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ADAS launches Recovery Health Access Center July 1

Center will provide easier access to substance abuse treatment

CINCINNATI— The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board (<http://www.hamilton-co.org/adas/>) will officially launch its Recovery Health Access Center (RHAC) on July 1. RHAC consists of one telephone number—(513) 281-RHAC (7422)—that Hamilton County residents can contact if they are concerned that they or someone they know may have an alcohol or drug abuse problem or if they have questions about alcohol and other drugs.

RHAC developed from an increasing challenge for The ADAS Board and local prevention and treatment providers to make alcohol and drug treatment, prevention, and referral information easily available to Hamilton County residents. The ADAS Board chose the Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area to operate the RHAC. Kamaria Tyehimba, Ph.D. will serve as the Director.

Research and feedback collected from Hamilton County residents led The ADAS Board to conclude that many citizens do not know how to obtain information about alcohol and other drugs and the services available.

“Discovering that a loved one is experiencing problems related to drug or alcohol use can be paralyzing to families. Many community members are at a loss as to where to go and how to get the help they need,” says Sherry Knapp, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of The ADAS Board. “We have established RHAC as a way to reach out to these residents and enhance the level of care we’re able to deliver to the community.”

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RHAC will operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and will be located onsite at the Alcoholism Council's offices at 2828 Vernon Place in Cincinnati. The facility can be accessed by car, bus, and taxi. Initial contact and inquiries can also be made by calling (513) 281-RHAC (7422). This number will be published and promoted to Hamilton County residents, and will be staffed by trained personnel. In addition, all Hamilton County treatment facilities will continue to provide information and access to treatment services, if contacted.

For more information about RHAC, please contact The ADAS Board at (513) 621-7202 or Dr. Tyehimba at 281-7880.

About the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board

The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board plans, funds, and evaluates public alcohol and drug treatment, prevention, and education services for the citizens of Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners established the ADAS Board as a separate alcohol and drug addiction services board in 1989, following the passage of House Bill 317.

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