Greetings Ohio Behavioral Health Authorities,

The State Opioid Response Grant Team is pleased to announce the dedication of $6 million in funding to screen/assess, diagnose, prescribe, purchase and store medication associated with treatment of opioid use disorder. Funds may also be used to reimburse staff time associated with conducting the activities listed, including transport of offenders to appointments with opiate treatment and other behavioral health providers.

The Behavioral Health Authorities play a critical role in responding to local treatment needs. With this dedicated funding and much like the psychotropic medication reimbursement program, OhioMHAS relies on the Boards to ensure the reimbursement process is feasible and carried out smoothly so that justice involved Ohioans may begin or continue life-changing treatment.

Attached is the communication to jail administrators and information regarding the reimbursement process. If you have questions, please email jailtreatment@mha.ohio.gov.

Thank you for your hard work bringing services to those in our communities who need them most.

All my best,

Ellen Augspurger
Project Director SOR, MAT PDOA and STR
Office of Grants Administration
Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
30 E Broad St., 8th floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-644-8318
Ellen.augspurger@mha.ohio.gov