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To: ADAMHS/ADAS/CMHS Board Executive Directors

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Subject: ODMH/ODADAS Community Plan Guidelines

Attached please find a copy of the ODMH/ODADAS Community Plan Guidelines. These guidelines, which will cover SFY 2013, represent the joint effort of the Community Plan Workgroup. The workgroup, comprised of the Departments, OACHBA and Board representatives, streamlined content according to statutory requirements and recommended proposed statutory amendments. These changes are designed to reduce administrative burden for Boards in completing the Community Plan, and fulfill three objectives:

1. As a means for supporting advocacy by defining local need, what gaps exist in meeting that need and how additional funds would be used to close those gaps. A Community Plan for SFY 2013 will be due June 30, 2012. This is the date that OBM begins the state budgeting for the SFY 2014 - 2015 biennium budget; this is when advocacy begins.
2. As a means for developing a Learning Community for the Boards and the Departments that provides mutual benefit and collective value. After the submission of the proposed Community Plan, the Community Plan Workgroup will reconvene the second quarter of FY 2013 to analyze the information gathered. The goals of the analysis and dissemination of results will be: to determine trends, common areas of strengths, concerns and planning within local communities; and information provided by others that a Board can use to improve its own local system.
3. As a means for the Departments to gather local information to successfully apply to SAMSHA for Block Grant funds: \$65 million for ODADAS and \$14 million for ODMH, most of which is distributed to local systems.

Board Community Plans will be completed using Microsoft Word and Excel 2010, or earlier versions, and submitted via e-mail to communplan@ada.ohio.gov. Plans will be due Friday, June 29, 2012.

Plans submitted to the Departments will be reviewed by a joint ODMH/ODADAS team and board representatives.