



ND System of Care

Behavioral Health Planning Council Update

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Health & Human Services

HSRI Aim 5

*Enhance and streamline
System of Care for Children
with complex needs and their
Families*

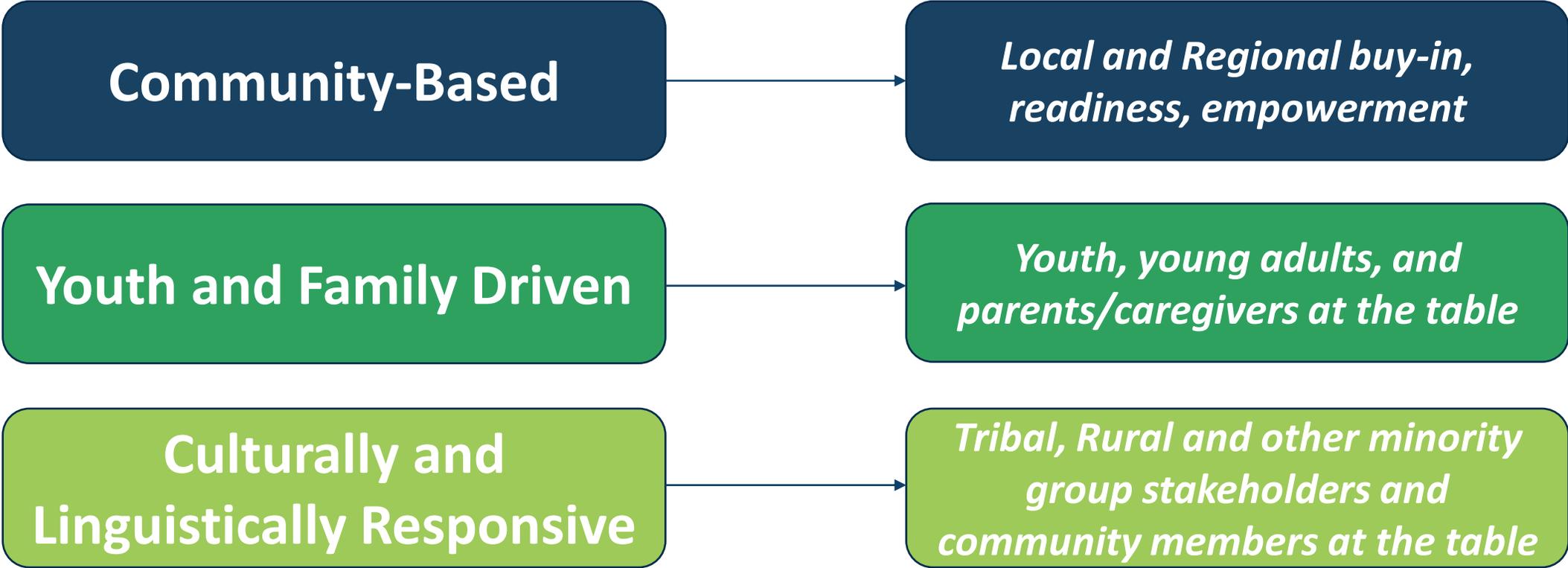


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System of Care Values



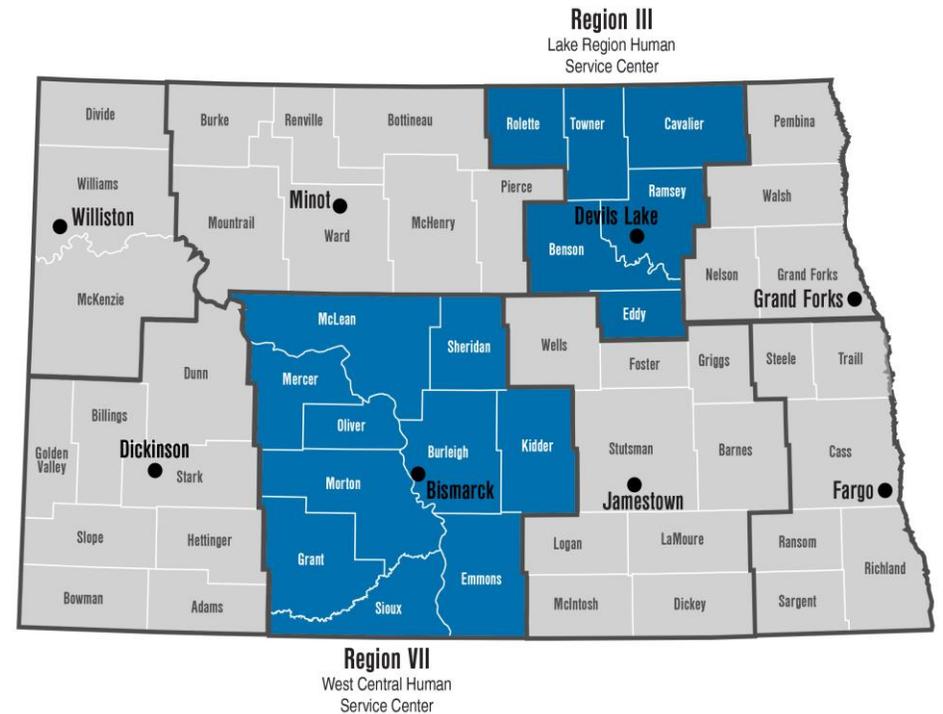
Purpose of Steering Committees

To create a vision for the development of youth and family driven, community-based, and culturally appropriate children's behavioral health services and supports. The steering committee will provide guidance on local strengths, barriers to services, and opportunities for change.

- Provide guidance and prioritize **infrastructure and service implementation** in the region.
- To inform system and governance structures about the **lived experiences** of youth, families, and our child-serving workforce.
- To develop cross-system **partnerships and relationships** that assist in cultivating change.

Goal 5.2 Milestones

- Significant focus on partnership building to identify key stakeholders and generate interest in SOC and serving on the steering committee (HSRI 5.2, 1.1)
- Two regional steering committees convened monthly beginning in April 2023 to present (HSRI 5.2, 1.3)
- Active membership in Year 1 included:
 - Region 7 (Bismarck-Mandan): 15
 - Region 3 (Devils Lake): 18
- Two active members with lived experience, three active members from family run organizations (HSRI 5.2, 1.2)
- Cross-system discussions related to key barriers, community strengths, and opportunities for change. The committees voted on key priorities for SOC implementation.
- Surveyed and used experiential tools to engage members.
- Developed working Mission and Vision statements (Attachment A)
- Expanded membership to better represent lived experience, tribal representation, and other child serving professionals.



