

Planning Council Purpose and Responsibilities

The *Oho Community Supports Recovery Planning Council* (Planning Council or Council) is an **advisory** group to the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) on all mental health and addiction services in Ohio regardless of funding source.

The federal government requires the Council to annually review services as a condition of receiving the \$14 million Mental Health Block Grant and the \$65 million Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Council is required by federal statute to annually monitor, review and evaluate the allocation of funding and resources, and the adequacy of mental health and addiction service planning and delivery. The Council hears presentations from OhioMHAS staff and other stakeholders in the mental health and addiction system, and meets with the OhioMHAS Director twice a year. The Council may review planning and grant documents or request specific presentations from OhioMHAS staff for the purpose of making recommendations to OhioMHAS.

The Planning Council is required to assure that 50% or more of Council seats are filled by persons in recovery (consumers) and family members who are not employed by providers and/or state government. Recognizing that many members may have co-occurring conditions, half of those members should represent addiction and half should represent mental health. OhioMHAS will submit a combined Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant Plan Application.

The Council is required to include representatives of specified state agencies and other stakeholders including providers and ADAMH/CMH/ADAS Boards that plan, evaluate and fund local services. The Council provides an opportunity for persons in recovery, consumers and their family members to advocate with state staff and providers. It provides an opportunity for state leaders and providers to hear the perspective of service recipients.

The Council meets 6 times per year including 4 Saturday meetings from 10:30 to 3:00 in Columbus. Two meetings are scheduled on weekdays, usually Fridays. Most of the meetings occur the third or fourth weeks of the month. The Council serves as an advocate for adults and children with serious mental illness and emotional disturbances and addiction. OhioMHAS recruits members who represent the demographic and geographic diversity of Ohio regarding race, ethnicity, age, gender, and veteran status.

Consumers and family members who are not provider Board members or employed by provider agencies that receive OhioMHAS funds are eligible for reimbursement for mileage and per diem stipends.

OhioMHAS: <http://mha.ohio.gov>

SAMHSA: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/blockgrant>