

12. *From the Mayor regarding legislation for One Ohio Funds Memorandum of Understanding with Mental Health Recovery Services Board – Juvenile Court Dedicated Intervention Specialist



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Lima City Council
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Re: One Ohio Funds Memorandum of Understanding with Mental Health Recovery Services Board – Juvenile Court Dedicated Intervention Specialist

Dear Council:

I am writing to inform you that I have authorized legislation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mental Health Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties (MHRSB) to administer programs and services aligned with the OneOhio Recovery Foundation guidelines for the use of opioid settlement funds.

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize the City of Lima's partnership with MHRSB for the administration of opioid settlement-funded services for calendar year 2025. As one of Ohio's premier Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Boards, MHRSB is the central coordinating body—"the HUB"—of our local Recovery-Oriented System of Care. Both the City of Lima and the Allen County Board of Commissioners view MHRSB as a natural and trusted partner in ensuring the responsible and impactful use of these critical funds to support the residents of Lima and Allen County.

Background:

In April 2024, the City of Lima and the Allen County Board of Commissioners partnered with MHRSB to submit applications to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation on behalf of local organizations. The intent was to leverage regional and state-level support while committing local matching funds to projects that address the ongoing opioid crisis. Two of these projects were successfully awarded funding through OneOhio Region 15. One such project is the Juvenile Court Dedicated Intervention Specialist, which MHRSB will administer in partnership with the Allen County Probate and Juvenile Court.

This project will employ a full-time substance abuse interventionist assigned to work out of the ACCESS Center, under the administrative supervision of the Director of Community Control and direct supervision of the Behavioral Health Navigator. The interventionist will facilitate appropriate group interventions specifically designed to address substance abuse issues. In addition, the interventionist will assist youth and families in navigating the range of available community-based programs and services, including those related to court compliance. The program aims to serve/target 375 people in the one-year period.

Funding Breakdown:

OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant: \$33,114.40

Allen County Board of Commissioners: \$21,675.00 in program support and \$2,167.50 in administrative support to MHR SB

City of Lima: \$8,429 in program support and \$843 in administrative support to MHR SB

Total City Contribution: Not to exceed \$9,272.

This funding is intended to support the project on a one-time basis. No ongoing commitment of General Fund resources or future financial support is implied or guaranteed. The City of Lima will not be responsible for sustaining any staff positions or services beyond the grant term.

We are proud to work alongside the Allen County Commissioners and MHR SB to support this effort and will continue seeking collaborative solutions to address and recover from the opioid crisis in our community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further details.

Sincerely,



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