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>>> SFY 2016 Driver Intervention Program (DIP) Funding Close Out

The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has allocated \$195,679 for SFY 2016 Driver Intervention Program (DIP) reimbursement. As of March 14, 2016, the funding has a remaining balance of \$15,436.02 available for use. **OhioMHAS will accept reimbursement requests through April 4, 2016, and will discontinue processing SFY 2016 reimbursements after this date due to the exhaustion of funds.** The DIP reimbursement program will resume in SFY 2017 for programs that occur after July 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact James Lapczynski at 614.728-5599 or james.lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Whole Health Action Management (WHAM) Facilitator Training-April 18-19

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Recovery Supports is seeking 20 individuals with lived experience who work for or volunteer with consumer operated services to participate in a Whole Health Action Management (WHAM) facilitator training on April 18-19 in Columbus. WHAM is a peer-led intervention for people with chronic health and behavioral health conditions, which activates self-management to create and sustain positive health behaviors. This is a no-cost training. For more information, or to register, email Sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) and the Ohio Empowerment Coalition (OEC) will host a two-part series on advocacy titled [Change the Conversation, Change the World](#). It will consist of one full-day training, followed by a refresher course and scheduled appointments with state legislators. Individuals are not required to attend both days but are highly encouraged to do so. The first day of training will include topics such as *Stigma Busting*, *Advocacy 101*, and *Understanding the State Political System*. For more information, email OCAAR at cle@oca-ohio.org or call 614.961.0565.

>>> Voters Approve Levies in Butler, Cuyahoga Counties

OhioMHAS extends its congratulations to the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental health Services Board of Cuyahoga County on decisive ballot wins. Voters in Butler and Cuyahoga counties overwhelmingly approved two behavioral health levies on March 15. Butler County's 1-mill Mental Health renewal levy passed with nearly 72 percent in favor, while Cuyahoga County's 4.8-mill Health and Human Services renewal levy passed with nearly 69 percent of the vote.

>>> RFA: MEDTAPP Infant Mortality Research Partnership

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT), and the Ohio Departments of Medicaid (ODM), Health (ODH) and Higher Education (ODHE), the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC) is [requesting applications](#) from qualified investigators through the Infant Mortality (IM) Research Partnership to identify interventions and resources needed to improve health outcomes for underserved populations and address the complicated

health issue of infant mortality from a systems perspective. The IM Research Partnership seeks to fund multiple research projects in areas including but not limited to: systems dynamics modeling of the impact of the following efforts on infant mortality: improved access to care, safe sleep, and impact of progesterone; predictive modeling for infant mortality; spatial GIS modeling for identifying high-risk communities; and evaluation of the impact of OIMRI home visiting programs. The IM Research Partnership seeks to provide up to \$2,453,884 to fund multiple research projects. This opportunity will support, at minimum, five (5) projects ranging from \$250,000 to \$627,000 over a 14-month period.

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