

RESOLUTION FY 2021-51

AOT Policy

May 24, 2021

Whereas, the Wood County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, desires to adopt a new reserve fund balance policy in place of policy five resolution FY 2016-61.

Whereas, the Boards' Finance and Administration Committee and Executive Committee has proposed policy for the consideration, adoption, and affirmation by the Board.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Additional and Mental Health Services Board that the following policy is adopted and shall be in full force and effect upon approval of this resolution:

PURPOSE:

To treat individuals in the least restrictive environment consistent with their needs, the Mental Health Act of 1988 allows for the commitment to the Wood County ADAMHS Board (Board) of persons who are deemed to be mentally ill and subject to court-ordered hospitalization. The Board's Director of Quality Improvement then determines the least restrictive setting consistent with that person's needs. The Board encourages the use of commitment to an outpatient setting as a means to discharge a patient from the hospital or avoid hospitalizing individuals who need a probate court mandate for treatment to comply with that treatment necessary to allow them to live and function safely in a community setting. Historically, without court-ordered treatment, these individuals have demonstrated that they repeatedly suffer relapses of their mental illness resulting in the need for involuntary hospitalization.

Wood County Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) acts as the legal mechanism for individuals on Outpatient Commitment (OPC). Individuals civilly committed to the ADAMHS Board will be participants of the Wood County AOT Program. The purpose of the Wood County AOT Program is to encourage participants to participate in treatment to remain safe in the community.

POLICY:

Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Chapter 5122 includes OPC. The Board's AOT Monitor, who is the Criminal Justice and Special Projects Manager, will ensure that the following occurs:

- Any person or persons with firsthand knowledge that an individual suffers from a mental illness that is affecting that individual's ability to remain safely in the community can file with the Probate Court an affidavit in a form prescribed in R.C. 5122.111 alleging that such individual is mentally ill subject to court order. The court may then order an evaluation to determine if the individual meets legal criteria for court-ordered outpatient treatment. If the individual meets court-ordered treatment criteria then s/he is civilly committed to the Wood County ADAMHS Board or the agency designated by the ADAMHS Board and follow the same protocols as other Wood County AOT program participants.
- Every individual that is civilly committed to the Wood County ADAMHS Board or the agency designated by the ADAMHS Board is assessed for a least restrictive environment for personal and community safety. The individual may be hospitalized or remain in the community. If the individual is hospitalized, OPC will be considered as part of the continuing assessment after initiation of commitment to a hospital. Upon discharge from the hospital or committed in the community, the individual will be given a date to appear in court.

- An individual on OPC will be closely monitored by a multidisciplinary treatment team that consists of the individual's case manager, therapist, psychiatrist, and other mental health professionals. The treatment team will regularly review the case together and will consult others involved in the individual's treatment.
- If at any point the treatment team determines that the individual no longer meets commitment criteria, the Probate Court will be notified and the case will be terminated. If it is believed that continuing commitment is indicated, an application for continued commitment will be made by the treating psychiatrist. If at the end of commitment, it is believed that continued commitment is no longer warranted, the treatment team will complete a Notice of Expiration form.

Board Members	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Allan Baer			X	
Tonya Camden	X			
Jessica Clements	X			
Leanne Eby	X			
Judy Ennis	X			
Scott Kleiber			X	
Stan Korducki	X			
Frank McLaughlin	X			
Rachel Moore	X			
Leslie Miller	X			
Hallie Nagel			X	
Corey Speweik	X			
Katie Underwood	X			
Cary Wise	X			
Dan Lambert	X			

Leslie Miller motioned to approve this resolution, Leanne Eby seconded. This resolution is adopted by the majority of the Board. Resolution passed.

Dan Lambert
Signed by Board Chair

5/24/2021
Date