

THE CENTER FOR EST. 1913
COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS
RESEARCH • ANALYSIS • ACTION

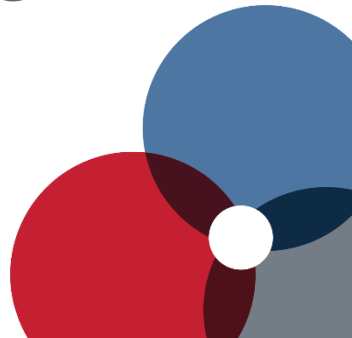
Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Levy: Past, Present and Future

William Tarter, Jr.

Associate, Public Policy and External Affairs

Agenda

- *Overview of Community Solutions*
- *Review of current HHS levy funding*
- *State of the HHS levy fund*
- *Review of HHS levy increase*
- *Review of county needs and other factors*
- *Important Voting Information*
- *Questions and Answers*



Introduction of Community Solutions

The Center for Community Solutions improves health, social and economic conditions through nonpartisan research, policy analysis, communications and advocacy.



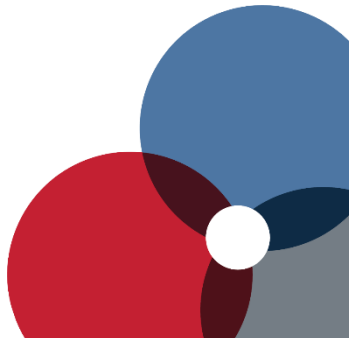
Current Funding Setup

- Cuyahoga County has two funds that we will examine: The General Fund and the HHS levy fund
- The General Fund is sales taxes, etc.
- The HHS levy fund is comprised of two HHS levies



Current Funding Set

- Levy #1 (4.8 mill, 8 years): 1/2017-12/2024
- Levy #2 (3.9 mill, 2 years): 1/2019-12/2020
- Levy #2 (As proposed) (4.7 mill, 8 years):
1/2021-12/2028



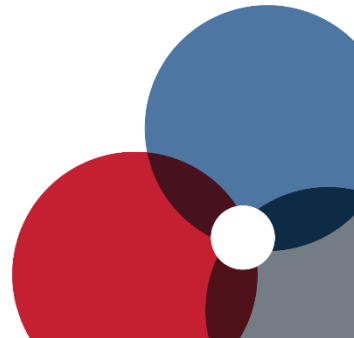
How much money?

- Together, the HHS levies combined bring in \$244 million per year.
- If the increase were to pass, the levy would bring an additional \$35 million per year.
- Homeowners would pay an additional \$41 per \$100,000 valuation. Combined, the HHS levies would cost \$296.93 per \$100,000 valuation.



Where does the money go?

- Job and Family Services
- Child and Family Services
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services (ADAMHS)
- MetroHealth
- Juvenile Court
- Senior and Adult Services
- Office of Re-Entry
- Homeless Services
- Among others, also used as a match for state and federal funds.



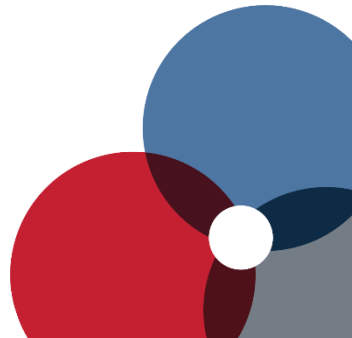
HHS Levy Fund in trouble

- The HHS levy fund ended with \$7.4 million deficit at the end of 2019. According to earlier projections, that deficit grows to at least \$33.5 million in 2020 and up to \$105 million in 2022.
- To offset the negative balance, the county did provide \$15 million from General Fund to HHS levy fund.
- Foster care, an aging population, and the opioid epidemic contributed to the shortfall.



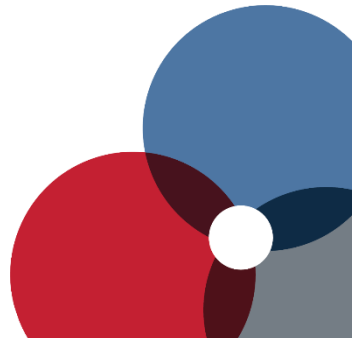
Clarifying Misconceptions

- Separate from opioid settlement dollars
- State budget helped, but not enough
- County Executive and Council agreed on county budget for 2020-2021, so open questions on what happens in 2021 if the levy increase passes



Election Day

- Election Day is March 17th
- The HHS levy is Issue 33.



Thank you!

www.CommunitySolutions.com

wtarter@communitysolutions.com

