

Who leads Recovery Requires a Community?

Recovery Requires a Community is a program administered by the Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHA). However, the program has close relationship with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), and specifically the HOME Choice program.

Why does this program exist?

There are individuals in institutional settings with a Behavioral Health diagnosis who may be able to live sustainably in community. By assisting individuals with additional supports, it helps to enforce the *Olmstead* decision, but also to reduce the cost to the State of Ohio for service delivery as well as other systems who serve individuals with Behavioral health diagnoses. Additionally, the program aligns with the goals of many initiatives throughout Ohio to reduce the amount of individuals in institutional placements and increase community linkages.

Who is eligible for Recovery Requires a Community Funding?

Any individual who is currently diagnosed with a Severe and Persistent Mental Illness, a Severe Mental Illness, or Severe Emotional Distress.

How much money is available for each individual?

There is no set amount of money available per individual, and all applications will be considered. However, applications more than three standard deviations away from the mean of all Recovery Requires a Community application may result in refusal.

How does the program work?

The program will work primarily through the HOME Choice program. As individuals are identified through the HOME Choice discharge planning process as needing additional supports in community, the team charged with the transition will develop a request. That request will be funneled through the ADAMH Board, who has an opportunity to review the needs, determine if Board funds have been used appropriately (and if there are opportunities to provide additional funds), and direct the request to the Recovery Requires a Community office. For more detail, refer to the attached flow chart.

What are eligible activities for Recovery Requires a Community Funding?

Funding can be used when *no other alternative funding source is available to meet the needs of an individual*. Activities include:

- Housing
- Home Accessibility
- Arrears (one-time backpayment on rent, utilities, etc)
- Supplemental Independent Living Assistance (HOME Choice services beyond the first 365 days)
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Other non-categorized items

What if someone is not utilizing HOME Choice?

Recovery Requires a Community is still available for someone who is not utilizing HOME Choice, and will go through a similar process, excluding the Pre-Transition Case Manager. However, especially in the initial phase of the program, we will strongly encourage all individuals to work through HOME Choice if at all possible.

What if there is an emergency before or after transition?

Emergencies will be handled as top priority, and adjustments can be made to an individual's plan at any time.

What are the requirements for recertification?

Annual recertification is required to ensure that money is being used well, and if more or less services are needed.

Who receives Recovery funding on the local level?

All funding for Recovery Requires a Community is directed to the local ADAMH board, who will then disburse the funding to their service providers.

Why does money move through the ADAMH Board?

The intent is to minimize the amount of channels that information can move through in order to create an efficient program structure. This also allows ADAMH Boards an opportunity to provide oversight, should they choose, or to operate as a pass-through. ADAMH boards should have an opportunity to determine the type of role they desire.

When will the program begin?

The program is starting with some specific cases, and will work to expand as the program is tested. The intent is to have a full rollout by January 2014.