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To: ADAMH Boards and other stakeholders  
From: Daniel Schreiber, Deputy Director of Financial Management  
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RE: Board Allocation Guidelines for State Fiscal Year 2016

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The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to release the State Fiscal Year 2016 OhioMHAS Allocation Guidelines. The purpose of these guidelines is to communicate the disbursement and expectation of allocations to local ADAMH boards and the accompanying program and reporting requirements associated with these funds. The Guidelines include distributions from several different funding sources, including state General Revenue Funds, federal block grant and problem gambling resources.

For SFY 2016, funding is generally stable across most categories, with a few notable exceptions:

1. In response to increased coverage for medications due to the extension of Medicaid benefits, the 421 continuum of care line has been reduced. Allocations for the mental health, AoD, and methadone distributions are the same as they were in SFY 15, but changes have been made to the “hot spot” and community medication funding streams. In order to allow for as much flexibility as possible, the “hot spot” model, which was funded on a regional basis and had specific reporting requirements, will be discontinued. Instead, by July 31, boards will inform Ohio Pharmacy Services (formerly the Office of Support Services) how much of their allocation they intend to use to purchase medication. Any funds that remain after the mental health, AoD, community medication and methadone allocations have been made will be sent out on a per capita basis in quarterly disbursements. Any remaining community medication funds remaining at the time of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation will be sent out at that time, unless the board indicates that they will be using that allocation for additional medication purposes through OPS. As such, boards will not be “cashing out” or “carrying over” this allocation in FY16, as was the previous practice.
2. The one-time 507 resources which were available last biennium are discontinued for SFY 2016.
3. Funding for forensic evaluation centers from the 422 Criminal Justice Services line has been increased by \$350,000 for SFY 16.

4. The SAPT federal block grant realignment plan will be completed at the end of the second quarter of this fiscal year. Boards will therefore see an increase in SAPT block grant for the last two quarters.

Please note that grant funding for both federal block grants was previously released to the field in two grant information pushes in the month of June. See the OhioMHAS grant webpage for more information: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=500>.

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