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Public Notice

Pursuant to section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed changes to the Ohio Administrative Code rules 5122-29-15 and 5122-29-15.1.

Rule 5122-29-15 is being updated to current terminology and definitions of the service. The Department has observed how the service is utilized since its inception and is updating terminology to be better consistent with the needs of providers and clients.

Rule 5122-29-15.1 is being rewritten entirely and will be filed as a rescind and new rule under the fifty percent rule. The rule is being restructured to provide three different classifications of peer supporter, depending on the individual being certified and the service they wish to provide. The process for certification, including renewal and denial/revocation, has been rewritten to be clearer and more specific.

The public hearing will be held January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 3602 of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 36th Floor. At this hearing, OhioMHAS will accept verbal and written testimony on the rules under consideration. The hearing will also be available through videoconferencing at https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODYwZGZIMTgtYjMzNS00NDJILWlXmMmMtYTU0NDgzZjUyM2Zk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2250f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%223701f5b9-ed3d-428f-8207-c31440e69c0d%22%7d

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the rules may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To obtain copies of these rules, please visit the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Persons may also submit written testimony in lieu of appearing at the public hearing. Written testimony sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written testimony transmitted by email shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Written testimony may be mailed to: Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, c/o Bureau of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3430; or emailed to MH-SOT-rules@mha.ohio.gov.