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>>> Dr. Justin Trevino Named Assistant Medical Director at OhioMHAS

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today announced the appointment of Justin J. Trevino, M.D., as Assistant Medical Director. He joins Medical Director Mark Hurst, M.D. on the cabinet-level agency's hospital services executive leadership team. Dr. Trevino has worked in the fields of psychiatry and addictions for 25 years, providing service in both clinical and administrative roles. He is licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio and certified by the American Board of Psychology and Neurology in both General Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry. Dr. Trevino currently serves as chief clinical officer – director of clinical services at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Columbus – a position he will continue to hold on a part-time basis. In his new role, Dr. Trevino will split time between the hospital and OhioMHAS' central office, providing oversight and policy recommendations on everything from hospital safety and electronic health records development to community mental health and addiction treatment services.

[Read the media release](#)

>>> Community Support Planning Council Seeking Members

The Ohio Community Support Recovery Planning Council is recruiting new members to fill mid-term vacancies. The Council serves as an advisory board to OhioMHAS on planning for mental health and addiction services, and meets federal requirements for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grants. It meets six times a year on Fridays and Saturdays in Columbus. Council membership is comprised of: persons in recovery and family members of persons in recovery, representatives of state agencies, providers, statewide behavioral health organizations and a representative of the Ohio Association of Behavioral Health Authorities. The Council is currently seeking applications from persons in recovery from addiction, and family members of a child under 18 who is being treated, or has been treated for addiction. As applicants for these seats represent persons in recovery and family members, applicants may not be employed by the state or a by a behavioral health provider. For an application please contact Elizabeth.Gitter@mha.ohio.gov or call 614.466.9963.

>>> CDC Warning: Fentanyl-Related Fatalities Rising

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a warning regarding increases in fentanyl drug confiscations and a potential increased risk for fentanyl-related overdose fatalities. According to the CDC, there has been a significant increase in the confiscation of illicit fentanyl by authorities from 2012 to 2014, raising concerns that these drug seizures may be a proxy for increased overdose risk. The reports show there were 618 such drug seizures in 2012,

945 in 2013, and 4585 in 2014. More than 80 percent of drug seizures in 2014 (3,790) were concentrated in 10 states. Ohio had by far the highest number (1,245), which was almost twice as many as occurred in Massachusetts (630). In addition to alerting healthcare providers, public health departments, first responders, and others to possible additional fentanyl-related seizures and overdoses, the CDC advisory makes recommendations for improving detection of fentanyl-related overdose outbreaks. For example, the CDC suggests that public health departments explore methods for more rapidly detecting outbreaks and that they use existing surveillance systems, such as medical examiner data, emergency medical services data, or near-real-time emergency department data. It also suggests that in situations of dramatically increased opioid overdoses, consideration be given to asking emergency departments to report fatal and nonfatal opioid overdose cases to them within 48 hours and to engaging local poison control centers to help track and treat patients. [Read more.](#)

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