

## 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 Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services practices. Typically, the priorities for the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County are set in the following ways:

- Use of data in the Five-year Community Needs Assessment. The most recent was completed by the Center for Health Affairs in December 2016.
- Input from the community, clients, providers, partner systems, volunteer Board of Directors, CEO and the staff of the ADAMHS 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.

- The heroin epidemic continues to plague our County with the deadly addition of fentanyl and the mixing of fentanyl in other substances, such as cocaine and marijuana.
- The Board's budget will be strained to continue to support individuals in need of mental health and addiction recovery services - especially in the midst of combating this opioid crisis – with \$39 million in flat funding recommended by the Cuyahoga County Executive for 2018 & 2019, and \$3.5 million in discretionary State funding for prevention and mental health and addiction treatment and recovery support services.

## Calendar Year 2018 Budget Priorities

With the current trends in mind, the CEO and Executive Staff recommended that the 2018 priorities remain the same as the 2015, 2016 & 2017 priorities established in two categories: 1) System, and 2) Mental Health & Addiction Services: Adult and Children/Adolescents.

It was agreed by the Board through earlier year committee meetings that the priorities are not ranked in order of importance as all are considered equally important. With discussion and input from Board Members through the committee process, the ADAMHS Board officially adopted these priorities on October 28, 2015, with the passage of Resolution #15-10-01.

**Please Note:** At the beginning of 2018 we will begin the process of setting priorities that will complement the 2018 Advocacy Action Agenda.

### **Category 1: System Priorities:**

- County Budget
- Dedicated Levy
- State Funding Advocacy
- SHARES Go Live
- System Coordination Enhancement
- Training
- Capital Operations
- Capacity Study
- Needs Assessment
- Evidenced-Based Practices
- Cleveland Police Department/Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)/Mental Health Response Advisory Committee
- Recovery Oriented System of Care:
  - Interim services for people on waiting lists and/or who are not ready to commit to treatment. i.e., Seasons of Hope, outreach, hotline number promotion, NAMI programs, etc.
  - Integrated primary and behavioral healthcare.
  - Increase opportunities for client employment.
  - Age appropriate peer support.

### **Category 2: Mental Health & Addiction Services Priorities:**

#### **Adults:**

- Housing
- Intervention/Prevention
- Heroin & Fentanyl Epidemic
- Marijuana & Synthetic Marijuana
- Residential Treatment & Support
- Sober Beds
- Women's Bed Shortage
- Detoxification/Medication Assisted Treatment
- Crisis
- Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health
- Recovery Support Services, including:
  - Employment/Vocational
  - Self-Help/Peer Support and Consumer-Operated Services

#### **Children/Adolescents:**

- Intervention/Prevention
- Crisis
- Heroin & Fentanyl Epidemic
- Marijuana & Synthetic Marijuana
- Residential Treatment
- Outpatient Treatment
- Juvenile Justice and Behavioral Health
- Adolescent Detoxification
- Early Childhood & Adolescent Crisis Team
- Young Adults & Special Population