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TITLE OF CORRESPONDENCE: 5% Reduction in Block Grant (BG) Allocations

CONTENT:

As a result of declining general state revenues, budgeting for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010 has been a challenge for Ohio's mental health system. ODMH's SFY 2010 General Revenue Funds (GRF) have been decreased by 13%. In addition, ODMH's 2010 Block Grant (BG 10) allocation from the Federal government has also been minimally reduced. Given these conditions, the Department has reduced the BG Base and statewide/community projects supporting recovery and resiliency by 5%.

As stated in the July 27, 2009 Numbered Letter C-7-10-09 that accompanied the Allocation Guidelines, ODMH's SFY 2010 GRF was decreased by \$67.5 million (13%). This is in addition to the \$64.5 million reduction taken in SFY 2009. After the budget cuts, the SFY 2009 GRF total was \$513.6 million. The SFY 2010 GRF total appropriations are \$446.0 million. To off-set some of the line item reductions, the Department is utilizing a portion of the Block Grant dollars to supplement the community forensic line item (forensic evaluations and monitoring) and other non-Medicaid services and supports (housing, consumer operated services/peer services, employment, etc.) for the SED and SPMI populations.

REQUIRED ACTION:

1) Boards who receive BG Base funds should follow directions as described in the Allocation Guidelines (dated July 27, 2010) sent under separate cover.

2) Sub-Awardees who receive BG allocations for statewide/community projects supporting recovery and resiliency will be contacted by their respective ODMH Project Lead to discuss modifications to the application and/or needed budget revisions.

**DATES FOR REQUIRED ACTION:**

For Boards who receive BG Base, please follow the directions as described in the Allocation Guidelines (dated July 27, 2009) previously sent.

For BG special projects to sub-awardees, follow the Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA) special conditions and deadlines.

**NAME, TELEPHONE NO., AND EMAIL OF CONTACT PERSON(S):**

If you have any questions regarding BG reductions, please contact Mario DeSantis at 614-466-1204 or [desantism@mh.state.oh.us](mailto:desantism@mh.state.oh.us).

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