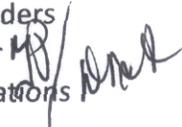




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Memorandum To: Mental Health Stakeholders  
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Subject: FY 13 Block Grant Allocations

According to SAMHSA, the Block Grant funding program for prevention, treatment, recovery supports and other services can be directed to supplement services covered by Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance. Specifically the Block Grant funds are directed toward four purposes:

- Fund priority treatment and support services for individuals without insurance or for whom coverage is terminated for short periods of time.
- Fund those priority treatment and support services not covered by Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance for low income individuals and that demonstrate success in improving outcomes and/or supporting recovery.
- Fund primary prevention - universal, selective and indicated prevention activities and services for persons not identified as needing treatment.
- Collect performance and outcome data to determine the ongoing effectiveness of behavioral health promotion, treatment and recovery support services and plan the implementation of new services on a statewide basis.

As such, the Ohio Community Mental Health Block Grant funding enables the Ohio Department of Mental Health to place emphasis on priority areas and innovative practices in order to strengthen the overall provision of mental health services and supports. The FY 13 Block Grant recommendations were partially based on feedback from mental health stakeholders through interactive forums, a survey, stakeholder meetings, key informant interviews, and the Ohio Community Support Planning Council. The collective feedback provided input and guidance on identification of mental health priorities for Block Grant funding. I am pleased to share the distribution framework in this memo. ODMH staff will be following up with specific grantees in the near term to discuss the specific deliverables expected in return for these Block Grant investments.

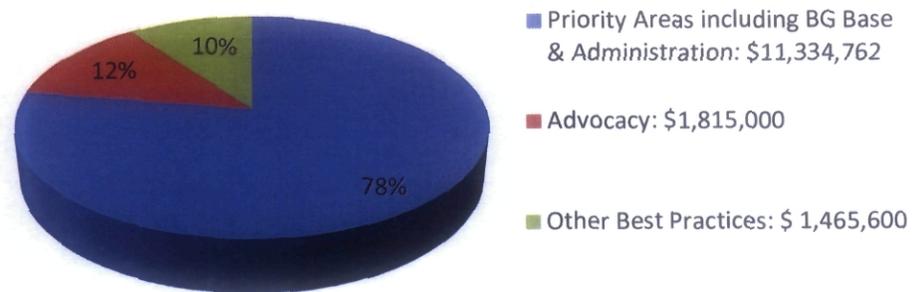
### Overall Approach to Allocations

Given SAMHSA's shifting focus toward utilizing Block Grant resources for direct service provision and prevention, ODMH's strategy continues to include the funding of projects that have demonstrated positive outcomes and impact for priority populations. ODMH appreciates

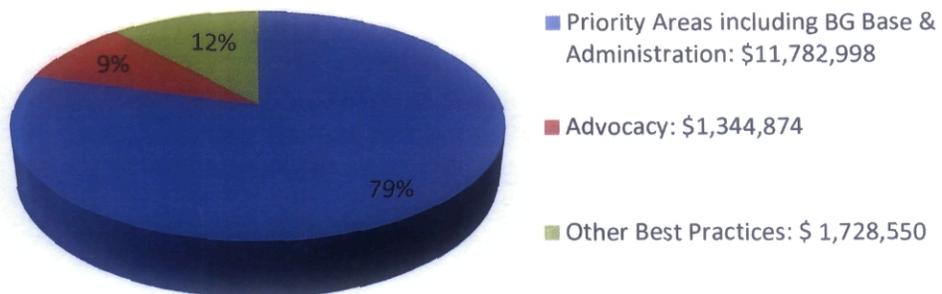
and acknowledges the valuable feedback received from all stakeholders and will continue to advocate for additional resources. Approximately one-half of the Block Grant allocation will be distributed to the fifty ADAMH/CMH Boards using a modified per capita methodology. As in FY 12, ODMH is requiring that Block Grant resources be invested in local communities to support ODMH priorities including children with serious emotional disturbance (SED), housing, reentry, crisis, health homes, employment, promotion/prevention, and peer services and supports.

A total of 650 stakeholders throughout Ohio participated in the Block Grant Funding Priorities Survey. Survey participants included consumers, family members, providers, board members and mental health advocates representing a diverse range of regional demographics. Respondents commented favorably to each potential funding area and illustrated the need for resource prioritization with this limited Federal allocation. Developed in collaboration with stakeholders, FY 13 Block Grant utilization will focus on priority areas including services for children with serious emotional disturbance (SED), housing, prevention, and support for consumers involved with the justice system, including community reentry. Additionally, based upon stakeholder feedback, ODMH’s new initiatives for FY 13 to address identified expanded priorities will incorporate project funding for employment/education, transitional age youth, peer services/supports and trauma-informed care initiatives.

