

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 the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). 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 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 CY22 are:

- During COVID-19, the ADAMHS Board and our providers have continued to adapt and provide needed services to our community and are preparing to provide additional services to address the prolonged impact of the pandemic.
- 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 settlement that is considered one-time funding and its remaining balance. Funding to maintain those programs through December 31, 2022, is reflected as part of the CY22 budget.
- The ADAMHS Board has contracted with a consultant to assist in its 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 2022 Budget Priorities

As part of the CY22 priority-setting process and as a means of reflecting community input, Board staff reviewed the Board's CY19/20 priorities, the Board's Needs Assessment that was completed in May 2020, RecoveryOhio priorities, the OhioMHAS 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, and the Board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

Although the Board strives to fund all providers and programs, staff reviewed the CY22 funding RFP responses on the priorities, provider/program metrics from CY19, CY20 and the first six months of CY21, workforce status, cultural composition of leadership and financial health of the agency.

The following 17 funding priorities were presented and discussed in ranked order during the Board's July Planning & Oversight and Finance & Operations Committee meetings. The recommended priorities were also shared with all Board Members and providers, and were officially adopted by the Board on July 28, 2021, with the passage of Resolution No. 21-07-05:

1. Quality, collaborative, culturally competent, culturally appropriate, and evidence-based diverse behavioral health, recovery, and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County.
2. 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.
3. Mental health residential treatment.
4. Community and crisis residential services for both children and adults.
5. Care Responder Teams.
6. Trauma informed care treatment, recovery, and prevention Services.
7. Harm reduction efforts and strategies.
8. Wrap-around behavioral health services for youth.
9. Recovery supports and services for transitional youth.
10. Recovery and treatment services for specialized populations.
11. 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.
12. Peer support for mental health and addiction, including innovative programs in Adult Care Facilities and Recovery Housing.
13. 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.
14. Employment programs.
15. Inpatient and ambulatory/outpatient detoxification services.
16. Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid addiction disorders.
17. Transportation for clients to keep mental health and addiction treatment appointments.

CY2022 FUNDING BY PRIORITY

ADAMHS Board Priority	2022 Funding
High Quality Housing	\$ 7,338,439.00
24/7 Access to Treatment	\$ 1,489,665.00
MH Residential Treatment	\$ 4,610,195.00
Crisis Services	\$ 10,580,546.00
Care Responder Teams	\$ -
Trauma Informed Care	\$ 75,000.00
Harm Reduction	\$ 30,000.00
Wrap Around Services for Youth	\$ 603,000.00
Recovery Supports for Transitional Youth	\$ 273,250.00
Specialized Populations	\$ 2,054,188.00
Peer Support Services	\$ 3,215,471.00
Prevention and Early Intervention	\$ 5,517,988.00
Employment Programs	\$ 1,942,878.00
Transportation	\$ 290,744.00

Priority #1 is included in all programs funded for 2022. The priority is: Quality, collaborative, culturally competent, culturally appropriate and evidence-based diverse behavioral health, recovery and prevention services that prioritize equity and inclusion to meet the need of the residents of Cuyahoga County.

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