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TO: Board Executive Directors and CFOs
FROM: Daniel Schreiber, Deputy Director of Financial Management
DATE: June 13, 2016
RE: State Fiscal Year 2017 GIFA

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The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is pleased to release the Grant Information for Applicants (GIFA) document for State Fiscal Year 2017. As in previous years, the document is a list of grants by provider and amount, organized by program area. Agency program contacts are also listed, and boards and providers are encouraged to contact their liaison as appropriate with any questions. This is being published in two documents: (1) "OhioMHAS 2017 GIFA – FINAL" and (2) OhioMHAS 2017 – Allocation Type Funding." These documents will be explained below. While the general grant process is otherwise similar to past years, there are several highlights to note:

1. Funding Levels – As a reminder, the six quarter model cash realignment strategy for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant successfully concluded in December of 2015. Therefore, funding levels for SFY 17 are based on the full amount of the SAPT award, rather than realigned amount seen in last year's awards. Please note that individual amounts may be different than previous years based on different deliverables, outcomes, or other decisions. Please contact your program lead if you have any questions.
2. New Grant Funding Application - OhioMHAS is very pleased to implement a new grant application and funding system known as the Grant Funding Management System (GFMS). This web-based system will replace OLGA and POPS for all applications and will also consolidate and enhance many internal agency functions to provide better information and service across several platforms. Formal training for boards and providers will be provided June 14 and 15, 2016. OhioMHAS will provide notification through a "News Now" alert when the system is live.

It is important that staff responsible for entering award data at boards and entities receiving grants be trained on GFMS. Fiscal and program leads will be reaching out to boards and providers to ensure that each attends the appropriate training.

- This system will be used for ALL NEW grant applications beginning in FY17. Grants receiving no-cost extensions from FY16 will continue to use OLGA and POPS for any changes. If you believe you will meet this criteria, please contact your program lead for additional discussion.

- Trainings will be held at the Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, 43223 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The sessions will be recorded and posted to the Department website, along with other technical assistance and guidance on using GFMS. Click on the following links to register:
 - June 14: [Focus on ADAMH, CMH and ADAS Boards and entities that receive allocation-type funding](#)
 - June 15: [Focus on process to apply for grant funds](#)
- 3. Funding Mechanism – As part of the new system, new funding mechanisms have been established to recognize that not all funding types are the same. To that end, certain programs have been designated as “Allocation-Type” programs, which are typically specifically in authorized in legislation or by the department from specific funds (such as some Community Innovation programs). These programs will use a slightly different application process than traditional grants, as they may not have the same requirements, such as specific National Outcome Measures (NOMs.) Programs in this category are in the “OhioMHAS 2017 – Allocation Type Funding” document referenced above.
- 4. Targeted Areas – Certain program areas on the GIFA are listed as “TBD,” rather than showing a specific provider. These are areas that the department may be targeting funds differently than in the past, including possible RFPs or conducting ongoing discussions with current providers to change deliverables or desired outcomes. Program leads will be contacting affected providers to discuss the changes.

OhioMHAS leads will be contacting you to review projected grant awards, discuss deliverables, and address any questions you may have regarding the POPS and OLGA systems. You may also contact your respective project leads for technical assistance regarding allocation, program, and related grant information in the interim.

Thank you again for your work with us and the communities you serve.