

Frequently Asked Questions & Comments: Community Plan Guidelines  
for 2012-2013

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26. Question #12 of the Community Plan Guidelines states: *Based upon the Departmental priorities listed in the guidelines (and/or) local priorities and available resources, identify the Board's behavioral health capacity, prevention, treatment and recovery support services priorities, goals and objectives for SFY 2012-2013.*

Is it acceptable for a Board to frame the answer in terms of *outcomes and targets* instead of *goals and objectives* as described in the question?

**Yes, Boards are encouraged to explain their planning processes in a way that reflects their local systems, including using language and context that most accurately describes the capacity, prevention, treatment and recovery support services needs of the local area. Ideally, Board responses should interrelate and result in a Community Plan that contains content that is both comprehensive and cohesive.**

27. In the ODMH Housing Categories section below, should Boards include apartments that a mental health agency owns that are designated for mental health consumers even if there are no supported services?

<b>Permanent Supportive Housing (Subsidized Supportive Housing) with Primary Supportive Services On-Site</b>	Person living in an apartment where they entered into a lease with accordance to Ohio tenant landlord law or a mortgage and, in instances where ODMH allocated funds have been used, an exit strategy for the subsidy has been developed. Treatment services are billed separately. (The landlord may be a housing agency that provides housing to mental health consumers.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HAP</li> <li>• Housing as Housing</li> <li>• Supervised Apartments</li> <li>• Supportive Housing</li> <li>• Person with Section 8 or Shelter Plus Care Voucher</li> <li>• Tenant has lease</li> </ul> <b>Supportive Services staff primary offices are on-site and their primary function are to deliver supportive services on-site; these staff many accompany residents in the community to access resources.</b>	<b>Total #:</b>	
			<b>Forensic #:</b>	
			<b>Sex Offender #:</b>	

**Yes, Boards should include apartments that a mental health agency owns that are designated for mental health consumers even if there are no supportive services. Remember, however, that CPST can be considered**

***supportive services if any of the CPST services are targeted towards assisting the person in maintaining his or her housing. The services can be delivered in the person's home, in the community or at the agency.***

28. On several of the Service Level Checklist categories, it indicates that the definition is listed below. For example, "Foster Care Youth [see service definition below]". However, I do not see where this language is defined. Where can I find them? Also, what is the difference between Crisis Care/Bed Adult and Crisis Care Facility? If we have crisis beds on our crisis stabilization unit, am I to check yes to both of these categories?

***You are correct that the definition of "Foster Care Youth" was mistakenly not included in the Housing Category matrix. The definition being used follows:***

***"Living situation in which the child/youth resides with a non-related adult in that person's home for the purpose of receiving care, supervision, assistance and accommodations. Treatment services are billed separately. Licensed by ODJFS."***

***The definition for a Crisis Care Facility is inclusive of the definition of Crisis Care in the Matrix: "Provision of short-term care to stabilize person experiencing psychiatric emergency. Offered as an alternative to inpatient psychiatric unit. Staffed 24 hours day/7 days a week. Treatment services are billed separately." Crisis Care/Bed Adult or Child is the number of crisis beds that are available to serve adults/children in this facility, or throughout your county.***

29. Upon opening the Community Plan Guidelines that are posted on the ODMH/ODADAS websites, I notice that Track Changes appear after I begin working with the document. How can I resolve this issue?

***Most technical issues reported with regard to the Community Plan Guidelines have occurred after opening the document and have to do with the Track Changes feature. It is suggested that immediately after opening the guidelines document, first make sure that Track Changes are off. For MS Word 97-03, go to the Tools tab on the toolbar, locate the Track Changes option, and click it to disable the Track Changes feature. If you are working with the guidelines document in MS Word 07 or beyond, go to the Review tab on the toolbar, locate the Tracking tab, and click it to disable changes. If you have additional technical issues, please e-mail your questions to [communplan@ada.ohio.gov](mailto:communplan@ada.ohio.gov) and we will be glad to assist you.***

30. What ages comprise the ODMH Priority Population Youth and Young Adults in Transition (top of guidelines page 14)?

**ODMH defines the Youth and Young Adults in Transition population as ages 14-25. Other age-specific information can be found on our website at: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/provide/children-youth-and-families/index.shtml>**

31. We are preparing our goals and priorities for our Community Plan. Our question concerns mental health prevention. We need clarification on the designation of ODMH priority populations (enumerated on page 14 of the guidelines) and possible mental health prevention goals (enumerated on page 15 of the guidelines). The priority populations do not seem to line up well with the possible prevention goals. Is it permissible for us to locally determine our priority populations(s) for mental health prevention and consider the possible mental health prevention goals outlined in the guidelines?

**Yes, it is permissible for Boards to locally determine priority populations for mental health prevention. The prevention priorities and goals listed in the Community Plan Guidelines are not comprehensive and Board responses should be based on actual local planning activities. Boards should describe their local priorities, goals and objectives as relevant to their local systems.**

32. Will updates be made to the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) section of the ODADAS website?

**ODADAS has updated the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) data to include new 2-page county profile summaries. The link to these summaries can be found on the ODADAS SEOW website at <http://www.odadas.ohio.gov/SEOW/Counties.aspx> . If you experience any difficulties with the aforementioned hyperlink, please cut and paste the link into your web browser.**

**Note:** The Departments noticed that Questions #13 and #14 of the Community Plan Guidelines (Access to Services and Workforce Development/Cultural Competence) are worded in such a way that Boards may have already provided appropriate responses in answers to previous questions (i.e. Questions #8 a.-c., #9 a.& b. and/or Question #12). If you answered #13 and/or #14 in the earlier questions, please refer the reader/reviewer back to those responses. You do not need to repeat your responses. The Departments will read Board responses carefully during the review process to ensure access to services, workforce development and cultural competence are addressed in any one of the questions noted above. We apologize for any confusion.