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**The Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, The Centers and Cuyahoga County Partner to Create New Crisis Receiving Center**  
*Facility expands and strengthens behavioral health services in Cuyahoga County*

CLEVELAND, Ohio – A new Behavioral Health Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) planned for Cuyahoga County will soon help strengthen the region’s crisis continuum of care. The ADAMHS Board, The Centers and Cuyahoga County are partnering to create a facility in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood that will support countless individuals experiencing a mental and/or addiction emergency. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2025. [View a photo of the proposed rendering here.](#)

A first-of-its kind in Cuyahoga County, the CRC will provide accessible, short-term behavioral health care for people experiencing a mental health crisis or substance use disorder. CRCs can help reduce the need for emergency department visits, jail bookings, and divert individuals from psychiatric hospitalizations by providing a community-based, home-like alternative environment.

When the CRC opens in fall 2026, The Centers will operate a comprehensive 24/7 facility that includes services such as urgent care, medication refills, de-escalation, triage, assessment, observation, treatment, coordination, linkage to services, and the management of both voluntary and involuntary clients, in addition to other services.

The CRC will develop a robust referral network to route patients on discharge to appropriate in-patient, out-patient, or community services and will work with local hospital partners to assist them in training physicians in behavioral health crisis treatment.

As proposed, the behavioral health crisis receiving center will employ an estimated 200 caregivers and serve about 17,000 people.

### **Funding and Investment**

The project is made possible through the ongoing collaboration of public and non-profit partners. In summer 2024, The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services awarded a capital grant of \$6.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to the ADAMHS Board. The Board – responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of mental health services in Cuyahoga County – saw the need for a crisis center and selected The Centers to help bring the project to fruition.

In addition to the initial capital award, the ADAMHS Board is committing \$2.5 million for startup costs. The ADAMHS Board will provide oversight of the capital project and operations of the CRC while continuing to fund the facility. Cuyahoga County is supportive of the project and is currently finalizing its financial commitment from both a capital and operational perspective.

Funding will be used to renovate the first two floors of an existing building at 2322 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., which will become the new CRC.

### **Statements on the Crisis Receiving Center**

“For decades, the ADAMHS Board has worked to create a seamless, integrated system of care that offers quality behavioral health services throughout Cuyahoga County. When we envisioned a new crisis receiving center, we aimed to enhance that system by implementing best practices and health models that ensure each client receives the needed care. We are pleased to partner with The Centers and Cuyahoga County to bring this vision to life and provide safe, accessible crisis care that meets the community’s evolving needs.” –**Scott Osiecki, CEO, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

“A mental health or substance use crisis can take many forms – self harm, panic attacks, suicidal ideation, getting in trouble with the law, planning or considering hurting oneself or others, or an addiction crisis. It is our vision that the CRC will be a beacon of hope for those who need immediate, crisis respite and stabilization services, as well as ongoing support available through the Centers robust Behavioral Health Department.” – **Eric L. Morse, President and CEO, The Centers**

"Cuyahoga County is committed to providing compassionate and comprehensive care for those facing mental health and substance abuse challenges. The Crisis Receiving Center will be a lifeline, offering hope, support, and critical services to our residents, particularly those with significant need, during their most vulnerable moments, rather than punishment." – **Chris Ronayne, Cuyahoga County Executive**

### **About the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of public mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services delivered to the residents of Cuyahoga County. Under Ohio law, the ADAMHS Board is one of 50 Boards coordinating the public mental health and addiction treatment and recovery system in Ohio. The Board is a quasi-independent part of county government, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board contracts with provider agencies to deliver services that assist clients on the road to recovery.

### **About Cuyahoga County**

Cuyahoga County is the geographic and economic core of the Greater Cleveland Metropolitan Area. With over 1.2 million residents in 59 unique communities, it is the second most-populous county in Ohio. Cuyahoga County is a charter government with one elected executive and an 11-member elected council. The County charter mandates broad divisions, including Economic Development, Health and Human Services, Fiscal Management, Public Safety, and Operations. For more information about Cuyahoga County, visit [cuyahogacounty.gov](http://cuyahogacounty.gov).

**About The Centers:** The Centers fights for equity by healing, teaching, and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential. Our integrated model coordinates health and wellness services, including primary care, behavioral health care, addiction services, HIV treatment, in-house pharmacies, and dental, along with family support programs, including early childhood development, career training, and job placement. The organization is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit organizations in Northeast Ohio, serving more than 20,000 people annually in our community. Visit [TheCentersOhio.org](http://TheCentersOhio.org) to learn more.