### FY 12 Block Grant Utilization



### FY 13 Block Grant Utilization



**Priority Areas** - \$11.8 million, 79% of Block Grant funding

- **Block Grant Base and Administration** – Boards will receive \$7.5 million in Block Grant Base in order to support local funding of one or more priority areas. An additional \$751,748 will support administration of Block Grant and Ohio Family and Children First initiatives.
- **Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)** – \$320,000 Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation: \$320,000 in Block Grant dollars is being used to leverage \$1,100,000 from the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant to provide Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Consultation to early care and education providers in child care centers and public preschools.

\$100,000 Early Childhood Mental Health Comprehensive Evaluation, Professional Development and Credentialing of Early Childhood Mental Health Professionals: Funds will be used to support the comprehensive evaluation of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation for those counties continuing to provide ECMHC services to early childhood settings, to support credentialing for ECMH Professionals and to provide professional development for Early Childhood Mental Health Professionals.

- **Housing** – ODMH recognizes that safe and affordable housing is vital to supporting individuals engaged in recovery. The Department will assist local behavioral health care systems to identify and develop appropriate community-based recovery services which support and link consumers to appropriate housing options and are reflective of individual consumer needs, including the housing needs of veterans.

In FY 12, ODMH awarded eight Housing Mini Grants to ADAMH Boards to better serve the “most difficult to know how to house” individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses. The Housing Mini Grants are projected to serve 80 consumers using concepts such as: transitional youth life skill coaches; new landlord development for sex offenders; a housing facilitator to help people exiting the hospital; extended hours and weekend support; connecting consumers with Consumer Operated Services; combining vocational and housing services; and employing a Community Housing Coordinator.

ODMH will continue to support the Housing Mini Grant with an increase in Block Grant funding. In addition, ODMH will support evidence-based core competency mental health trainings to increase knowledge and skill levels of housing staff to better serve consumers. ODMH will help preserve existing consumer housing by offering opportunities for consultation that will increase housing providers’ effectiveness and capacity to position their agencies to apply for preservation funding. ODMH will offer scholarships for community housing teams to attend trainings and engage in strategies to create and sustain permanent supportive housing for consumers with mental illnesses. ODMH will assist local mental health systems in obtaining dollars from the Ohio Department of Development to provide housing for persons that are mentally ill and chronically homeless through the leveraging of Block Grant funds for match.

- **Promotion/Prevention** – In FY 12, Red Flags and Deaf and Hard of Hearing initiatives were prioritized under the Children funding category. In recognition of SAMHSA’s shifting emphasis toward mental health prevention, ODMH is reorienting its Block Grant priorities to include prevention as an area of strategic focus in FY 13. Red Flags, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will continue to receive Block Grant funding to support prevention-related initiatives, as well as support the SED population.
- **Forensic and Community Reentry** – In FY 12, ODMH initiated a new initiative to award ex-offender mini capacity grants to ADAMH Boards for community services and supports to individuals who are leaving the criminal justice system. The Department will continue to support this ex-offender mini capacity grant initiative with a 25% funding increase. *The goals of the grant dollars are to increase access to MH services and supports in a timelier manner, encourage participation of offenders to continue treatment upon discharge and increase likelihood of success reentering society.*

In the first quarter the grant dollars were distributed (3<sup>rd</sup> FY quarter), over 80 offenders were served with in-reach (contact prior to leaving prison), temporary housing, transportation from prison and/or to appointments, various levels of treatment *including group and individual therapy, CPST and medication, and with personal necessities such as clothing, toiletries and food until other benefits could be initiated.* Some positive outcomes include over 87% of offenders attended their first community mental health appointment and 74% were able to be seen within 14 days of release for continuation of medication. It is expected that approximately 350 offenders will be served by these dollars.

*In addition to ex-offender mini capacity grants, continuation funding will be available for statewide forensic monitoring; for support of the Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice project with the Ohio Department of Youth Services; and for Criminal Justice CCOE for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program development, as well as other jail diversion activities for individuals with mental illness who become involved in the criminal justice system.*

In FY 13, Block Grant resources will also be used to invest in new priority areas that address employment/education, transitional age youth, peer support and trauma-informed care needs in Ohio.

