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>>> Memo from Dr. Hurst: Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders is the Standard of Care

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Mark Hurst, M.D., today issued a [memo](#) to healthcare providers reinforcing the notion that Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorders is the standard of care. The memo, which includes links to extensive research on MAT outcomes, notes there are currently three FDA-approved MAT options: products containing naltrexone, products containing buprenorphine, and methadone. "All three options have advantages and disadvantages for specific patients, and all three are demonstrated to improve treatment outcomes. There is no evidence that one form of MAT is more effective than the others," Dr. Hurst stated in the memo. "Many providers cannot offer all forms of MAT, and some do not have the ability to offer MAT at all, but patients should be informed of the different options available and referrals made when needed," he added.

>>> OhioMHAS Medical Director Issues 2018-19 Winter Weather Alert

With cold, wintry weather on the horizon, OhioMHAS Medical Director Justin Trevino, M.D., today released the [2018-19 Weather Alert](#) for inpatient and community clients who may be at risk for winter weather injuries. This two-page resource offers tips to help individuals avoid cold-related complications, and includes warning signs/symptoms and actions to take if/when a person is affected by hypothermia or frostbite.

>>> Reposted RFP: FY19 Community Collective Impact Model for Change (MHA-19-PW-CommunityImpact2-48)

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) announces a six-month funding opportunity to support the development of a community-level comprehensive prevention plan for opioid use, misuse, abuse and overdose deaths and the integration of a collective impact approach to address community-level trauma. Building off the work of the Community Collective Impact Model for Change (CCIM4C) Initiative's Cohort 1, OhioMHAS is offering a funding and training opportunity for organizations interested in developing a new, or building on an existing, data-driven prevention plan to address opioid misuse and abuse. The comprehensive prevention plan will be grounded in the Strategic Prevention Framework and the Collective Impact Model and include a three-pronged approach to prevention – demand reduction, supply reduction and consequence mitigation. This opportunity will also provide training on utilizing a collective impact framework to address problems in communities, such as opioid misuse and abuse, as well as community-level trauma. All proposals must be submitted to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on Nov. 30. Questions must be submitted to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov by noon on Nov. 21. Responses will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#).

[View the Community Collective Impact RFP \(MHA-19-PW-CommunityImpact2-48\)](#)

[2019 OhioMHAS Agreements and Assurances](#)

[Budget Narrative Template](#)

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>>> Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Levies Passed Throughout Ohio

County Mental Health and Recovery Boards had a good day at the polls Tuesday as voters approved eight of eight levy issues on the ballot:

Allen/Auglaize/Hardin: 5-year renewal passed 70.2%-29.8% [News coverage](#)

Clark/Greene/Madison: 10-year renewal passed 70.1%-29.9% [News coverage](#)

Fairfield: 10-year, 1-mill new currently passing at 50.2%-49.8% (provisional and absentee ballots yet to be counted) [News coverage](#)

Four County (Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams): 5-year renewal passed 60.2%-29.8% [News coverage](#)

Lucas: 10-year renewal passed 73.9%-26.1% [News coverage](#)

Mahoning: 5-year renewal/increase passed 56%-43% [News coverage](#)

Portage: 10-year replacement passed 62.9%-37.1% [News coverage](#)

Wood: 10-year replacement passed 66.9%-33.2% [News coverage](#)

In the News

11.6.18 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Ohio Issue 1 fails. What's next for reducing prison population?](#)

11.6.18 | *Miami Student* [Miami U partners with Butler County to research the opioid crisis](#)

11.5.18 | *Ohio State News* [Study could help explain how childhood stress contributes to anxiety, depression](#)

11.5.18 | *Swanton Enterprise* [ADAMHS Board funds wellness campaign](#)

11.5.18 | *ScienceDaily* [Adolescent brain development impacts mental health, substance use](#)

11.5.18 | *Akron Beacon-Journal* [Four area agencies win grant to treat young people at risk for developing psychosis](#)

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