

Healthier Buckeye Advisory Council

April 27, 2015

1:30 – 3 p.m.

Rhodes Tower, Performance Center

In attendance: Cynthia Dungey (ODJFS), Douglas Lumpkin (OHSI), Cheryl Vincent (OHSI), Shelly Hoffman (OHSI), Orman Hall (Supreme Court), Karen Morrison (OhioHealth Foundation), Peggy Zink (Cincinnati Works), Valerie Ridgeway (United Way of Central Ohio), Rich Frank (Ohio Guidestone), Sheila Wright, (The Community Foundation, Rep. Ron Amstutz, Ron Richard (Cleveland Foundation)

Phone: Senator Cafaro

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Overview of Human Services work to date
 - Benefits overview
 - Human Services Innovation budget initiatives
- OHSI proposed model for Comprehensive Case Management & Employment
- Q&A
- Role of Advisory Council
- Next Steps

Benefits 101

- TANF
 - Ohio Works First
 - Cash benefits
 - Must be at 50% of Federal Poverty Level to qualify
 - 17,681 adults 99,000 children receiving benefits
 - Benefits average \$196 per month
 - 55% of those receiving benefits are working
- SNAP
 - Commonly known as food stamps
 - 1.7 million recipients
 - Prohibited purchases include tobacco, alcohol, non-food items
 - Sanctioned means benefits have been suspended until eligibility requirements are met
- Child Care
 - 115,000 Ohioans receiving benefit
 - Eligibility is 125% below Federal Poverty Level to enter program
 - Once at 201% of Federal Poverty Level benefits will be terminated
 - Budget testimony recommends eligibility to increase from 125% to 130% for initial eligibility and 300% to transition off benefit. As well as an increase in copayments as income increases, and a recommendation of zero copayment for those at 100% of FPL and below
- Unemployment Insurance
 - In 2014 278,000 Ohioans received Unemployment benefits
 - Currently 91,000 are receiving benefits

Budget Proposal

- OHSI Director, Douglas Lumpkin is leading this effort
- \$310 Million funding in Governor's biennium budget

Comprehensive Case Management & Employment Program (CCMEP)

- 1st step is a standardized assessment – stabilizing individual
- 2nd Provide individualized case management plan
- 3rd Provide benefits and employment services
- 4th Sustainable employment
- Timeline
 - October 1, 2015: Counties may use OhioMeansJobs.com as a tool to help SNAP and OWF work-required recipients obtain employment by having them register and create resumes on the website
 - December 15, 2015: TANF and WIOA 16 to 14 year olds will combine into one program. Forster youth aging out of system will receive intensive case management (approximately 1,100 youth).
 - July 1, 2016: TANF OWF work required adults and WIOA low income adults with barriers (approximately 26,000 Ohioans).
 - Fully phased in, approximately 50,000 being served.
- Performance Measures
 - Employment outcomes
 - Job entry
 - Job retention
 - Wage growth
 - Credential/GED
 - Intermediate Outcomes
 - Progress on Individual Employment Plan
 - Reduction in risk factors
 - Youth specific outcomes
 - Lead agency will be accountable
 - Lead agency designated by county commissioner
 - Technical assistance available
 - If metrics are not met corrective compliance will begin seeking other local agencies to administer the program.

Role of Buckeye Council – Rep. Ron Amstutz

- Discussion of peer mentoring.
- Healthier Buckeye as a non-entitlement, voluntary program that is not as Jobs and Family Services Centered on individuals not otherwise connected to the system.
- Council was asked to think about roles /responsibilities for upcoming meeting.

Next Steps

- Update OHSI website
- Send slides presented at meeting to council
- Schedule next monthly meeting and send appointment
- Summary of today
- Provide feedback to Shelly Hoffman shelly.hoffman@jfs.ohio.gov