

## VIII. CONCLUSION

State planners have laid out a bold and ambitious Plan for Ohio's legal services delivery system through the year 2007. We expect that each year, as a result of this Plan, Ohio's state justice community will become a more comprehensive and integrated civil legal services delivery system.

While many challenges lie ahead, Ohio has established a solid foundation for successfully delivering legal services and will utilize this Plan to guide the achievement of the goals and activities identified in this Plan. Ohio has the leadership and ability to fully implement this Plan. The Ohio State Planning Steering Committee will have an integral, on-going, and lead role in the success of this Plan. Additionally, the staff and board members of each legal aid society, Ohio's state support center, the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, and the many other stakeholders in the delivery system have the commitment and desire to provide 100% access to essential legal services for low income Ohioans, so as to secure equal justice, both substantive and procedural, for our client community.

This Plan is also a "living" plan. This means that the goals and activities identified in this Plan are subject to change depending on various factors influencing the delivery system. Such factors include funding and resource development, technology, staffing and program capacity, and other procedural and substantive changes in the delivery of legal services in Ohio. These factors may allow Ohio's justice community to exceed the Plan's identified goals and activities. These factors may also cause state planners to re-prioritize or defer implementation of certain activities. We remain committed to the full implementation of this Plan, but realize this may not be practical, prudent, or feasible in the future given certain factors influencing the delivery system.

State planners anticipate the full implementation of this Plan. We also commit to be fully accountable for its implementation. We will offer regular reporting to the larger state justice community and LSC during the four-year period on the progress of the Plan. Regular reporting allows not only for full accountability, but also continuous improvement of the delivery system.

Four years from now our nation and state will be much different. Ohio's delivery system will be much different four years from now, too. Through this State Plan, we expect that this difference will be a more comprehensive and integrated civil legal services delivery system.