



JEFFERSON COUNTY PREVENTION AND RECOVERY BOARD

The County Board that Develops, Coordinates, Funds and Monitors Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services

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RESOLUTION to call for the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly to expand the Medicaid Program beginning January 2014

WHEREAS, the members of the Jefferson County Prevention and Recovery Board are committed to assuring that residents of Jefferson County live healthier lives through access to quality mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and support services; and

WHEREAS, up to 900,000 Ohioans will benefit from an expanded Medicaid program by 2020

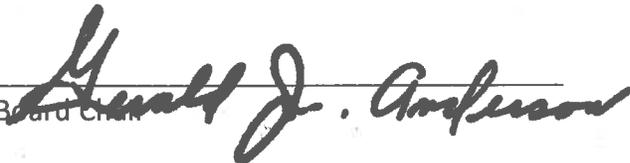
WHEREAS, more lives covered means a healthier and more productive Ohio

WHEREAS, an insured population has the potential to save everyone money in future years as there will be far less uncompensated care borne by providers and passed on to everyone in higher insurance premiums

WHEREAS, this expansion will provide the opportunity for individuals who have traditionally lacked access to health care to seek cost effective primary and preventive health services in place of more expensive emergency room visits

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we encourage Ohio lawmakers to follow the Governor's lead and make sure that Ohio doesn't miss out on the opportunity to transform health care in our State. It makes strong business sense and simply put, "It is the right thing to do."

Ratified on the Eighteenth of March, Two Thousand and Thirteen.


Board Chair


Executive Director