MEMORANDUM

To: OhioMHAS Grantees
From: Director Tracy J. Plouck
Date: April 16, 2014
Re: SFY 2015 Grant Process

Dear OhioMHAS Grantee,

The Department would like to acknowledge that this time of the year traditionally represents “crunch time” for our grantees. The delay of this year’s grant process is attributed to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ (OhioMHAS) engagement in a five day Kaizen (quality improvement) process with both internal and external stakeholders to integrate multiple grant administrative processes into a single grant process. OhioMHAS, along with various community partners, invested time and energy to create a streamlined grant application process that demonstrates ease of use for all applicants, improves system performance, reduces regulatory burden and process steps, and positions the Agency to participate in the statewide grant enterprise system being developed. One of the most significant outcomes of the process was reducing the previous ODMH/ODADAS 117 to 122 steps in the grant process to 41 steps.

It is anticipated that the revised single grant application guideline along with the funding table that identifies each grantee and award amount for SFY 2015 will be released in early May 2014. In consideration of the delayed start of the grant process and in recognition that many of the program initiatives funded in the current year will also be funded in SFY 2015, the Department is developing a modified grant application process that would require limited information/updates and/or changes from the grantees’ FY 2014 grant application submissions.

It is expected that the NOSA will be sent to grantees by June 30, 2014, and the funding period will start on July 1, 2014, contingent upon the availability of funding. A webinar is currently being configured regarding changes and expectations.

If you have questions about your grant please contact your assigned Project Lead, who is listed as the contact person for your grant. If you do not know who the Project Lead is for your grant please send an inquiry via e-mail to: fundingapplication15@mha.ohio.gov.