

**MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY
SERVICES BOARD OF LUCAS COUNTY**

Citizen Participation in Planning

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POLICY

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) of Lucas County serves the entire county and as such will intentionally reach out to ensure that the various geographic, demographic, and culturally influenced populations have opportunity to identify special needs, are aware of the resources available to them and have an opportunity to provide input into the MHRSB's planning efforts to allocate resources to serve persons with mental illness and/or addictions who are residents of Lucas County.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Mental Health & Recovery Board of Trustees, Executive Director

PROCEDURE

1. MHRSB will purposefully encourage the appointing authorities (OMHAS & County Commissioners) to make appointments to the MHRSB who are representative of the latest census as to race, ethnicity and gender, and who will represent the diverse interests of Lucas County's underserved populations, behavioral health professionals, consumers, their families and other public agencies.
2. The MHRSB Chair may appoint to its committees members who are not MHRSB members.
3. Convening Committee Chairs may appoint to its sub-committee members who are not MHRSB or committee members.
4. MHRSB will regularly inform the public through its presence on social media sites, the Board's own web site and/or through local media outlets regarding planning efforts or when requesting information and feedback.
5. The MHRSB and Committee Chair(s) will regularly provide opportunity at public meetings for citizens to make observations or recommendations for MHRSB consideration.

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6. As necessary, the MHR SB will commission forums and surveys to ensure its planning processes are informed by input from stakeholders, community members, consumers and their families.
7. The MHR SB will actively solicit feedback from key advocates and organizations that are uniquely positioned to serve Lucas County's underserved populations.

Approved:



Scott A. Sylak, Executive Director

3-15-16
Date