government agencies, education, law enforcement, first responders, health care providers, mental health clinicians, treatment facilities, faith communities and others; and

WHEREAS, the harm caused by the opioid crisis extends beyond opioids to many forms of addiction and mental health illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Ohio's initial report expressly recommends expansion of "access to specialty courts for people and families with mental illness and addiction and increase the number of specialty dockets that embrace Trauma-Informed best practices and family-centered approaches;" and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the many successful programs and initiatives currently being implemented by the City's numerous community partners and accordingly assert that bringing these partners together will facilitate the discovery of opportunities for collaboration and a resulting network of support for the comprehensive Grove City Substance Addiction and Mental Health Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor has directed the Safety Director to establish a pilot program and create a Substance Addiction and Mental Health Advocate position in cooperation with ADAMH. The pilot program will include policies, procedures and protocols for the Advocate and City Staff. The Advocate will assist individuals with addiction/mental health illnesses through a variety of treatment and service options while also serving as the primary contact and subject matter expert for City staff and

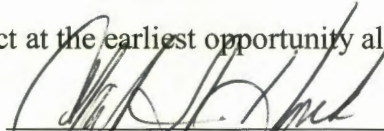
- Assist the City Prosecutor with referrals from the Grove City Mayor's Court/Municipal Court to the Franklin County Recovery Court or other treatment options
- Provide a local contact to help determine treatment options
- Divert appropriate individuals into treatment vs. incarceration
- Serve as a resource for affected family members

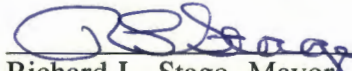
**SECTION 2.** The Mayor and City Council will coordinate the formation of the Substance Addiction and Mental Health Action Plan Committee (SAMHAPC), with the mission of working collaboratively to formalize the City of Grove City Substance Addiction and Mental Health Action Plan. The Safety Director or his/her designee will serve as the chair of the committee.

**SECTION 3.** The Mayor will continue to be a partner in the Ohio Opioid Education Alliance, and Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association in the development of regional recovery strategies.

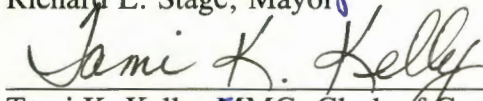
**SECTION 4** The City will recognize Jackson Township Fire and EMS Department as an integral member of the Committee and provider of services.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

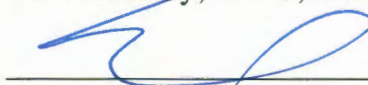
  
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Christine Houk, President of Council

  
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Richard L. Stage, Mayor

Passed: 02-03-2020  
Effective: 02-03-2020 Attest:

  
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Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council

I Certify that this resolution  
is correct as to form.

  
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Stephen J. Smith, Director of Law