

CHARTER
OLDER OHIOANS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE
Adopted February 8, 2006

Network Mission

The mission of the Older Ohioans Behavioral Health Network is to be Ohio's statewide coordinating hub on older adults' mental health and substance abuse issues and informational needs.

Steering Committee Membership/Representation

The Steering Committee is comprised of state departments, statewide policy and advocacy organizations, consumers and caregivers, and other entities with vested interest in helping to meet the behavioral health needs of older Ohioans.

Background

With funding from the Ohio Departments of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Aging, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) began planning the Older Ohioans Behavioral Health Policy Institute. The core of the Steering Committee members began as the programmatic steering committee which helped guide the programmatic direction of the Policy Institute held December 6 & 7, 2005. The goals of the Institute were to:

- ✓ Bring together key stakeholders to focus attention to the elder boom in Ohio;
- ✓ Amalgamate details of behavioral health services available and those needed;
- ✓ Offer ideas/recommendations/strategies which will help define priorities for the newly formed Older Ohioans Behavioral Health Network

During the Policy Institute, stakeholders identified successes and barriers to behavioral health services for older adults, and brainstormed about practice and policy changes needed to improve current services for older adults. The Network will serve as the catalyst for the development of a coordinated and systematic approach to help Ohio's growing population of seniors.

Steering Committee Authority

The Steering Committee shall make recommendations on priorities, planning and program implementation of the Older Ohioans Behavioral Health Network.

Directors/CEOs of departments and organizations or their designee(s) are invited to serve as Steering Committee members. Members serve as advisors to the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and its funding entities on the scope, practice and direction of the Older Ohioans Behavioral Health Network.

Estimated Date For Completion

Ongoing – funding anticipated through 2009

Meeting Frequency

Determined by the Steering Committee

Staffing

<i>Facilitator</i>	N/A
<i>Chair/Coordinator</i>	Mary A. Inbody
<i>Timekeeper</i>	Identified at each meeting
<i>Scribe</i>	Assigned OACBHA Staff