

## **BUDGET REQUESTS RELATED TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MULTI-SYSTEM YOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

**Senator Randy Gardner and Representative Sarah LaTourette**, Co-Chairs of the Joint Legislative Committee on Multi-System Youth, are working to include the following funding and policy items in Ohio's SF7 18-19 budget. A group of stakeholders are working with the Co-Chairs and other members of the Committee toward these budget goals.

**Multi-system youth (MSY)** refers to a child or youth with significant mental health, addiction and/or developmental delays who is involved or at risk of being involved with child protection and/or juvenile justice due to not being able to access the right services or supports to remain stable and in their own home. Budget requests concerning MSY are:

### **CRISIS STABILIZATION FUND**

ODMHAS, in its capacity as the Governor's Chair for the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, shall establish a Youth and Family Crisis Stabilization Fund to address the unmet and uninsured needs of Ohio's MSY who are in crisis and unable to access appropriate levels of care and services. ODMHAS shall partner with key stakeholders to develop policies to ensure appropriate access and accountability for this new Youth and Family Crisis Stabilization Fund.

The appropriation for this Fund shall be \$33M per year in SFY 2018 and 2019.

### **HIGH-FIDELITY WRAPAROUND**

ODM, in conjunction with ODMHAS, shall convene stakeholders to design a Medicaid-reimbursable service consistent with High-Fidelity Wraparound principles to coordinate the care, services, and supports that youth and their families need. The Medicaid-reimbursable service shall be available to youth with high or intensive needs and are risk for an out-of-home placement or a more restrictive level of placement, be accessible through a uniform Level of Care Tool to enable consistent evaluation of need statewide, and be offered in an equitable way in communities throughout Ohio.

ODM shall submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment or Waiver Request regarding such a service to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services no later than December 31, 2017.

### **DATA**

ODMHAS, in its capacity as the Governor's Chair for the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, shall establish a unified strategy for data collection and sharing across child serving systems to identify resource utilization, service utilization patterns and gaps, and monitor outcomes. This strategy should identify and track the availability of evidence-based services that are particularly important for MSY (a) both before and after OHT's behavioral health redesign, and (b) both before and after transitioning community behavioral health services into Medicaid managed care.

The Department shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the parameters of the data collection strategy and the cost for the state to implement the strategy by December 31, 2017.

### **PEER**

The youth and adults who testified before the Joint Legislative Committee on MSY clearly articulated the need for peer services to aid MSY and their families. The Final Report from the Joint Committee recommended creating a Medicaid-reimbursable mental health peer service to address this need. We know the Administration has raised concerns about the time it will take to properly create such a Medicaid service, but we feel strongly that acute need for mental health peer services can begin to be addressed now through existing programs.

ODMHAS shall work with NAMI and other youth and family peer groups to develop youth and family focused peer support services. This should include specific consideration of sustaining existing youth and family focused peer support programs, such as:

- Maintaining the Parent Advocacy Council (PAC). Currently PAC receives \$400K (\$100K GRF, \$300K Title IV-B).
- Maintaining the Youth Move, which will increase GRF expenditures by \$120,000 per year (Funding through ENGAGE runs out on 6/30/17).
- Maintaining the Ohio Youth Advisory Board, which will maintain GRF investment (checking for exact \$ amount, but believe the ask is minimal).

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Drafting of this budget request is contingent upon the release of the Kasich Administration's MSY report, which is expected to be released in January 2017.

**CONGREGATE CARE STUDY**

ODMHAS shall provide for an independent evaluation of the timely access to children's and youth's residential and inpatient mental health treatment in the State of Ohio. The evaluation shall begin no later than 90 days after the effective date of this section. ODMHAS shall seek input from stakeholders when designing the questions to be considered in the evaluation. A final report of the evaluation shall be provided to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than 365 days after the effective date of this section.

ODMHAS shall make an appropriation of no greater than \$500,000 in SFY 2018 to fund this independent evaluation, and should seek maximum federal participation to fund the study.