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>>> Frank Beel Appointed Chief Executive Officer at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services today announced the appointment of Frank Beel, MHA, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, as Chief Executive Officer of Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare (TVBH). Beel will replace Bob Short, who has been serving as interim CEO since February 2020 following the retirement of Veronica Lofton. As CEO, Beel will oversee approximately 450 hospital employees, 28 Community Support Network staff, and be responsible for the well-being, care and treatment of 230 patients (including the Timothy B. Moritz Forensic Unit) at the Columbus psychiatric hospital. In addition to overseeing day-to-day hospital operations, Beel will also manage relations with the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards in the 15-county central Ohio catchment area served by the hospital.

Beel is a proven leader with 22 years of experience at differing levels within Ohio's public and private mental health services system. He most recently served as System Chief Nursing Officer at the Department. He holds master's level degrees in Health Administration and Nursing from the University of Phoenix and earned an associate degree in Nursing from Sinclair Community College. Beel, who is Board-certified as an Advanced Nurse Executive, is a veteran of the United States Army Reserve and a John Glenn Leadership Academy L2000 Fellow.



>>> FY21 RFI: Mental Health Court Program

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce funding for the Mental Health Court Program (MHCP) to all eligible counties with a mental health docket in Ohio for FY21. OhioMHAS is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to the ADAMHS Boards in the following counties: Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Gallia, Hamilton, Lake, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Montgomery, Muskingum, Ottawa, Portage, Richland, Stark, and Summit. Information is being collected for the purpose of funding mental health courts in the counties listed and identifying interested certified mental health dockets within those counties. The MHCP funds behavioral health treatment and recovery support services to clients that are involved with selected mental health dockets with final certification. The total amount of Mental Health Block Grant funds for the MHCP in FY21 is \$150,000, and the award for each docket will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, based on the number of awardees. Awarded funds will be allocated to the ADAMHS Boards and passed through to the Mental Health Court to be used to finance treatment and recovery support services for eligible clients. Treatment for MHCP clients is provided by a community behavioral health services provider certified by OhioMHAS. Time-limited recovery supports may be utilized to help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs, including assistance with housing, transportation, childcare, job training, obtaining a driver's license or state identification card, or other matters considered relevant by the provider or court. Click [HERE](#) to view the RFI. All responses must be submitted by the ADAMHS Board via email to: Kathy.yocum@mha.ohio.gov by July 13, 2020. Please limit responses to two pages or less.

>>> Introduction to the Ohio Behavioral Health Information System (OBHIS) Webinar – June 25

OhioMHAS will host an Introduction to the Ohio Behavioral Health Information System (OBHIS) webinar via Microsoft Teams on June 25 at 2 p.m. The presentation will take 20 minutes and allow time for questions about the Department's upgrade to the OBHIS, and the requirement that providers report treatment episode data on clients who receive services for a mental health or substance abuse issue. Click [HERE](#) to participate. Please contact Carol.Carstens@mha.ohio.gov with questions.

>>> Ohio's 2020–2022 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has released Ohio's 2020–2022 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), a tool to strengthen state and local efforts to improve health, well-being and economic vitality in Ohio. The SHIP is Ohio's roadmap to address the many challenges identified in the 2019 State Health Assessment (SHA). The SHIP and Basic Guidance document, which describe planning and alignment processes for local health departments and hospitals, are available on ODH's SHIP webpage: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/about-us/sha-ship/>.

>>> OhioMHAS Applications Transitioning to New Web Platform June 22

To streamline the process for providers and vendors who conduct business with the State of Ohio, OhioMHAS is transitioning to a new web platform, which will allow users to interact with a variety of state agencies in one location. Beginning June 22, users of OhioMHAS applications will be asked to create an OH|ID to access these systems. The OH|ID is powered by the [InnovateOhio Platform](#), a key component of Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted's InnovateOhio vision to improve citizen interactions with the state by making them more dynamic, data-driven, and customer-centered. OH|ID meets all federal and state digital security guidelines and is regularly audited to ensure all data and personal information remain private and secured. OhioMHAS applications that will be transitioning to the new system include the following: eDIP, Community Linkage, LACCS, iPortal, LACTS, OBHIS, OPS Business Portal, OPS Orders, GFMS, Continuum of Care, CABHI, CFP, CURES Reporting, Eligibility Lookup, FEP, FTAMS, MATPDOA, OHYES, SOR, WEIRS, and GPRA. The current login system will remain available for a short time during the transition to the new system. Job aids and a video tutorial about how to set up your OH|ID are available [HERE](#). For questions or assistance, contact the OhioMHAS Helpdesk at 614.466.1463 or MHAHelpdesk@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> NIMH Director Speaks on Racism and Mental Health Research: Steps Toward Equity

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Director Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., tackles racism and disparities in his latest message to the field. Click [HERE](#) to read his article, "Racism and Mental Health Research: Steps Toward Equity."

>>> Medicine Assisted Treatment (MAT) Ohio Opiate Project ECHO – June 26

Northeast Ohio Medical University, with support from OhioMHAS, will welcome Pamela Wible, M.D. as guest speaker for the next [Medicine Assisted Treatment \(MAT\) Ohio Opiate Project ECHO](#) presentation on June 26 from 3-4 p.m. DR. Wible will present on "Creating a Culture of Wellness." Dr. Wible is a leader in the field of physician suicide prevention and hosts retreats for discouraged medical students and physicians. She promotes mental health for medical professionals through the creation of ideal clinics that care for the caretakers as well as the patients. For more information, please contact NEOMEDECHO@neomed.edu.

>>> Youth to Youth Virtual Conference – July 22-24

[Youth to Youth International](#) will host its 2020 leadership conference virtually on July 22-24. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Conference planners are now accepting submissions for adult led, Extreme Skills workshops. Submit your Extreme Skills Workshop Proposal [HERE](#) by July 3. Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to submit videos for a virtual talent show. Click [HERE](#) for more details. Videos must be submitted by July 3.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616.

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