

CO-ORDINATING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN DUAL DIAGNOSIS (MI/DD)

OUTCOME STATEMENT:

Individuals throughout Ohio who have developmental disabilities with co-occurring mental illness (dual diagnosis) will receive treatment and supports appropriate to their complex interdisciplinary needs as a result of training, technical assistance, coordination of service systems, clinical assessment, diagnosis, treatment, consultation, and other best practices implemented in local communities.

SCOPE OF PROJECT AND COUNCIL INTENT:

People with developmental disabilities experience the full range of psychiatric disorders at rates higher than the general population. It is estimated that as many as 30-40% of persons with DD may have a dual diagnosis. Given this percentage, approximately 99,000 to 132,000 people with developmental disabilities in Ohio would, at some point in their lives, experience mental illness. Many mental disorders are misdiagnosed, under-diagnosed, or undiagnosed in this population.

Individuals with dual diagnosis often require services simultaneously delivered by different service providers and systems. Complex needs require that consumers and varied other organizations work collaboratively to develop and coordinate treatment and supports in the community. Instead, the separation of systems in Ohio for developmental disabilities and mental health undermines needed care. It is difficult to find professionals who are trained in both developmental disabilities and mental illness. This can also result in each system shifting responsibility to the other, with consumers reporting that they are denied services or “given the run around.” This crack in the system can lead to limited residential, educational, and vocational opportunities, and can ultimately result in psychiatric hospitalizations, homelessness, and victimization.

Significant preparation to address systems coordination has taken place in the past several years. A high-level interagency DD/MI Advisory Committee was established; producing a document entitled “Clinical Best Practices for Serving People with Developmental Disabilities and Mental

Illness.” The process included a series of eight one-day training sessions in Ohio, and planning for systemic training, technical assistance, and coordination efforts involving the State Departments, Academic Centers, local service providers, and consumers. The project presented here, with tripartite funding by the ODDC, the Ohio Department of DD, and the Ohio Department of MH, will implement that planning through regional and statewide Conferences, training and technical assistance at the local level, and mini-grants targeting all 88 Ohio Counties. In FFY 2010, the project will begin a new cycle of implementation involving teams for discharge planning for individuals in Developmental Centers, ICF-MR’s, Regional Psychiatric Hospitals. Jails and prisons.

RESOURCES TO BE INVESTED:

Federal: \$ 75,000
Matching Funds: \$ 25,000
Total: \$100,000

REQUIRED PERFORMANCE TARGETS:

Area of Emphasis: Health

Identification
Number

HE01 People have needed health services through Council efforts.

Year 2010: 600 Year 2011: 600

HE02 Dollars leveraged for health services.

Year 2010: \$150,000
Year 2011: \$150,000

HE03 Health care programs/policies created/improved.

Year 2010: 20 Year 2011: 20

HE05 People trained in health care services.

Year 2010: 200 Year 2011: 200

HE06 People active in systems advocacy on health care.

Year 2010: 170 Year 2011: 170

FUNDING METHOD:

Allocation

GRANTEE:

TBD