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>>> Grants and Funding Management System (GFMS) -- UPDATE

On July 1, 2016, the new Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Grants and Funding Management System (GFMS) went into production. The transition to the new system has been relatively smooth. As we continue to move forward with the new system, please note the following Frequently Asked Questions related to GFMS:

- Board allocation funding managed through GFMS has been entered by OhioMHAS fiscal staff. Boards should begin the process of entering Allocation Applications.
- Budgets – the indirect cost rate allowable on all OhioMHAS awards is up to 10 percent of the award. This is consistent with the federal Super Circular. Any indirect cost rate that exceeds 10 percent and does not meet the following conditions will be returned to the applicant for revisions.
 - A different indirect cost rate may be used if it has been approved by a federal department (e.g., SAMHSA for federal awards).
 - Documentation for higher rates should be uploaded into the GFMS system in order for OhioMHAS to validate the requested indirect cost rate.
- Assurances – only signature page 16 for the assurances and the signature pages for the attachments 2, 3 and 4 need to be uploaded into the system.
- User roles – please contact the OhioMHAS Helpdesk (MHAHelpDesk@mha.ohio.gov) to request expanded user access within GFMS.
- E-mail notifications – E-mail within the GFMS system will be enhanced to include the name of the grant(s) or allocation(s) being paid as well as the amount(s). A communication will be forthcoming as to the timing of the enhancement.
- Prevention programs receiving Board allocations will make applications in GFMS (similar to the process in POPS) for prevention allocation funding as it aligns with SAMHSA recommendations to the department.
- Pass through grants (grants where the funding passes through the Board) – In GFMS, the implementing agency will draw available funds through the Funding tab. The OhioMHAS Project Lead will approve and identify the grant as a pass through and notification of the draw down will be on the Board's dashboard for disbursement.
- Multi-year grants – for grants that are for SFY 16 -17, the grant SFY 17 component must be entered into GFMS.
- The GFMS application is not mobile compliant, the system must be used on a desktop or laptop.
- The following GFMS-related training resources remain available on the OhioMHAS website:
 - [OhioMHAS GFMS SFY 2017 Grant Process Training - June 15, 2016 at the Ohio Department of Transportation](#)
 - [GFMS Applicant User Guide V1.0](#)

- o [GFMS Board User Guide V1.0](#)
- o [GFMS Guidance for Grants V1.0](#)
- o [GFMS Guidance for Allocations V1.0](#)
- o [GFMS Guidance for Disbursements V1.0](#)

Please address GFMS questions to your Project Lead. Board questions should be submitted to MHAS_FiscalReview@mha.ohio.gov. Questions related to login/iPortal can be addressed to the OhioMHAS Helpdesk at 614.466.1483 or at MHAHelpDesk@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Save the Date: Annual Forensic Conference – Nov. 3

OhioMHAS will host its Annual Forensic Conference, [Meeting Current Ethical, Clinical and Public Policy Challenges](#), on Nov. 3 at the Embassy Suites Columbus – Dublin. Joel Drovskin, Ph.D., ABPP, will present the keynote: “Violence and Mental Illness: Myth vs. Reality.” Online registration materials will be available on the [OhioMHAS website](#) after Aug. 15.

In the News

7.28.16 | *Associated Press* [Army secretary touts importance of mental health](#)

7.27.16 | *Forbes* [The importance of precision medicine in mental health](#)

7.27.16 | *The New York Times* [Naloxone saves lives, but is no cure in heroin epidemic](#)

7.26.16 | *WBNS-TV* [Columbus teens carry mental health message to Washington, D.C.](#)

7.26.16 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Stow to try new outreach for opiate addicts that hit rock bottom](#)

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