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To: Interested Behavioral Health Stakeholders
From: Tracy Plouck, Director
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RE: Mid-Biennium Review (MBR) Implementation Updates

Since the passage of House Bill 483 in early June, the department has met with various groups of stakeholders in both small and large groups and offered outreach to the field via [webinar](#). Throughout these discussions, the department has remained open to input and has attempted to accommodate feedback received along the way.

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update on the current status of projects so that all stakeholders have the same information as to current plans to move forward with the various programs that were created in the MBR. Along with this update, a set of Frequently Asked Questions is being released today that will continue to be updated as needed.

Prevention plans – After hearing from stakeholders, the funding opportunities for prevention programming related to initiatives around community coalitions, evidence-based prevention, and youth-led prevention were consolidated into a [single RFP](#) that was released earlier this week. The deadline for submissions is August 11.

Recovery Housing – Boards have submitted and clarified capital requests for the upcoming year. These proposals are currently being evaluated by the capital office. An RFP is being developed with an anticipated August release to provide an opportunity to request funds related to the GRF portion of recovery housing. An additional funding opportunity to help develop recovery housing resources in the state of Ohio will also be released soon.

Residential State Supplement – OhioMHAS continues to work through the implementation of changes to this program. The funding increase that was included in the MBR will be used to both enroll new individuals into this program (including people who want to enter the program from the community) and also dedicate funds to increase the quality of housing available through the RSS program.

Specialized Dockets Payroll – Communication on how to apply for funding will go out to eligible courts in the near future, with the first round of funding expected to be released in September shortly after the language of the bill becomes effective.

Funding for service gaps, including crisis and housing – OhioMHAS has reached out to board collaborative regions for input on proposals that would be appropriate for the goals of the approximately \$20 million set aside to improve gaps in the continuum of care. The department is also seeking feedback from the larger stakeholder community through a survey that is open through July 30. Please circulate the following link to anyone who may want to provide feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SJHP875>.

Allocation Guidelines – Boards were notified of allocation plans last week and that information is available on the OhioMHAS website: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=147>. In addition to board allocations, funding information for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and the Community Mental Health federal block grants was also released.

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