

Priorities

Setting of Priorities

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County has a policy for the prioritization of services and resources that the CEO, staff and Board of Directors follow. This policy is implemented during the planning and funding process and may utilize various resources, such as needs assessments, surveys, polling, focus groups, stakeholders and the practices of Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Typically, the priorities for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County are set in the following ways:

- Use of data gathered in various Needs Assessments.
- Input from the community, clients, providers, partner systems, volunteer Board of Directors, CEO and the staff of the ADAMHS Board received through the strategic planning process and funding priority meetings.
- The Executive Staff compile and rank the input based on the importance to the system and available funding.
- The CEO presents a recommendation of the priorities to the Board of Directors through the appropriate committee, usually the Planning & Oversight and/or Finance & Operations for further discussion.
- The Planning & Oversight and/or Finance & Operations Committees recommend adoption of the priorities to the General Meeting for full Board approval. Vetting of the priorities has been completed prior to being presented at the General Meeting.

Current Trends: The CEO and Board Staff also analyze current community and system trends when setting priorities. These current trends considered for CY21 are:

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many agencies were able to adapt and shift programs and services to tele-health and/or tele-medicine to continue serving clients. Limited face-to-face services have been provided when necessary. Even with this shift, agencies may have seen a decrease in services. Some decreases can be attributed to social distancing requirements that directly impacted capacity at residential, treatment and/or detox facilities.
- The opioid epidemic continues to morph and plague our County with the deadly mixing of fentanyl in other substances, such as cocaine and methamphetamine. The African American community has been affected especially hard with this trend.
- ADAMHS Board will continue to utilize funding from the Opioid Lawsuit settlement that is considered one-time funding and the remaining balance is reflected as part of the CY21 budget.
- The ADAMHS Board will work with its partners to plan immediate, short-term and long-term goals for eliminating structural racism in the behavioral health system.
- The ADAMHS Board will work with local and state partners to continue efforts to address the behavioral health workforce shortages.

Calendar Year 2021 Budget Priorities

Since the priorities that were established through an extensive process in preparation for the CY19 budget are still relevant and reflected in a Needs Assessment that was completed in May 2020, the CEO and the Board of Directors agreed to maintain the priorities for CY21.

The following ten funding priorities – which are not listed in rank order – were officially adopted by the Board on June 27, 2018 with the passage of Resolution 18-06-06:

1. High Quality Housing including Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) for adults with mental illness, Sober and Recovery Housing certified with National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, and Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) that meet State and National Residential Care and Assisted Living Regulations and Policies.
2. Expanded Crisis Services for both children and adults.
3. 24 Hours/Seven Days per Week Access for mental health and addiction treatment services, for adults and children, with in-person services delivered wherever possible.
4. Peer Support for mental health and addiction, including innovative programs in Adult Care Facilities and Recovery Housing.
5. Prevention and early intervention programs and campaigns for mental health and addiction across the lifespan for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, using both traditional and innovative approaches in the community such as Faith-Based programming.
6. Employment Programs including sheltered and supported.
7. Inpatient and Ambulatory Detoxification Services.
8. Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction Disorders.
9. Piloting of Innovative Techniques and Programs.
10. Transportation for clients to keep mental health and addiction treatment appointments.

CY2021 FUNDING BY PRIORITY

ADAMHS Board Priority	2021 Funding
High Quality Housing	\$ 10,043,952.00
Expanded Crisis Services	\$ 9,146,859.00
24/7 Access to Treatment	\$ 48,640.00
Peer Support Services	\$ 1,764,084.00
Prevention and Early Intervention	\$ 4,751,408.00
Employment Programs	\$ 1,874,541.00
Innovative Programs	\$ 1,209,000.00
Transportation	\$ 179,000.00

**Detoxification Services and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) priorities are included in pooled funding.*