

## **Eliminate Barriers to Agency Collaboration**

- Governor Kasich created the Office of Health Transformation (OHT) to facilitate cross-agency initiatives to modernize Medicaid, streamline health and human services and improve overall health-system performance. Activities associated with this work require coordination of agency data, personnel, funding and other operating resources.
- Currently, Ohio's health and human services policy, spending and administration are split across multiple state agency jurisdictions, which requires agencies that want to collaborate to enter into cumbersome interagency agreements just to share basic data that is needed to make informed decisions and implement program improvements.
- It can take months to fully execute interagency agreements. The time delays, and the requirements of the agreements themselves, hamper the coordination of activities and the flow of information that is vital to transforming Ohio's health and human services programs.
- The MBR will authorize the sharing of data, personnel, funding, and other operating resources among designated state agencies in support of cross-agency collaboration, in accordance with any requirements in federal law.
- Ohio's health and human services agencies will be recognized as a single enterprise for the purpose of initiatives that are authorized and managed by OHT, eliminating the need for interagency agreements and facilitating the seamless and efficient implementation of health transformation activities.
- The MBR authority, called "agencies without walls," is a temporary solution for cross-agency collaboration that expires June 30, 2013. OHT will recommend a more permanent HHS structure in the SFY 2014-2015 biennial budget.