

Opening Minds through Art (OMA)

**Quarterly Progress Report
to the Ohio Department of Medicaid**

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INTRODUCTION

During this quarter, we spent most of our energy recruiting universities and nursing homes to implement the OMA program. In adherence to the terms of the grant, 12 nursing homes will be recruited and trained in the summer before June 30, 2020. Immediately upon completion of the training, they will receive an art supplies fund in order to begin implementing the OMA program in the fall semester of 2020. All Year 1 funds should be disbursed by June 30, 2020.

However, due to COVID-19 isolation measures, we may have to postpone training until after June 30, 2020, which will require a transfer of funds from Year 1 to Year 2. If necessary, we will reschedule the training for July-August of 2020. We still hope that these nursing homes will begin implementing OMA in the Fall of 2020. These training sessions cannot be conducted online because the trainees need to engage directly with individuals with dementia as part of the hands-on practice necessary to implement the OMA program.

RECRUITMENT

Our active campaign to recruit nursing homes and educational institutions has produced great results. We have identified 11 nursing homes as grantees based on organizational readiness to implement OMA and availability of partnering organizations (universities and high schools) to supply a steady source of volunteers. We hope to identify the 12th nursing home soon, however, our recruitment efforts were halted by COVID-19. Below is the list of recruited nursing homes and their partners.

Nursing Home	City	Partnering School	Department
Bayley Place	Cincinnati	Mount St. Joseph University	Physician Assistant Studies
Diversicare of St. Theresa	Cincinnati	Country Day High School	n/a
Geriatric Center of Mansfield	Mansfield	Ashland University	Nursing
Grande Lake Healthcare Center	St. Marys	St. Marys High School	n/a
Hickory Creek of Athens	The Plains	Ohio University	Medical School
Hill View Health Care Center	Portsmouth	Shawnee State University	Occupational Therapy
Kimes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Athens	Ohio University	Speech Language Pathology
Laurels of Norworth	Worthington	The Ohio State University	Speech Language Pathology

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Ridgewood Manor	Maumee	The University of Toledo	Speech Language Pathology
St. Catherine's Manor of Findlay	Findlay	University of Findlay	Occupational Therapy
The Laurels of Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	Speech Language Pathology

TRAINING

At the time of this report, we are still planning to hold OMA facilitator training sessions on the dates and locations below. The sessions may be postponed should COVID-19 prevent access to these nursing homes.

Date	Location	Training Type
May 26-29, 2020	The Knolls of Oxford, Oxford, OH	3.5 days of fully in-person training
April 27-May 22, 2020	Chapel Hill Community, Canal Fulton, OH	Hybrid combining online training with 1.5 days of in-person practicum in Canal Fulton on June 4-5, 2020

PERSONNEL

Two new staff members joined the OMA team in this quarter.

- **Angela Pontious, M.A.** began her position as OMA’s Associate Director on January 1, 2020. Angela will assist Dr. Lokon in all tasks related to the ODM grant. Her designation in the proposal budget is “OMA Assistant.”
- **Meghan Young, M.G.S.** began her position as a half-time OMA associate on March 1, 2020. Meghan replaces Beth Rohrbaugh who recently left Miami University.