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**TO: ADAMHS, CMH and ADAS Boards**

**FROM: Tracy J. Plouck, Director** 

**RE: SFY 2014 Community Plan Guidelines**

Attached please find the SFY 2014 Community Plan Guidelines.

The content of these Guidelines is much the same as the previous year's Guidelines. A few minor changes are included to accommodate the merging of Ohio Revised Code language coincident with the creation of the new department, Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

There are noticeable improvements in the format of the Priorities section (i.e., question #6). The Priorities section is now satisfied by completing a table rather than a free-form narrative to encourage brevity and clarity in Community Plan responses. The table more easily emphasizes the integration of federal, state and local priorities, and who is contributing to what priority.

Improvements in brevity and clarity of Community Plan responses will facilitate the creation of a synthesis report, which will enable informed state and local action. Constructive use of Community Plan information was the major goal of last year's streamlining efforts by the Boards and the Departments, and that goal continues to drive these Guidelines.

In response to feedback on the past Community Plan that descriptions of Boards' planning processes are highly variable, OhioMHAS will offer workshops on the SPF-SIG planning process October 15 and 29, and a yet to be determined date in November. The focus of these workshops is being broadened by Drs. Raffle and King (Ohio SPF-SIG evaluation team) to accommodate the wider scope of Board planning than the original purpose of prevention planning. SPF-SIG, at its core, is a reasonable, straight-forward and integrated process that can be easily helpful for Boards who desire such qualities in planning. Participation in these upcoming SPF-SIG workshops is voluntary, and there are no plans to mandate SPF-SIG or any other particular planning process for the completion of the Community Plan.

The due date for submission of the Community Plan to OhioMHAS is December 31, 2013.

If you have any question regarding the SFY 2014 Community Plan Guidelines, please contact Roy Pierson at [Roy.Pierson@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Roy.Pierson@mha.ohio.gov) or 614-644-3758.