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>>> Governor DeWine Announces RecoveryOhio Advisory Committee

Governor Mike DeWine announced today the creation of a new RecoveryOhio Advisory Council that will advise the Governor's Office on critical matters concerning mental illness and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery support services in Ohio. RecoveryOhio Director Alisha Nelson will chair the council, which includes a diverse group of individuals who have worked to address mental illness or substance use issues in prevention, treatment, advocacy, or support services; government; private industry; law enforcement; healthcare; learning institutions; and faith organizations. The council also includes individuals who are living with mental illness and/or a substance use disorder and their families.

Council members include:

- **Ted Strickland**, Former Governor of Ohio
- **Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton**, Retired, Project Director, The Stepping Up Initiative
- **John Tharp**, Lucas County Sheriff
- **Pastor Greg Delaney**, Outreach Coordinator, Woodhaven
- **Suzanne Dulaney**, Executive Director, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
- **Joan England**, Executive Director, The Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition
- **Orman Hall**, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area / Ohio University
- **Dr. Navdeep Kang**, Director of Operations Behavioral Health, Mercy Health Cincinnati
- **Teresa Lampl**, Associate Director, Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Service Providers
- **Jessica Nickel**, Founder, Addiction Policy Forum
- **Terry Russell**, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Ohio
- **Dr. Shawn Ryan**, Chair of Payer Relations, Ohio Society of Addiction Medicine
- **Brenda Stewart**, Founder, The Addict's Parent United
- **Sarah Thompson**, Executive Director, Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery
- **Cheri L. Walter**, CEO, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
- **Juliet Doris Williams**, Executive Director, The P.E.E.R. Center

Additional members will be announced at a later date. Council members will be tasked with issuing actionable recommendations to Governor DeWine and each cabinet-level state agency, board and commission that provides services to individuals with mental illness or substance use disorders. DeWine has directed the council to issue recommendations on several pressing issues including, but not limited to:

- Providing high quality prevention and early intervention programming in communities and schools;
- Improving access to treatment services in Ohio for mental health and substance use disorders;
- Developing support strategies on issues such as peer support, employment, and housing as foundations for wellness;
- Improving the quality of care for mental health and substance use disorders in the community and in healthcare and criminal justice settings;
- Creating efficiencies across systems;
- Serving more underserved populations including youth, older adults, and veterans;
- Measuring critical outcomes to gauge improvements in Ohio's system of mental health and addiction services;
- Coordinating federal, state, and local resources to ensure optimal use.

The council will also make recommendations on fiscal appropriations in the state budget. Governor DeWine has asked the council to issue their recommendations no later than March 8. The council will meet no less than quarterly to carry out the recommendations.

>>> **FY2019 State Opioid Response Housing for Persons in Recovery from OUD Initiative**

As part of Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) Project, the Department has announced a [funding opportunity](#) (MHA-19-MEDDIR-OpiateResponseHousing-61) to increase the availability of housing for persons in recovery from opioid use disorder and their families, including recovery housing that accepts all forms of medication-assisted treatment. While this opportunity prioritizes housing for families, this does not preclude eligibility for housing which serves individuals. Applications will be accepted from any ADAMHS county board. Funding may be used for housing expenses related to assisting individuals and their families with their duration in the housing environment and Housing Supports provided on site. Funding may be utilized in all housing settings as defined by MHAS and supported through the Quality Criteria. Funding may not be used for capital projects (construction) or renovations.

NOTE: The department has scheduled informational webinars on [Jan. 22 from noon-1p.m.](#) (Dial 614.230.0229 and enter ID# 68193) and [Feb. 8 from 1-2 p.m.](#) (call-in info TBD). Additional informational webinars may be scheduled. The schedule and call-in information will be shared on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

All applications must be submitted to SOR Treatment@mha.ohio.gov by **5:30 p.m. on March 1**. Questions must be submitted no later than 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 to the same email. Responses will be posted to the OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page. Awards will be announced March 8 with project implementation to begin no later than March 15.

[View RFA \(MHA-19-MEDDIR-OpiateResponseHousing-61\)](#)

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[Grant Application Face Sheet](#)

[Budget Expenditure Form](#)

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[Budget Narrative Template](#)

>>> **2019 Regional Peer Recovery Supporter Symposium: Franklin County – Jan. 23**

The P.E.E.R. Center will its Franklin County [Regional Peer Recovery Symposium](#) from 8:45 a.m.-noon on Jan. 23 at The PEER Center-West, 860 W. Broad St., Columbus, 43222. Click [HERE](#) to register. Additional trainings will be held in Hamilton County (2/20), Mahoning County (3/20), Allen County (4/17), Scioto County (5/22) and Lorain County (6/12).

>>> **Reminder: 14th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry – March 15-16**

Northeast Ohio Medical University and University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, in partnership with OhioMHAS and Peg's Foundation, will host the [14th Annual All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry](#) "Collaboration, Cooperation, Continuity: Focus on Clinical Care" March 15-16 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. The Institute is a statewide multidisciplinary meeting on community mental health services, clinical practices, research and education that has attracted audiences of up to 400 psychiatrists, social workers, nurses and other mental health providers in the past. The institute also features workshops, showcase presentations and a poster session highlighting specific skills training while featuring the best of new programs, curricula and clinical practices from around the state. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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1.18.19 | *Urbana Daily Citizen* [Stepping Up initiative kicks off in Champaign County](#)

1.17.19 | *Dayton Daily News* [Program seeks to teach 250 providers how to talk about alcohol, drugs](#)

1.16.19 | *Columbus Dispatch (Column)* [Medical marijuana presents challenge for workplace](#)

1.16.19 | *Toledo Blade* [UTMC, county mental health boards partner to improve youth hospitalization services](#)

1.16.19 | *Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune* [Mental health agencies trained in intensive therapy; DBT designed to curb suicide rate](#)

- 1.15.19 | *Columbus Dispatch (Editorial)* [DeWine's early focus is where it should be: on children, opioids](#)
- 1.15.19 | *Cincinnati Business Courier* [NAMI Southwest Ohio helps businesses reduce mental health stigma in the workplace](#)
- 1.15.19 | *WCMH-TV* [DeWine begins work to tackle opioid crisis](#)
- 1.15.19 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Neil Kennedy Recovery Center named 2018 Agency of the Year](#)
- 1.15.19 | *WDTN-TV* [Opioid report shows overdose decrease](#)
- 1.15.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Central Ohio students hear Glenn Close urge openness about mental illness](#)
- 1.14.19 | *OSU Wexner Medical Center* [Ohio State Program Trains Early Childhood Professionals About Opioid Crisis](#)
- 1.14.19 | *Lima News* [Schoenhofer retires from mental health board](#)
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