



# Ohio Department of Mental Health

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SUBJECT:

Allocations     Certification     Community Plan     Critical Information  
 Licensure     MACSIS         Medicaid         Policy  
 Procedure     Other (specify): Meeting Invitation

TITLE OF CORRESPONDENCE: Participation in March 19, 2009 Funding Dialogue

CONTENT:

In concert with the report of the System Finance Principles work group (see attached), which completed its work last summer and our shared vision, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) is committed to allocating scarce resources to support uniform access to core services to those consumers who are most in need throughout the state. This policy direction requires a fundamental change in the 408 allocation formula to develop an equitable distribution of state resources to the communities represented by fifty ADAMH/CMH boards.

To that end, our intent is to develop a 408 funding formula for fiscal year 2010 and beyond that promotes equitable access to core services while providing an opportunity for local systems to adapt to the change in state resources.. One strategy offered is to phase-in the allocation changes between fiscal years 2010-2013 as described in the 3/9/09 numbered letter.

Last week, Dalon Myricks invited ADAMHS/CMH boards (boards) to a meeting in Columbus this Thursday to continue this dialogue. I am writing to encourage all boards to send a representative to this very important meeting. ODMH plans to share information about state budget line items 408, 505 and 636 (federal stimulus) and receive board input on draft changes to allocation formulas and suggestions on ways to ease the transition.

Boards are doing their best to plan in this very turbulent environment. We recognize the importance of revenue projections for you to complete your community plans. This meeting is a critical step in enabling ODMH to distribute draft allocations guidelines by the end of March.

Some boards have communicated concern about the legal requirements related to allocation decisions. Although ODMH views this meeting as a continuation of the consultation, per RC 5119.62, which began last summer around our System Finance Principles, board participation is not intended to affect these legal questions, one way or the other. We have simply scheduled this meeting so boards can question, comment and contribute to the dialogue on this very important policy.

**At this time, the meeting is still scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Lobby Hearing Room, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. We are open to alternative venues in Columbus, if suggested by the boards planning to attend or the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities on their behalf.**

We also suggest that all boards consider providing written feedback for ODMH's consideration. To ensure that we have adequate time to consider all written submissions, please have your comments emailed to Dalon K. Myricks at:

[MyricksD@mh.state.oh.us](mailto:MyricksD@mh.state.oh.us) no later than 6:00 pm on March 19th.

REQUIRED ACTION: Participation and/or written comments

DATES FOR REQUIRED ACTION: **3/19/2009 6:00 PM**

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