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>>> RE-POSTED: SFY 2016 Consumer Operated Services Wellness Initiative RFP

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Office of Treatment and Recovery, Bureau of Recovery Supports is reposting the Consumer Operated Services Wellness RFP ([MHA-16-TRS-014-WELL](#)) for two regions of the state. OhioMHAS is seeking proposals from the Northcoast (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Portage and Summit) and Heartland (Ashland, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Medina, Richland, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne) catchment areas only. The RFP is for two regional mini-grants (each totaling \$33,750) to Consumer Operated Services/Businesses and Clubhouses to provide regional technical assistance, training and oversight for the OhioMHAS Wellness Initiative. The Wellness Initiative encourages increased resiliency, wellness and self-management of health and behavioral health among persons with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders throughout Ohio. All **questions must be submitted electronically to wellnessrfp@mha.ohio.gov by 2 p.m. on Dec. 25**. Responses will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities Page](#). **Proposals must be submitted to wellnessrfp@mha.ohio.gov by 2 p.m. on Dec. 28**.

[View the RFP](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

>>> Ohio Peer Supporter Facilitator Training – Jan. 11-13, 2016

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce Ohio Peer Supporter Facilitator Training for the integrated model curriculum. Two trainings are currently scheduled for early 2016: Jan. 11-13 and Feb. 29-March 2. The trainings focus on: didactic learning designed to enhance individual skills for guiding and engaging others; teaching group facilitation; understanding the roles and responsibilities of facilitators; and expanding knowledge of mediating group process. Qualified candidates must be a peer supporter, have facilitator experience or experience in public speaking, and be recognized as a peer leader in their community. Interested candidates should email name, county of residence, contact information, preferred training date and lived experience to Sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov. Learn more [HERE](#).

>>> State Board of Pharmacy Announces New OARRS Rules for Pharmacists

On Feb. 1, 2016, updates to rule [4729-5-20 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) will go into effect that institute new requirements governing when a pharmacist is required to review patient information in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). To assist pharmacists in the



implementation of the updated rule, the Board has put together a one-page fact sheet and pocket card that explains the circumstances under which a pharmacist will have to query OARRS. In addition, the Board has also created a one-page sheet designed to assist pharmacists in talking with a patient in situations where they may need to refuse to fill a prescription. The *Sometimes We Just Have to Say No* fact sheet provides an overview of when prescriptions are not considered valid, explains a pharmacist's corresponding responsibility under the law and provides a phone number where patients and families can locate an addiction services provider. All of these resources can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRSRules

>>> SAMHSA Grants for Suicide Prevention Lifeline Caller Follow-Up



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2016 Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Follow-Up grants. The purpose of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Follow-Up program is to promote systematic follow-up of suicidal persons who call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) network and those that are discharged from a partnering emergency department. The awards are for up to \$115,000 per year. Application deadline is Feb. 11, 2016. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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