



Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council

August 26, 2017

Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
5600 Fisher Lane
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Ohio's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant Application

Dear Dr. McCance-Katz,

The Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council reviewed the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services' fiscal year 2018 - 2019 application for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grants. After reviewing the application, the Block Grant Committee developed the attached list of recommendations that was reviewed and approved by the Planning Council. These recommendations will be shared with Director Tracy Plouck and other management staff. Additionally, the Council has met with Director Tracy Plouck and other management staff of OhioMHAS to discuss Ohio's mental health and addiction services.

Sincerely,

David Caperton
Chair
Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council

Attachment

Cc Tracy Plouck
Angie Bergefurd
James Lapczynski
Jody Lynch
Mark Hurst, MD
Daniel Schreiber
Sanford Starr
Liz Gitter

SFY 2018 Block Grant Plan Recommendations

1. Increase service availability for children with high intensity service needs, and supports for their families, including in rural areas. Services needed include wraparound, Intensive Home Based Treatment, coordination of services, and Family and Children First.
2. Grow early intervention and prevention for children; expand the Good Behavior Game to all school districts.
3. OhioMHAS should address the shortage of child psychiatrists.
4. For transitional-age youth, take what is working, and spread it around the state. Include young adults who provide peer support.
5. For persons involved with the criminal justice system, early assessment provides the best opportunity for treatment.
6. Increase court diversion to divert from jail to substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health treatment.
7. Increase transitional programs for those exiting the criminal justice system with SUD and mental health issues.
8. Put peer supporters into community hospital emergency rooms (ER).
9. Increase peer support training and placement, peer mentoring and recovery supports.
10. *Recovery housing providers should have required professional development, Narcan on site, and require reports of major unusual incidents.*
11. *With attention opioids are receiving, the Council encourages OhioMHAS to continue efforts for all substances of abuse; we've had increase in ER visits for Cocaine and chemically sprayed cannabis. Alcohol related deaths are at an all-time high.*
12. Transportation and housing are needed as a recovery support, especially in rural areas.
13. Expand the number of qualified treatment providers, especially child psychiatrists.
14. Encourage and fund efforts to increase education, cooperation, and inclusion of populations at higher risk for suicide.