Investing in Ohio’s Future

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OhioMHAS Budget Overview
Today’s Presenter

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Today’s agenda

- Governor Mike DeWine’s budget priorities
- OhioMHAS budget highlights
- Community Corrections budget implications
- Questions and answers
“I am proud that this budget will significantly impact the lives of Ohioans through its unprecedented investments...It lays the groundwork for a better Ohio for generations to come. This budget will lead to healthier children, stronger families, safer communities, an enhanced workforce, and a more prosperous Ohio, while also providing significant tax relief for every Ohio taxpayer and regulatory relief for Ohio businesses.”
Governor DeWine’s Priorities

- Workforce and Innovation
- Local Communities
- Recovery
- Children and Families
- Natural Wonders
OhioMHAS Budget Priorities

• Expanding early intervention and prevention
• Increasing access to treatment
• Breaking the cycle of crisis
• Breaking the cycle of criminal justice involvement
• Maintaining quality safety net services at our state psychiatric hospitals
Identifying and addressing gaps in the continuum of care
Increasing Access to Treatment

System needs evaluation:
$100,000 one-time investment for a thorough evaluation of the state’s behavioral health treatment capacity.
Increasing Access to Treatment

Recruiting, training, and retaining workforce:
Help recruit, train, and retain quality behavioral health professionals to Ohio’s system using a variety of proven approaches.
Increasing Access to Treatment

- **Doctoral Level Providers** (Psychology PhD, PsyD, Social Work)
- **Master’s Level Independently Licensed BH Providers** (LISW, LICDC, DCC, LIMFT)
- ** Licensed Bachelor’s Level (LSW, LCDC, RC, LMFT)**
- **Unlicensed BH Providers (Peers, CDCAs)**
- **Non-BH Professionals (Teachers, Clergy, First Responders)**
- **Citizen Providers**
Investing in citizen providers: $5 million in one-time funds to educate and equip non-behavioral health professionals with tools, such as Mental Health First Aid, to recognize and appropriately intervene when someone is experiencing a mental health emergency.
BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRISIS

Developing a robust and effective statewide crisis prevention and stabilization network
When there is an incomplete continuum of care, law enforcement and families rely on Emergency Departments of their local hospitals for psychiatric crisis intervention. The demand this creates contributes to overcrowding of Emergency Departments and often results in psychiatric “boarding,” a practice in which psychiatric patients whose condition merits hospital admission are held in the Emergency Department because no inpatient bed is available to admit them.

“When Beyond Beds: The Vital Role of a Full Continuum of Psychiatric Care” (National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, 2017)
https://www.nasmhpd.org/sites/default/files/TAC.Paper_.1Beyond_Beds.pdf
Continued investment in crisis:

- $12 million continued investment to ADAMH Boards for regional SUD crisis stabilization centers.

- $3 million continued investment to ADAMH Boards for regional mental health crisis stabilization centers.

- $8 million for crisis intervention services for families through Strong Families, Safe Communities.
Breaking the Cycle of Crisis

New crisis infrastructure development:

• $9.25 million to develop, evaluate, and expand crisis services for adults, children, and families in a variety of settings.

• Technical assistance to communities on widely accepted standards of care, resources, and evidence–informed practices.
Breaking the Cycle of Crisis

New crisis stabilization flexible funding: $11.5 to provide real-time, direct to client, crisis avoidance and stabilization resources.
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BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

Connecting people to treatment and recovery supports through police interaction, courts, during incarceration, and upon returning to the community from jail or prison
Behavioral health interventions, treatment, and supports can be delivered along the continuum of criminal justice involvement, ranging from officers knowing how to deescalate a situation when they encounter a person experiencing a mental health crisis, to connecting people to treatment and recovery supports through courts, during incarceration, or upon returning to the community from jail or prison.
Specialty dockets:

- $10 million in continued support for specialty dockets
- $7.5 million in additional funding to add 30 new specialty dockets over the biennium.
Support for Local Law Enforcement:
$5 million toward offsetting the costs of Crisis Intervention Teams, or similar training, to local police and sheriff’s departments.
MAT in jails veto:
The proposed Medication Assisted Treatment Drug Reimbursement Program was unfunded, and would have reduced existing funding to well-performing, established community programs. We remain committed to working with stakeholders to improve access to MAT in jails.
Legislatively Identified Investments

- Lorain County Crisis Stabilization
- Bellfaire Jewish Children’s Home
- Applewood Centers, Inc.
- Life ACT
- Ashland Centers for Addiction
- Northeast Ohio Medical University
- Chardon
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation pilot
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