Working with Clients with Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities

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Today’s agenda

- Mental Illness and Intellectual Disabilities
  Joy Stankowski, M.D., Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare

- Ethics of Working with Clients with Diminished Capacity
  Kristen Henry, Esq., Disability Rights Ohio

- Legal and Competency Issues, Concerns, and Updates
  Stephen Noffsinger, M.D., UH Cleveland Medical Center

- Effective Communication Styles
  Megan Testa, M.D., UH Medical Center
  Kathryn Zielinski and Tina Moreno, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
What is Stepping Up?

The National Association of Counties (NACo), the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation (APF) are leading an unprecedented national initiative to help advance counties’ efforts to reduce the number of adults with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders in jails.

- 375 counties have passed resolutions nationally
To build on the foundation of innovative and evidence-based practices already being implemented across the country, and to bring these efforts to scale, NACo, the CSG Justice Center, and APF are working with partner organizations:

- Sheriffs
- Judges
- Community corrections professionals and treatment providers
- Consumers
- Advocates
Ohio’s Efforts in this Arena

• Constructive dialogue between OBSSA, OhioMHAS, ADAMH boards and others resulted in funding for jail-based mental health & addiction services and supports
  • $1.5 million/year in FYs 14/15
  • $3.0 million/year in FYs 16/17

• Medicaid expansion can help post-release; enrollment activities are critically important

• Stepping Up Ohio advisory team has been formed
Stepping Up Ohio counties: 31 have joined, representing 61% of Ohio's population (over 7 million people)
Technical Assistance

Approaches (and examples):

• Statewide information available (by topic) to help all counties with planning and implementation

• Targeted assistance to individual counties

• Policy/operational infrastructure improvements: state-led with county assistance
Ohio’s Stepping Up website

- Tool kits
- Assessment materials
- Community examples (Ohio & beyond)
- Upcoming training, grant opportunities
- Links to resources and publications related to mental illness and the criminal justice system
- Access today’s presentations under “Events and Opportunities” and then “Upcoming Opportunities”
Stepping Up Ohio website: http://mha.ohio.gov/SteppingUp
For more information: http://stepuptogether.org/

Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

Take Action Now
Next Steps

• Outreach to more Ohio counties

• Technical assistance will be offered by OhioMHAS and other partnering organizations

• For those that pass resolutions, an on-site assessment will be conducted to understand the types of TA that would be most helpful
  • Data collection, financing, best practices, etc.
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