

## ODMH Community Support Planning Council

**Federal Block Grant Required Advisory Group** - Planning Council is an **advisory** group mandated by SAMHSA (federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) as a condition of receiving the Mental Health Block Grant of about \$14 million annually to Ohio. SAMHSA uses the Block Grants to leverage federal influence on state budgets and planning, as well as to collect fiscal, service and outcome data.

The Planning Council acts as a forum for communication among key constituencies having a strong interest in issues that affect person identified as mentally ill and/or emotionally disturbed, as well as carrying out the federally mandated functions.

1. To review (Block Grant) plans and to submit to the state any recommendations for modifications.
2. To serve as an advocate for adults with serious mental illness and for children with serious emotional disturbances.
3. To monitor, review and evaluate not less than once a year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the state.

### Membership Meets Federal Requirements

1. 50% or more of the members must not be state employees or providers of mental health services. (ODMH interpreted as **persons in recovery, their family members and statewide advocacy organizations** (e.g. Ohio Empowerment Coalition & NAMI-Ohio.)
  - a. Must include adequate representation of family members of children with serious emotional disturbances
  - b. Representative of service area populations (e.g. ethnic, cultural, LGBTQ, rural suburban, urban, older adult, families of young children)
2. 10 state agency staff representing education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing, Title XX/Social Services Block Grant, Medicaid, insurance exchange, child welfare, health and aging.
3. Also includes 2 providers (nominated by Ohio Council) and Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
4. The leadership of Ohio's Planning Council is from persons in recovery from mental illness and family members.

### Consolidation Status

1. Federal government strongly encouraging state Planning Councils to expand scope to include the SAPT (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment) grant which is \$66 million annually for Ohio.
2. Planning Council membership welcomes the opportunity.
3. Karin Carlson, ODADAS SAPT Block Grant staff attended November meeting.
4. Work is needed to revise by-laws and expand membership