



Department of Alcohol &
Drug Addiction Services



Department of
Mental Health

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Dear Stakeholders:

As part of our continued commitment to be inclusive and transparent regarding the effort to consolidate the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), we are writing today to provide an update and announce the next steps of the planning process.

In the past month we've convened a consolidation project team and gathered input from the field regarding the priorities established in the project plan. The responses to our recent survey were robust, and input we've received from the public has been invaluable. A summary of the input is attached to this memo. For the most part, the survey confirmed that we all share similar goals and visions for a consolidated agency and we are on the right track to move forward with our work.

We are now ready to begin a six week period of intensive focus that will be critical for defining a vision for the new agency. For our next steps, we've established a group of work teams to be facilitated by state staff. The initial recommendations of these teams will help to establish the parameters for the detailed work that needs to happen in accomplishing statutory, rule, fiscal and other operational changes. The teams and facilitators are as follows:

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Each team has a different scope and work plan, but all teams have near-term assignments which must be accomplished by late August to keep us on track to be prepared for biennial budget submissions in the fall. While these groups will be facilitated by state staff, we are asking for involvement from the larger stakeholder field. **If you are interested in being involved in one of the groups listed, please contact Nicole Marx at Nicole.marx@ada.ohio.gov as soon as possible and you will be added to the list.** Please note that all of the teams will have work underway immediately.

All work team meeting schedules will be posted on the consolidation website at <http://www.adamh.ohio.gov>. These meetings are public and you are welcome to attend; again, by providing RSVP we can ensure that we have space sufficient to accommodate the number of participants expected. Summary information will be posted after meetings occur and progress is made.

During the next few weeks we will be issuing a series of surveys for the field and will be issuing another global communications at that time in order to call attention to the survey approach & solicit your feedback.

As always, feel free to email us at ConsolidationQuestions@mh.ohio.gov with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Orman Hall
Director



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Director

Attachment: Consolidation Survey Results