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John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

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>>> REGISTER TODAY: OhioMHAS Budget Briefing Webinar – Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.

Make plans to join OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck for a special SFY 2016-17 budget briefing webinar on **Thurs., Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.** Director Plouck will discuss particulars of the biennial budget as they relate to Ohio's mental health and addiction services field. Click [HERE](#) to register. Participants will receive a confirmation email containing instructions on how to join the webinar.

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>>> OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst Recognized for Leadership

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities ([OACBHA](#)) presented its CEO's Award for Distinguished Leadership to OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst on Jan. 27 as part of the organization's Annual Awards Ceremony. Cheri L. Walter, CEO of OACBHA stated that, "As a leader in Ohio's mental health and addiction system, Dr. Hurst's continued support of local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care, his focus on creating environments of resiliency and hope by expanding and enhancing trauma-informed care, and his commitment to ensuring that every Ohio resident has access to critical and lifesaving services and supports make him an ideal recipient of this award." See photo below.

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(1/28/15) *U.S. News & World Report* [Mental Health Advocates Rally Behind New Bill](#)

(1/27/15) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Gov. John Kasich's budget to push reforms with a dose of personal responsibility: welfare to work](#)

(1/27/15) *Athens Messenger* [SMART Recovery program to debut on Athens Campus](#)

(1/26/15) *ThisWeek News* [NAMI announces new programs](#)

(1/26/15) WEWS-TV 5 [MetroHealth's Project DAWN gains support from ADAMHS Board to save more lives from opiate overdoses](#)

(1/26/15) *Columbus Business Journal* [Vote to end Medicaid expansion could be vote to close lawmaker's local hospital, says hospital association CEO](#)

(1/26/15) *Dayton Daily News* [Leaders share ideas to tackle heroin in Middletown](#)

(1/23/15) *Akron Beacon Journal* [Cuyahoga Falls aims to stem drug use citywide through school initiative](#)

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TOP PHOTO: *OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst poses with OACBHA CEO Cheri Walter after accepting the organization's Distinguished Leadership award Tuesday.*

BOTTOM PHOTO: *Dr. Hurst (at podium) shares brief remarks while OACBHA President Kent Youngman and CEO Walter look on.*