

Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa County 2009 Levy Replacement Fact Sheet

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✓ **Why Do We Need This Levy**

In order to meet the needs of our residents over the past five years due to stagnant funding, the Board has tapped into its diminishing reserves. The Board reserves are much like a savings account and rather than cut services we chose to withdraw from it to continue at the same capacity. With the current budget 'crisis' in Ohio the levy dollars are even more important. By voting for replacement of this expiring 0.3 mil five year levy you would support the continued funding of many necessary mental health and recovery services to the residents of Erie and Ottawa County.



✓ **Who Needs the Services**

Your tax dollars serve as a "safety net" for all residents, ensuring that services are in place and accessible. Last year, over 14,000 residents or 12% of the population received behavioral health treatment or prevention services. These services meet the needs of each vulnerable individual which contributes to the wellness of society as a whole.



✓ **What does it Cost**

This replacement levy is not a new tax but a continuation of an existing levy which was last passed five years ago. This replacement levy will continue for five more years. It will only cost the owner of \$100,000 home \$9 annually or 75¢ a month!



✓ **Keeping Costs Low and Quality High**

The Mental Health and Recovery Board (MHRB) of Erie and Ottawa Counties along with their contract treatment agencies have made every possible cost reduction without impacting vital treatment services to the residents. Service programs, treatment services and administration have been streamlined to achieve efficiency without jeopardizing the basic safety net.



What is the Mental Health Board

The MHRB of Erie and Ottawa Counties, one of 53 county behavioral health authorities representing all 88 counties in Ohio, is statutorily empowered to plan, develop, fund, manage and evaluate community-based services for persons with mental illness and substance abuse or dependency. The Board does NOT provide direct services but instead works in collaboration and contracts with others in the community to design the system of care around Local priorities.

VOTE For ISSUE 4 in Erie County and ISSUE 5 in Ottawa County