



RULE MEMORANDUM

Date: November 6, 2015
To: Interested Constituents
From: Howard Henry, Staff Counsel
Subject: Proposed Rule

- 5122-29-15 Peer Recovery Services

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is proposing the following Ohio Administrative Code rule actions. Please review these draft proposed rule actions and provide any comments you may have **by November 30, 2015**. **Comments will automatically be forwarded to the Common Sense Initiative Office.**

Pursuant to the requirements of EO 2011-01K and Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which requires state agencies, including OhioMHAS, to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community (as defined by SB2), and provide opportunity for the affected public to provide input on the rules.

The proposed rule sets forth the requirements of both a new service which OhioMHAS certified service providers may provide, and a professional certification obtainable through the Department. Paragraphs (A) through (F) describe the service and the conditions under which the service may be provided. Peer recovery is a service intended for those with mental illness or a substance use disorder, or both, and is intended to support that person's recovery. The service may be provided in a number of ways and settings, but must be provided by someone who is qualified to do provide the service.

Paragraphs (G) through (M) set forth the requirements for becoming a certified peer recovery service provider. An individual wishing to obtain this certification must pass a criminal records check, obtain training, pass a Department administered test, and be in recovery themselves.

The rules have been submitted to the CSI office for review; and comments regarding the rules can be submitted through the link on the OhioMHAS website. Comments submitted through the link will be sent to OhioMHAS and the CSI office. Comments may be sent directly to CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov or MH-SOT-rules@mha.ohio.gov.