

CURES, Jail Liaison and Faith-based Programs

This recommended budget does not contain details on CURES funded programs, the Jail Liaison Program, our Faith-based Initiatives or our Residential Assistance Program (RAP). However, funding for these programs has been included in the overall CY19 budget.

CURES:

- SFY19 CURES programs are funded through April 30, 2019. There may be additional SFY18 CURES funding available from money that was unspent, returned to the government and allowed to be redistributed by OhioMHAS at a later date.
- In addition, OhioMHAS has applied for Federal State Opioid Response (SOR) funding that may be used to fund existing CURES programs, in addition to new programs.

Jail Diversion Liaison Program:

- The ADAMHS Board has funded a Jail Liaison Program at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, which is staffed by several community agencies.
- The Board is in the process of working with the judges to reengineer the program as the *Forensic In-reach Jail Liaison Program* to better meet the needs of people living with mental illness involved in the Justice System. \$300,000 has been set-aside for the program.
- The Board and Court are working on job descriptions for the liaisons and for a Mental Health Forensic Jail Liaison Supervisor position that will be co-funded by the Court and the ADAMHS Board - who will be housed at the Court to coordinate the liaisons.
- The Board will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) once the details are finalized.

Faith-based Programs:

- The ADAMHS Board has funded Faith-based programs through its Faith-based Outreach Initiative since October, 2015.
- The Faith-based Outreach Committee has recommended continued and increased funding of \$300,000 for faith-based programs, as well as new organizations that could provide a behavioral health assistance program for faith leaders; innovative holistic health and wellness services; inter-faith summer and afterschool programs/camps; faith programs in sober living environments and court systems, and reduce the stigma of mental illness and addictions.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued for these services when approved by the Board.

Residential Assistance Program (RAP):

- RAP provides \$1,100 per month per client for rent and \$200 in spending money for clients while they wait for Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Disability benefits and acceptance on the Residential State Supplement (RSS) program from OhioMHAS.
- This program was cut by \$1 million – from \$3.5 to \$2.5 million in CY18. It is recommended that the funding remain at the \$2.5 million for CY19, unless other funding could be found.
- No new clients living with mental illness were able to utilize the program to obtain housing in Adult Care Facilities (ACFs).
- Major review of the program is in process to confirm eligibility of clients and better tracking measures.
- Removed 100 clients from the program since they were receiving Residential State Supplement (RSS) from OhioMHAS, social security and/or funding from other sources.
- Currently 189 eligible clients receive RAP. *This number is variable based on pending benefit awards and approval for RSS.*
- Working with NAMI-Ohio, Adult Care Facilities Association and the Northeast Ohio Recovery Residence Network (NEORRN) to develop a list of Preferred ACFs to ensure safe, stable, affordable and quality housing for our clients.