

Recovery to Work – Monthly Update

July 13, 2011

Project Activities:

As of Monday, July 11, 2011, 492 individuals from 39 Board areas have applied to become a part of the Recovery to Work program.

ODADAS, RSC and OACBHA continue to work with local areas to determine the status of the contracts and provide any technical assistance necessary, including onsite support. If you would like to schedule a meeting with ODADAS, RSC, or OACBHA staff in your community, please contact Liz Henrich at ehenrich@oacbha.org or 614-224-1111.

RSC/ODADAS/OACBHA Joint Meeting: Leadership from RSC, ODADAS, and OACBHA met on July 12th to discuss the progress of the Recovery to Work project. At this meeting it was clear that there are still many areas of concern as this project rolls out. During the meeting, the following areas of concern were discussed: billing through MACSIS, supplanting, program development, the evaluation and assessment process, and working together to move this project forward.

Project staff from RSC, ODADAS, and OACBHA will be meeting in late July to discuss issues and concerns related to the Recovery to Work project. It has become abundantly clear that there is still some confusion about this project in the field and inconsistent responses to questions continue to be a problem. To attempt to address these issues, the Directors of RSC, ODADAS, and OACBHA have agreed to bring staff from their respective agencies together to discuss the issues and set clear expectations. At this meeting, the Directors will also discuss the possibility of convening either one large statewide meeting or several regional meetings with project staff from the local projects to continue these discussions and to work to ensure the success of the project.

Toll-Free Hotline: RSC has designated a toll-free hotline for questions related to the ODADAS VRP3 Recovery to Work Project 1-866-895-0058.

Outstanding Concerns:

Timelines: Providers and Boards have mentioned that they are experiencing delays getting individuals through the RSC eligibility and order of selection process. RSC has committed to remaining on top of this issue. If there are specific concerns about a decision or if an eligibility or order of selection decision has not been made within five days of submitting the request to RSC, please let Liz know so that she may follow-up with RSC.

SFY 2012 Notice of Awards: ODADAS will soon be distributing Notices of Award (NOAs) to the Boards for State Fiscal Year 2012. These NOAs will be for the next 12 months of the project. A third and final NOA will be issued next July for the final few months of the project.

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