**Advocacy** - \$1.3 million, 9% of Block Grant funding

Advocacy organizations will receive continued funding via the FY 13 Block Grant allocation. As in FY 12, funding will be contingent on mutual agreement of specific deliverables. Additionally, advocacy organizations that received FY 12 Block Grant funding were asked to develop sustainability plans to outline how each group would adapt to a 25% funding reduction in FY 13. ODMH appreciates the plans that were provided and the understanding that Block Grant resources will be redirected over time to services per SAMHSA’s strategic plan. ODMH is pleased to announce that the funding reduction in FY 13 has been limited to 15% vs. 25%.

Consistent with past funding practices, the Block Grant allocation will support scholarships and stipends for consumers of mental health services to participate in the public policy development process. Block Grant resources will also continue to fund the toll-free bridge line for individuals seeking information regarding Ohio's mental health system.

**Other Best Practices** - \$1.7 million, 12% of Block Grant funding

ODMH has historically used Block Grant resources to fund several Coordinating Centers of Excellence (CCOEs) and related organizations. In addition to CCOEs, the Other Best Practices category includes initiatives consistent with stakeholder forum and survey feedback specific to behavioral health integration, health information technology (HIT), and evaluation of best practices.

The ODMH Office of Research and Evaluation has also implemented the Treatment Episode Outcomes system (TEO) to efficiently measure the performance of the public mental health system and provide local mental health authorities and provider organizations the ability to use data for planning, program and quality improvement purposes.

Block Grant priority area and funding changes from FY 12 to FY 13 include:

- Funding for health homes, behavioral health integration, and HIT more than doubled in order to position Ohio's mental health system for the emerging health transformation policy changes occurring at both the State and Federal level; the Get Connected project has been discontinued in FY 13 due in part to the increased overall focus on health home program development;
- Targeted funding reduction of 25% for evaluation of evidence-based practices;
- Allocation of \$30,000 for the biennial All Ohio Conference educational event (this is an ongoing commitment funded on even fiscal years);
- Funding for Safety Net has been reallocated in FY 13 for priority area investments.

A funding summary table is attached. As referenced earlier in this memo, ODMH staff will be contacting grantee organizations in the near term to discuss expectations, deliverables, and partnership opportunities for FY 13.

Thank you for your ongoing support of mental health initiatives in Ohio.

<b>FY 13 Block Grant Funding \$14,858,394*</b>	<b>FY 13 Award</b>	<b>FY 12 Award</b>
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**ODMH Priorities**

**BG Base & Admin = \$8,251,748** \* Total includes balance of \$1,972 not yet allocated

ADAMH Board Allocation	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
BG Administration	\$725,000	\$684,762
OFCF Administration	\$26,748	\$47,252 (not BG)

**HOUSING = \$900,000**

Housing Strategy	\$900,000	\$500,000
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**CHILDREN = \$712,500**

Early Childhood Mental Health Evaluation/Professional Development/Credentialing	\$100,000	\$100,000
CIP CCOE - CWRU	\$292,500	\$325,000
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation to Support Early Childhood Educators	\$320,000	\$0

**PREVENTION - \$608,750**

Red Flags	\$75,000	\$75,000
Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation	\$233,750	\$275,000
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services	\$300,000	\$500,000

**FORENSIC = \$1,050,000**

Statewide Forensic Base	\$110,000	\$110,000
Ex-Offender MH Community Reentry	\$500,000	\$400,000
BHJJ Partnership with DYS	\$250,000	\$250,000
Criminal Justice CCOE – CIT Training	\$190,000	\$190,000

**NEW INITIATIVES = \$260,000**

Employment/Education/TTAY	\$200,000	\$0
Trauma-Informed Care	\$60,000	\$0

**ADVOCACY = \$1,344,874**

NAMI Ohio	\$488,750	\$575,000
Ohio Empowerment Coalition	\$310,250	\$365,000
Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence	\$255,000	\$300,000
Ohio Federation for Children’s Mental Health	\$85,000	\$100,000
Ohio Adult Care Facility Association	\$55,250	\$65,000
Consumer Family Partnership Team/Stipends	\$100,000	\$100,000
Toll Free Bridge	\$50,624	\$45,000

**OTHER BEST PRACTICES = \$1,728,550**

Evidence Based Practices Evaluation Projects	\$100,000	\$133,000
SAMI CCOE	\$427,500	\$427,500
DMH/DODD Collaboration (MI/DD CCOE)	\$85,500	\$85,500
Wellness Management & Recovery CCOE	\$296,100	\$296,100
All Ohio Conference (biennial event)	\$30,000	\$0
COS Supported Employment	\$85,500	\$85,500
Supported Employment CCOE	\$171,000	\$171,000
Health Homes/Health Integration/HIT	\$532,950	\$250,000