

Residential State Supplement (RSS)
Legislative Review Community Forum Minutes

Date/Time

October 16, 2013, 11:00 – 1:00

Location

Heartland Behavioral Healthcare

Welcome & Introductions

Jody Lynch (Deputy Director, Office of Treatment & Recovery) welcomed the forum attendees and introduced others present from OhioMHAS, including Roma Barickman and Ellie Jazi. Six community stakeholders attended, included five home operators and one board representative.

RSS Legislative Review Presentation

Ellie presented information regarding the purpose and scope of the Legislative Review, RSS Program, multiple venues for stakeholder input, issues of disparity among Adult Care Facility (ACF) and Adult Foster Home (AFoH) residents, and the department's new ACF/AFoH Incentive Program (please review the RSS Legislative Review Community Forum presentation slides for detailed information).

Feedback/Comment Period

Ellie requested recommendations for action steps in the areas of RSS Program Eligibility Criteria, Allowable Fees, Quality Improvement, Disparities Among RSS & Non-RSS Residents, and other issues. The following points were discussed by the forum attendees:

- Open eligibility to individuals already living in ACF/AFoH's
- Disparity issues impact quality of life for all residents, i.e., differences in personal needs allowances
- Home operators need more resources to provide more staffing, increased quality, etc.
- Smaller, family-run homes have less financial resources and staff than larger homes; difficulty paying for required home improvements
- Home operators receive limited assistance from community providers
- Operation costs are related to quality
- Charge different rates per resident needs, e.g., special diet
- Have standardized minimum allowable fee regardless of resident's source of assistance, such as a board subsidy
- Home operators take on costs while residents awaiting benefit approval (ex. SSI) and unplanned expenses
- Lack of communication between operators and case managers; need consistency in services and supports
- Operators need assessments with accurate information for new residents