



Human Services
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North Dakota Behavioral Health Plan

Updates and Discussion with the Behavioral Health
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Plan Updates

Aim 1 – Strategic Planning

- April dashboard published and available at www.hsri.org/ND-plan
- Reflects consensus scores for progress that we generated together in April
- Proposed updates to the dashboard will be discussed later this morning

Aim 3 – Timely Access to Services

- New brief goal that has been completed: Expand access to healthcare for people receiving residential substance use disorder treatment
- Implemented a program to reimburse residential substance use treatment providers for medical expenses incurred during residential treatment through the SUD voucher program
- New objective in Goal 3.4 to establish a process for transferring behavioral health-related calls to 988 when appropriate

Aim 4 – Services for Adults

- New goal to establish a long-term structured residential option for people with significant mental health and co-occurring substance use-related needs
- Developing a goal to reflect the ongoing and expanding work of the Critical Incident Stress Management program that expands access to services for first responders

Aim 5 – Services for Children and Youth

- New Goal 5.6 Expand partial hospitalization and intensive day treatment services for children and youth
 - One program has been opened, and an RFP has been issued for a second program
- New Goal 5.7 Expand Parent and Caregiver Peer Support across the state
 - Trainings continue to be held throughout the state
 - New positions are being developed in public clinics, starting with the System of Care regions

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Aim 6 – Support for justice-involved people

- New Goal 6.5: Train, certify, employ, and support DOCR residents to provide peer support within DOCR facilities
 - Peer support trainings are now offered within DOCR facilities
- New Goal 6.6 Provide residential substance use treatment for people on probation who are at risk of revocation.
 - Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections center is now serving people and aims to reach full capacity by the end of the year
- **Liaison needed**

Aim 9 – Values-Based Care

- BHD Policy Team has completed the Person-Centered Practices Self-Assessment process and is now working on expanding person-centered training and enhancing person-centered practice in contracting and quality measurement
 - Clinics will engage in the self-assessment process next
- Goal 9.6 has been met with the establishment of a Cultural and Service Barriers to Physical and Mental Health (CSBH) Taskforce to strengthen coordination and accessibility for refugees

Aim 11 – Partnering with Tribal Nations

- New Goal 11.4: Expand capacity for culturally-informed trauma-focused treatment for youth through Project HEAL.
 - Education on historical trauma for child-serving professionals
 - Culturally informed trauma-focused treatment trainings for clinicians

Aim 13 – Data-Driven System Monitoring

- Progress on aligning state data systems
 - Electronic health record system for public clinics has been implemented
 - Data warehouse and data governance work ongoing

Proposed Updates to the Plan Dashboard: Progress Metrics

Thank You.



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