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TO: Addiction and Mental Health Community stakeholders  
FROM: Director Orman Hall, ODADAS  
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RE: Sequestration – federal block grants

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As many of you are likely aware, the federal government has given guidance to federal agencies regarding their responsibilities for implementing the March 1, 2013 sequester cuts. While no final guidance or technical information has been provided to ODMH or ODADAS, we wanted to make you aware of anticipated cuts. Sequestration affects the major block grants that ODMH and ODADAS receive from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

According to the information the state has received so far, we are anticipating the following cuts:

- Mental Health block grant – 5% cut in the amount of \$668,624
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant – 5% cut in the amount of \$3,463,988
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant – 5% cut in the amount of \$110,250

We have proposed that the state agencies will manage the reduction in the grants listed above for the balance of State Fiscal Year '13 (through June 30, 2013). This will result in the canceling of unobligated balances and planned spending for projects that have not been started, but also means no anticipated impact on current client services.

Since we have not put block grant plans into place for State Fiscal Year '14 (beginning July 1, 2013), we will be able to take any sequestration cuts into account when doing future planning. In so doing, we know that we will need to account for at least one quarter's worth of federal cuts, as well as institute changes to the SAPT grant that puts payments back on a prospective cycle in order to bring added stability and avoid payment delays to the field.

We will convene a public meeting in late April to begin planning for State Fiscal Year '14. The goal will be to establish a common philosophy that transcends both grant planning approaches, as well as to come up with a consistent process for stakeholder input. More information will be available in early April.

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