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**>>> March 2015 SAPT Block Grant Award Update**

This week, Ohio received notification that the first and second quarters of the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant will be available for the state to draw down by April 1. The Office of Financial Management will be functioning at all hands on deck to turn the cash back around to be available to the field.

Read a [memo](#) from OhioMHAS Assistant Director for Administration James Lapczynski for more information on timing and other details. Questions? Please contact [James.Lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:James.Lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov) or 614.728.5599.

**>>> Suicide Prevention Measure Clears Ohio House by Unanimous Vote**

A bill that would require Ohio's public colleges and universities to make suicide prevention and other mental health resources available to students is well on its way to becoming law. [House Bill 28](#), sponsored by Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills), passed the Ohio House of Representatives yesterday with a 92-0 vote. The bill would require Ohio's higher-education institutions to establish suicide prevention and education programs that include: intervention access, mental health programs access, multimedia application access, a student communication plan and a postvention plan. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among college students, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**>>> CSAP Seeks National Advisory Council Members**

The Substance Abuse and mental health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is seeking to fill member vacancies for its [National Advisory Council](#). Of the council's 12 voting members, nine are required to be from health disciplines relevant to CSAP's activities. Three members are required to be from the public, to include leaders in the fields of public policy, public relations, law, health policy economics or management. Candidates interested in being appointed to the council must submit a resume and short biography by April 10 to [matthew.aumen@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:matthew.aumen@samhsa.hhs.gov).

**In the News**

(3/24/15) *Columbus Dispatch* [Groups seek help-center funds for mentally ill](#)

(3/24/15) *Ravenna Record Courier* [March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month](#)

(3/24/15) WFMJ-TV [New Valley group battles the stigma of drug addiction](#)

(3/23/15) *Medical Xpress* [Study shows homeless people with mental health conditions benefit from personalized primary care](#)

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