

Frequently Asked Questions & Comments: Community Plan Guidelines for SFY 2012-2013

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15. What is the process for requesting an extension to the December 30, 2010 plan submission date?

***Send an e-mail to the e-mail address designated for the community plan. That address is [communplan@ada.ohio.gov](mailto:communplan@ada.ohio.gov). In that e-mail briefly state the reason an extension is needed. Provide the date by which the plan will be submitted to the departments. Most requests will be responded to within 5 working days.***

16. Am having trouble opening the Word version of the guidelines. Can you offer some assistance in this?

***After accessing the Word document, please ensure that the Track Changes feature has been turned off before using the Community Plan Template.***

17. In Table 2 "Portfolio of Mental Health Service Providers" what do you expect me to put under number of sites?

***"Sites" refers to the number of certified program addresses from which the program operates. It does not, for example, refer to the number of schools or co-located service sites that a clinician or prevention specialist may be sent to provide services from the certified program address.***

18. Are the Departments still requiring that boards send in the Board resolution approving the plan?

***No. Historically, ODMH has been the only department requiring the resolution. ODMH will drop this requirement in order to create greater consistency with ODADAS.***

19. Could you please give some examples of the types of responses expected for Question # 9?

*Describe the Board's current role in working with the ODMH, ODADAS and providers to attract, retain and develop qualified direct service staff for the provision of behavioral health services. Does the local service system have sufficient qualified licensed and credentialed staff to meet its service delivery needs for behavioral health services? If "no", identify the areas of concern and workforce development needs.*

***The response to this item may include training programs the Board sponsors, the provision of CEUs or other incentives, financial or otherwise, that help to attract and retain qualified staff. Some boards may develop partnerships with universities or provide student intern/field placement opportunities. If shortages of qualified staff are experienced, these areas should be identified as well. For example, lack of clinicians whose scope of practice includes treatment of problem gambling, psychiatry, or licensed independent clinicians with supervisory credentials.***

***Some may see the issue of attracting, retaining and developing direct service staff as solely a provider issue and not a board issue. While provider agencies must also address staffing issues and will be able to articulate their own agency needs, the Board's role may include 1) supporting agencies in their efforts 2) identifying system-level needs (which may or may not be consistent with individual agency needs) 3) developing strategies, goals and objectives to address those needs.***

***Goals and objectives are addressed in Question 14, Workforce Development and Cultural Competence. Given the fiscal constraints under which the entire system is operating, it may be a matter addressing of how existing staff resources will be used more effectively or efficiently.***

20. In the ODMH Service Level Checklist the second question for each of the services asks "What services do you plan to offer in 2012?". With Medicaid you may not plan on purchasing a specific service, but you have to pay for it anyway if it is provided by a Medicaid only agency. Should this question be re worded? What does the Department really want?

***The question asks what the Board plans to provide. That is the intent of the question. It is understood that Boards may be required to pay the match for some Medicaid services they do not plan on providing.***

21. Where can I find indicator data for use in responding to key socio-demographic factors for the needs assessment?

***The State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW) page on the ODADAS website has indicator data related to consequences and consumption of AOD use. County to state comparison as well as like-county comparisons can be made. Poverty and employment data is also located on the website at [www.ada.ohio.gov/seow](http://www.ada.ohio.gov/seow).***