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TITLE OF CORRESPONDENCE: 408 Fund Roundtable Dialogues (FY10)

CONTENT: The Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) has held a series meetings and consultations concerning system finance principals and the 408 Fund Formula with our statutory partners - ADAMH/CMH boards, staff from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, and in accordance with Section 5119.62 (B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code our relevant constituents.

These discussions and consultations related to system finance principals and funding were initiated last summer during a three day process with a group of participants making up the System Finance Principals Workgroup. During these consultations, and with the assistance of Maggie Lewis, a trained dispute resolution specialist from the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution & Conflict Resolution, the System Finance Principals Workgroup participants identified specific finance principles, including concepts for allocating to ADAMH/CMH Boards appropriations from the State General Revenue Fund for the purpose of local management of mental health services. In furtherance of the work completed and recommendations made by the System Finance Principals Workgroup, and in accordance with the mandates of Section 5119.62 of the Ohio Revised Code, ODMH hosted additional meetings with relevant constituencies. ODMH invited a number of ADAMH/CMH Boards and other interested parties to participate in a meeting held March 6, 2009, to allow an additional opportunity to refine the applications of these principals to the allocation of State funds. Subsequently, another invitation was extended specifically to all ADAMH/CMH Boards and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities to meet March 19, 2009, directly with ODMH to further refine the application of the funding principals. ODMH also extend the opportunity for ADAMH/CMH Boards to submit written comments in lieu of or in addition to attendance at the March 19th meeting. After each of these meetings, ODMH gave careful consideration to the comments of participants, as well as the

written feedback that was submitted, and based upon this information made changes at each step in the process to ODMH's proposed funding formula. Following these consultations, and in accordance with the timelines mandated by Section 5119.62 (B)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, ODMH issues our Allocation Guidelines on April 1, 2009.

As indicated in the April 1, 2009 cover letter (No. 04-09-01) to the Fiscal Year 2010 Allocation Guidelines, ODMH remains committed to maintaining a dialogue with interested parties and relevant constituencies regarding funding projections and formulas. At the invitation of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and each of its member ADAMH/CMH Boards, ODMH agreed to participate in a series of meetings with ADAMH/CMH Board representatives, of OACBHA's choosing, and staff from ODMH to participate in "roundtable" discussions to address issues related to the Fiscal Year 2010 Allocation Guidelines, funding formulas and hospital expenses.

To ensure that discussions with our partners and relevant constituents remain open and transparent, ODMH has posted on our website for all to view copies of the meeting agenda, handouts and transcripts from these Roundtable Dialogues held to date. The documents may be viewed (in PDF format) and downloaded at: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/partner-resources/> Copies of similar documents from future meetings will also be posted at this location.

ODMH will soon be sending out an invitation to all relevant constituents to review the work conducted at and any recommendations flowing from these Roundtable Dialogues.

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