

**Planning Council Update on April 16, 2014  
For Behavioral Health Leadership**

Our March 26 meeting agenda was packed after the January meeting was cancelled.

- **Director Plouck provided an update on the Mid-Biennial Review of the budget. She also responded to questions from members. The questions included:**
  - *Now that the mental health and addiction services are combining grant dollars, how will the Council have input on expending the monies?*
  - *How will the Planning Council know that OhioMHAS is using Block Grant dollars where the funds will have the most effective and vital impact?*
  - *What cost savings measures are the result of the two state agencies consolidating and what are some possible future savings?*
  - *What block grant projects can OhioMHAS combine or expand to include both addiction and mental health concerns?*
- Jody Lynch and Afet Kilinc from the OhioMHAS Office of Treatment and Recovery discussed their office, Health Homes, Housing, Employment, Women's Network, Recovery Requires a Community, and Peer Support.
- Planning Council members Sarah Nerad and Sara Sheline shared their experiences as young adults in recovery
- Planning Council Deb Miller talked about services at St. Joseph's Orphage
- **Membership Update:**
  - As of January 2014, Planning Council membership now has equal representation of mental health and substance abuse
  - The federal grant requirement is that 50% of the members be persons (usually persons in recovery or their family members) who are NOT employed by providers or state government.
  - Membership includes:
    - 3 adults in MH recovery and 3 adults in SUD (substance use disorder) recovery
    - 2 young adults in MH recovery; 2 young adults in SUD recovery
    - 1 family members of adults in MH recovery ; 1 in SUD recovery
    - 2 family members of children in MH recovery ; 2 in SUD recovery
    - 7 representatives of advocacy organizations (SOLACE, OEC, NAMI, Ohio Citizen Advocates) (5 MH/2 SUD)
    - 8 representatives of provider organizations (2 MH, 5 SUD, OACBHA which is both)
    - 10 state agency reps – neither MH or SUD
  - Drew Palmiter and I would like your assistance in vacancy for family member of adult in recovery