

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 CY20 are:

- The heroin epidemic continues to morph and plague our County with the deadly mixing of fentanyl in other substances, such as cocaine and methamphetamine. Fentanyl has also been found in marijuana in southern parts of the state and may soon become an issue in Cuyahoga County.
- The ADAMHS Board will receive funding from the Opioid Lawsuit settlement that is considered one-time funding and not part of its CY20 budget.
- The Board's budget continues to fall short of providing support for all of the mental health and addiction recovery service needs of our community.

Calendar Year 2020 Budget Priorities

Since priorities were recently established through an extensive process in preparation for the CY19 budget, the CEO and the Board of Directors agreed to maintain the CY19 priorities for CY20.

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.

In addition to these funding priorities, the CEO also recommended the following internal system priorities to be included in the Board's 2019 operating budget:

1. Client-Centered Funding Strategies.
2. System Training.
3. Stigma Reduction.
4. Education and Prevention Campaigns.
5. Workforce Development.
6. Collaboration with Courts and Criminal Justice System.

In CY20, the Board will conduct a Needs Assessment and develop a five-year Strategic Plan. These documents will be used in the priority setting process for CY21 and subsequent years.

CY2020 FUNDING BY PRIORITY

ADAMHS Board Priority	2020 Funding
High Quality Housing	\$ 9,909,057.00
Expanded Crisis Services	\$ 8,037,247.00
24/7 Access to Treatment	\$ 48,640.00
Peer Support Services	\$ 1,876,293.00
Prevention and Early Intervention	\$ 4,885,158.00
Employment Programs	\$ 1,676,608.00
Innovative Programs	\$ 759,000.00
Transportation	\$ 164,000.00

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