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>>> Grant Information for Applicants (GIFA) part 1 released

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is reviewing and approving funding of community grants and program initiatives funded from block grant and other state sources for State Fiscal Year 2016. The department is in the process of realigning grant management and fiscal processes to promote a uniform and centralized approach for the distribution and monitoring of funds to the community. For SFY 2016, all currently funded grantees must submit their applications electronically via the Online Grant Application (OLGA) system or the Proving Ohio's Prevention Success (POPS) system in order to reduce the amount of paperwork required to process grants.

The SFY 2016 GIFA Applications for will be available via the Online Grants Application System (OLGA) and the Proving Ohio's Prevention Success System (POPS) beginning **June 5, 2015** and are due to OhioMHAS by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2015.** The GIFA announcement letter is being sent to all eligible applicants. For SFY 2016, OhioMHAS will issue two separate GIFA documents. GIFA 1 will provide guidance to grantees that currently have a grant in either POPS or OLGA, or as otherwise indicated by your grant program lead. The second application announcement (GIFA 2) will provide guidance to those grantees who will be utilizing OLGA for the first time to submit their grant application(s) or those grantees whose SFY 2016 funding amounts or deliverables may differ from the previous year.

All forms pertaining to the SFY 2016 GIFA can be found on the OhioMHAS website at: http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=500 If you have any questions related to the SFY 2016 GIFA documents, please contact your project lead. The appropriate contact information is listed on the OhioMHAS SFY2016 Project Lead Contact List.

>>> Trauma-Informed Approach Trainers Now Available

OhioMHAS, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, has been expanding its efforts to support and develop a statewide approach to Trauma-Informed Care. One goal is to provide train-the-trainers for Trauma-Informed Care in order to establish sustainability. Four regional train-the–trainer events were recently held as part of the statewide Trauma-Informed Care Initiative. Over 170 participants

from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines attended. The training provided an introduction to trauma and trauma-informed approaches in behavioral health and human services. Having completed the training, we now have the ability to put information about trauma directly in the hands of those most affected which we believe will empower hospitals, developmental centers, providers and organizations. This will also assist to expand opportunities for Ohioans to receive trauma-informed interventions by enhancing efforts for practitioners, facilities and agencies to become competent in trauma informed practices.

These trainers are now available for local agencies and organizations who want to learn about the fundamentals of trauma-informed care. This training provides the foundation for more advanced work in developing trauma-informed environments and practices.   A listing of the available trainers can be found at our Trauma Informed Care website at: http://mha.ohio.gov/traumacare under TIC Regional Collaboratives, Trauma-Informed Approach Trainers.

>>> News from the Office of Health Transformation

OHT releases preliminary health IT strategy

Health information technology (health IT) has the potential to virtually connect our currently disconnected health care system. The Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) recently conducted a formal health IT assessment and identified near-term opportunities to use technology to improve health system performance. That process resulted in a preliminary HIT strategy that identifies four priorities for state action: share useful payer data to help providers improve, reinforce and accelerate care coordination, improve usability and access to data, and use Big Data to improve programs and policies. The ultimate goal is to generate value by providing the right information in the right place at the right time to improve performance transparency, care coordination, operational efficiency, clinical and non-clinical decisions, and patient engagement.

Read the preliminary health IT strategy

Ohio modernizes grant management programs

OHT and the Ohio Departments of Administrative Services (DAS) and Budget and Management (OBM) convened nine volunteer state agencies to develop a standardized grant process and technology solution to migrate 57 separate grant management programs across 22 state departments totaling $25 billion in grant funds to a central fully electronic and integrated system. The proposed new system addresses a current lack of standardization across Ohio's grant programs and creates a significant opportunity to optimize grant functions statewide.

>>> Public Comment Sought on Implementing a Medicaid 1915(i) Program for Adults with SPMI

As a result of the new, single disability determination process proposed in the SFY 2016-2017 Executive Budget, Ohioans with income that will be above the Medicaid needs standard adopted under the new system will no longer be eligible for Medicaid. A significant number of these individuals are adults with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), and these individuals will have access to basic health care services through Medicare or private insurance. However, neither Medicare nor private insurance pay for a range of service coordination and community support activities currently covered in the Medicaid program. To ensure continued access to these services, Ohio Medicaid is preparing a state plan amendmentunder section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act to provide eligibility for adults with SPMI who meet specified financial, clinical, needs, and risk eligibility criteria. The Ohio Department of Medicaid welcomes public comments regarding the plan amendment through June 6.

>>>In the News

(6.4.15) *The Marion Star* Local groups offer naloxone kits

(6.4.15) *Logan Daily* Our House is your house, and the doors are open

(6.1.15) *The Columbus Dispatch* Maryhaven tries new way to aid problem gamblers

(5.31.15) *The News-Messenger* Grants aim to bring Ohio youth out of the shadows

(5.31.15) *Akron Beacon Journal* Heroin and fentanyl are killing our loved ones, but you might save a life with Narcan: Kim Hone-McMahan

(5.31.15) *The News-Messenger* Grants aim to bring Ohio youth out of the shadows

(5.31.15) *The Blade* Ohio's Medicaid expansion needs to continue

(5.30.15) *Health Canal* Case Western Reserve University social work researchers create more streamlined, accurate way to analyze and treat trauma in children

(5.28.15) *The Marietta Times* Ohio can take steps to reduce tobacco use

(5.26.15) *Cincinnati Enquirer* Kasich tobacco tax hike would save lives

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