

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY (ADAMHS BOARD)

POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: PRIORITIZATION OF SERVICES & RESOURCES

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 2022

PURPOSE

To establish planning and funding priorities in the delivery of public alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services in Cuyahoga County.

POLICY

The ADAMHS Board is responsible and accountable for the provision of public alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services delivered to the residents of Cuyahoga County.

The ADAMHS Board shall annually develop and set local priorities as part of its community addiction and mental health plan. In the ADAMHS Board's planning and funding process, it shall prioritize the provision of all mental health services to persons with severe mental disability and serious emotional disturbance, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code sections 5122-24-01(B)(35) and (36) (attached hereto). In addition, the ADAMHS Board shall prioritize the provision of alcohol and drug addiction prevention and treatment services for adolescents, pregnant women, intravenous drug users, co-occurring disorders, indigent males, and children identified by the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as being in imminent risk of being abused or neglected because of an addiction of a parent, guardian, or custodian. The ADAMHS Board may utilize various resources, including but not limited to, community needs assessments, surveys, polling, focus groups, stakeholders, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services practices, in making planning and funding decisions. The ADAMHS Board's prioritization will attempt to assure that persons with severe mental disability, serious emotional disturbance, and alcohol and drug dependency will have ready access and availability to services and resources that support recovery for adults and resiliency in children.

Alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services shall be directed towards improving the active participation of clients in meaningful, satisfying ways in their communities. The services shall be culturally competent, clinically appropriate, of high quality, meet all applicable state rules and standards, and be measurable through various ADAMHS Board monitoring processes.

For purposes of this Policy, and for the purpose of defining "persons with severe mental disability" under Ohio Administrative Code section 5122-24-01(B)(36), the reference therein to diagnoses set forth in the DSM IIR are to be deemed to refer to the diagnoses as contained in the DSM5, or the most recent edition of the DSM, whichever is later.

Supersedes and Retires: Prioritization of Services/Resources, Effective July 26, 2017

Reference: Ohio Revised Code sections 340.03, 340.15, 3719.011, Ohio Administrative Code 5122-24-01

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Ohio Administrative Code 5122-24-01: Certification definitions.

(A) Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to provide definitions for key words and phrases used in the department certification standards.

(B) Applicability

The following definitions apply to Chapters 5122-24 to 5122-29 of the Administrative Code:

(35) "Person with serious emotional disturbance" means a person less than eighteen years of age who meets criteria that is a combination of duration of impairment, intensity of impairment and diagnosis.

(a) Criteria:

- (i) Under eighteen years of age;
- (ii) Marked to severe emotional/behavioral impairment;
- (iii) Impairment that seriously disrupts family or interpersonal relationships; and
- (iv) May require the services of other youth-serving systems (e.g., education, human services, juvenile court, health, mental health/ mental retardation, youth services, and others).

(b) Marked-to-severe behavioral impairment is defined as impairment that is at or greater than the level implied by any of the following criteria in most social areas of functioning:

- (i) Inability or unwillingness to cooperate or participate in self-care activities;
- (ii) Suicidal preoccupation or rumination with or without lethal intent;
- (iii) School refusal and other anxieties or more severe withdrawal and isolation;
- (iv) Obsessive rituals, frequent anxiety attacks, or major conversion symptoms;

(v) Frequent episodes of aggressive or other antisocial behavior, either mild with some preservation in social relationships or more severe requiring considerable constant supervision; and

(vi) Impairment so severe as to preclude observation of social functioning or assessment of symptoms related to anxiety (e.g., severe depression or psychosis).

(c) An impairment that seriously disrupts family or interpersonal relationships is defined as one:

(i) Requiring assistance or intervention by police, courts, educational system, mental health system, social service, human services, and/ or children's services;

(ii) Preventing participation in age-appropriate activities;

(iii) In which community (home, school, peers) is unable to tolerate behavior; or

(iv) In which behavior is life-threatening (e.g., suicidal, homicidal, or otherwise potentially able to cause serious injury to self or others).

(36) "Person with severe mental disability" or "person with serious mental illness" means a person, age eighteen and over, who currently, or at any time during the past year, has had a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria, that has resulted in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, or dressing; instrumental activities of daily living, such as maintain a household, managing money, getting around the community, or taking prescribed medications; or function in social, family or vocational/educational contexts."