

Public Comment and Feedback on OHA Federal Block Grant Application FY 2020-2021

The Addiction and Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council (AMHPAC)

1. AMHPAC suggested we expand outside of Oxford Houses. Recovery housing is a better model to help individuals with SUD.
2. Aid and Assist: Explore how can OHA help small communities to address helping A&A communities.
3. We are looking at revising A&A service elements. How can we support communities to support the population in the community? This will help move towards more community based restoration.
4. So many of the communities are at the grass root level. This means at the community there is more individual connection to providers. How can prevention be done upstream in the community so we can prevent back logging the system We need that integration between Tx and Prevention.
5. Student Success Act: Suicide prevention is something that needs to be integrated.
6. The group would like to see more SUD providers. How can staff be retained at the rate they are paid?
7. The group suggested planning a year in advance to identify categorizing funds and prioritizing them.
8. Certain populations may not feel safe accessing services. That may affect equitable services. There are individuals who are receiving PDS sometimes don't get billed for because of lack of Medicaid ID. OHA should look at the proportion of racial and ethnic minorities receiving services compared to the entire Medicaid population.
9. OHA should also track number of denials to ACT services. OHA has been trying to do that but the difficulty has been: the process flow f info is not clear cut enough to rack denials that can be documented as a denial by the CCO. This makes it challenging to track ACT denials. Can OHA also track how many individuals who started ACT but were then marked as non-compliant and/or discontinued because of client being difficult.
10. How are we defining Psych purposes, especially for older individuals? AMHPAC will be part of the process to identify how can we make these improvements?
11. PDS data is used as a proxy. OHA should look at ways to capture all individuals receiving peer delivered services. Some providers are not able to report PDS.