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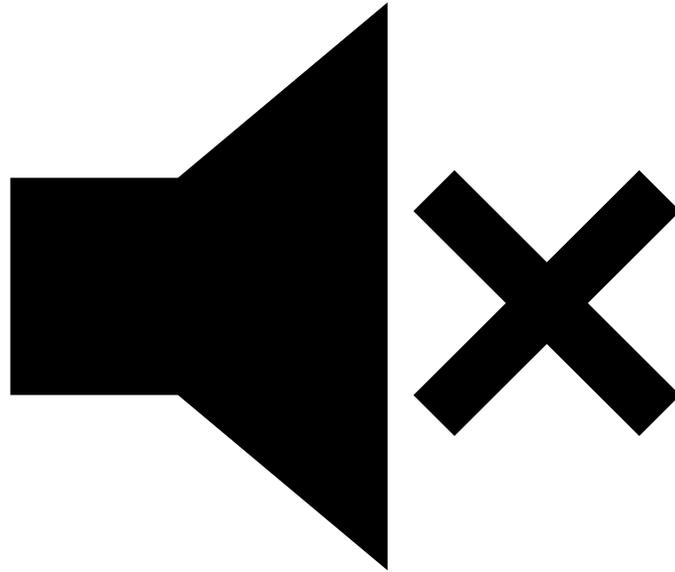
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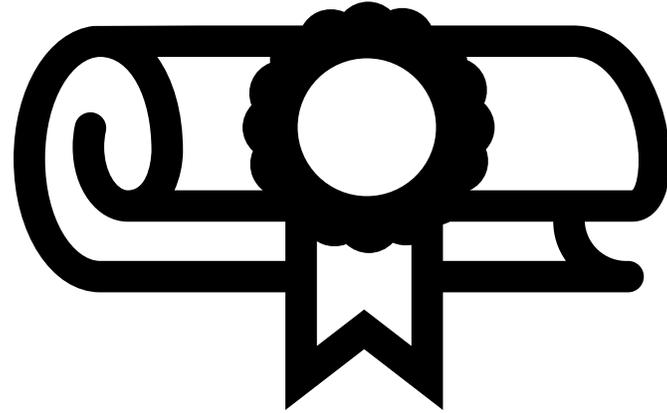
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Ohio Council Virtual Update

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2022 – Adapt and Adjust, then Repeat

- Learning to live with COVID-19
- Resurgence of drug overdose deaths
- Social and political unrest
- Accelerating demand for mental health and substance use services
- The workforce crisis



Issue Number 1



Breaking Point: Ohio's BH Workforce Crisis

- Front-line clinical and medical staff have become hard to find, easy to lose, and costly to replace.
 - Lack of applicants, lack of qualified applicants, and wage stagnation
- The mismatch between behavioral health care need and demand is delaying access to care, threatens continuity of care for patients, and the long-term sustainability of the community BH system.
- Lack of professional value as essential healthcare professionals.
- Pandemic stress – burnout – high caseloads – work/life balance.
- Insufficient Insurance coverage and reimbursement (parity)
- Lack of career ladders and excessive professional licensing

2022 Ohio Council Accomplishments

- 10% membership growth and high member engagement
- “Breaking Point: Ohio’s BH Workforce Crisis” advocacy and media campaign
- Investment of ARPA HCBS funds for COVID related challenges & BH workforce recruitment and retention
- Telehealth legislation and rules
- 9-8-8 and Crisis Continuum Plan
- Medicaid 1115 SUD Waiver, Utilization Review, and Recovery Housing
- Advancing CCBHC and Person-Centered Care
- OhioMHAS Chapter 340 Stakeholder Working Group and advocacy
- OhioRISE policy advocacy and technical assistance
- School-based services and service expansion for youth and families.
- Medicaid OMES and Next Generation Managed Care policy advocacy and technical assistance
- Ohio Parity Coalition: Parity Employer Toolkit, MHIA ombuds program, and rate analysis report
- New Partnerships: Ohio Child & Adolescent Center of Excellence, Prevention, Center of Excellence, and Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation.
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) rule and policy advocacy

What's Ahead...



- Inflation and Recession???
- Use of Remaining COVID Funds and One Ohio Opiate Settlement Funds
- PHE Unwinding
- SFY 2024-2025 Biennial Budget
 - Medicaid Policy and Financing
 - Medicaid Reimbursement
 - 9-8-8 and Crisis Services
 - Insurance Parity
 - Education Funding Reform – Part 2
- Workforce, Workforce, Workforce

2023 Ohio Council Policy Priorities

- **Strengthen the BH Workforce Pipeline**
 - State licensure reforms and address administrative barriers
 - Career development ladders, paid internships, tuition assistance, and career development opportunities
 - Preparing students for community practice
- **Enforce Insurance Parity**
 - Public awareness campaign and ombuds office (MHIA)
 - Strengthen plan compliance reviews and enforcement

2023 Ohio Council Policy Priorities

- **Improve Access to Treatment**
 - Full implementation of Ohio's Next Generation Medicaid Managed Care
 - Medicaid community BH provider rates across the board increase corresponding to medical CPI and targeted rate adjustments to support access to full range of BH services.
 - Develop coverage and issue guidance on expected coverage of behavioral health crisis services by all insurance plans operating in Ohio that cover medical emergency services.
 - 9-8-8 and Crisis Continuum implementation and sustainability
 - Require BH national accreditation to promote high quality care.
- **Create Infrastructure for Integrated Whole Person Care**
 - Enhanced person-centered care coordination and reimbursement
 - Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC)

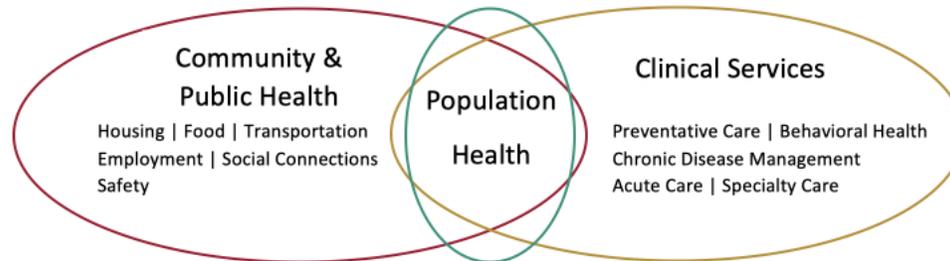
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- **Support Statewide Prevention Efforts**
 - Dedicated investment in prevention
 - Re-establish Student Wellness and Success Funds
 - Direct funding for primary prevention, early intervention, and harm reduction in schools and local communities
- **Recovery Supports Improve Outcomes**
 - Housing – full array of options for MH and SUD Recovery
 - Peer Support expansion
 - Supported Employment
- **BH System Improvements**
 - Align ADAMHS Board practice with contemporary business practices
 - Technology, interoperability, and HIE to support data analytics and outcomes

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