



## TELEHEALTH FACT SHEET

### OhioMHAS Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH) Telehealth Project

**What is telehealth?** OhioMHAS has developed an option for community providers to participate in patient treatment team and discharge planning meetings through video conference connectivity with the Regional Psychiatric Hospitals (RPH). The RPHs are the host site for telehealth ensuring the connection is secure and confidential.

**How can a Community Agency become involved?** Any community agency can participate in telehealth. The agency will need access to the internet, compatible software, a webcam and a (computer) screen.

**Why do telehealth?** Telehealth provides an opportunity for community engagement with the patient, offers better coordination to support treatment and discharge plans, and promotes individual Recovery. The patient may feel more comfortable about their discharge if they have a chance to plan this with the provider.

**When can agencies begin to use telehealth?** Contact the RPH CEO or community liaison, or another RPH representative to express your interest. OhioMHAS has developed documents and guides that are available to you in support of telehealth.

**Who can participate?** Participation is voluntary for agencies and patients. All community agencies/providers are invited to participate in telehealth with the RPH.

**Where will the agency staff be located?** The best advantage for agency staff is that they can be in their office and will not need to travel to a hospital to participate in their client's treatment team meeting, thus contributing to better use of their time.

Please visit the MHAS internet for additional information:

<http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=517>