

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION BY THIS BOARD AND THE ASHTABULA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF HICKMAN & LOWDER, CO. LPA, IN ORDER TO ADVISE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD (MHRS)

WHEREAS, The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (hereinafter known as Ashtabula County MHRS Board) desires to contract with Hickman & Lowder Co., LPA, 1300 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114 to assist with the ORC 340 and their legal obligations delineated in this statute; and

WHEREAS, Colleen O'Toole, County Prosecutor, concurred with this Board that contracting with Hickman & Lowder Co., LPA, for their expertise would be in the best interests of Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of legal services shall not exceed, \$10,000.00 per year and the legal services will continue until services are no longer needed by the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Board and the County Prosecutor determine to make a joint application to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to hire Hickman & Lowder Co., LPA, as outside legal counsel to assist the Ashtabula County MHRS Board as stated above; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, the Ashtabula County Prosecutor is requested to make a joint application to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to contract with Hickman & Lowder Co., LPA, to perform legal assistance in the Ashtabula County MHRS Board's ongoing federal and state funding issues. The cost of same shall be borne by the Ashtabula County MHRS Board.

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CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: JOINT APPLICATION FOR)
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL))
CASE NO.)
JUDGE)
APPLICATION FOR THE MENTAL)
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES)
BOARD TO SEPARATE LEGAL)
COUNSEL)

Now comes the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners and Coleen M. O’Toole, the Ashtabula County Prosecuting Attorney, and pursuant to R.C. §305.14(A) and jointly move this Court for an Order authorizing the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to contract with Hickman & Lowder Co., L.P.A. to represent the MHRS Board with preparing provider contracts, reviewing its 120 Day Notices and providing the MHRS Board with legal advice which the Ashtabula County Prosecutor’s Office has stated is outside its scope of expertise. Due to the specialized nature of these contracts and legal issues, outside counsel with this expertise in this specific area of law in these matters is required.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



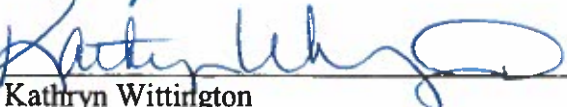
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