Year 1 Membership – Region 7 (Bismarck-Mandan)

Name	Role
Andrea Huschka	Parent with Lived Experience
Mike Yantes	Supervisor, School Social Worker, BPS
Carly Retterrath	Director of Alt. Education, Asst Superintendent, MPS
Ariana Best	WCHSC Clinical Director
Jackie Lelm	WCHSC Youth and Family Team Lead
Cathy Ferderer	Juvenile Court Coordinator
Carlotta McCleary	Executive Director NDFFCMH/ Parent with Lived Experience
Chelsey Flory	Burleigh Co Human Service Zone Director

Name	Role
Leslie Steed	Development Disability Program Manager
Erica Schneider	Dakota Central Human Service Zone Case Manager
Jim Vetter	Vice President of Treatment Services and Government Relations, DBGR
Lorraine Davis	Founder/CEO, NATIVE Inc
Tonya Greywind	Operations Director, Nexus-PATH
Mallary Schaefer	Regional Program Supervisor, The Village
Erica Schneider	Dakota Central Human Service Zone Case Manager

Year 2 Membership – Region 7 (Bismarck-Mandan)

Name	Role
Andrea Huschka	Parent with Lived Experience
Scott Booth	Adult with Lived Experience
Chris Eslinger	Parent with Lived Experience
Rhonda Medicine Crow	Native Connections Coordinator, MHA Nation
Beau Medicine Crow	Opioid Response Coordinator, MHA Nation
Cianna Rabbithead	Psychotherapist, Gerald Tex Fox Justice Center, MHA Nation
Jennifer Barnhardt	School Student Service Coordinator, RenewED, BPS
Ethan Hoepfner	Bismarck High School, School Social Worker
Jesse Krieger	School Board Member/ Previous Special Education
Ariana Best	WCHSC Clinical Director
Jackie Lem	WCHSC Team Lead
Cathy Ferderer	Juvenile Court Officer

Name	Role
Luke McKay	Supervisor, Police Youth Bureau, BPD
Carlotta McCleary	Executive Director, NDFFCMH/ Parent with Lived Experience
Chelsea Flory	Burleigh Co Human Service Zone Director
Barbara Ritter	South Country Human Service Zone Supervisor
Sarah Fricke Olson	Dakota Central Human Service Zone Supervisor
Kate Coughlin	Executive Director, Nexus-PATH
Leslie Steed	Development Disability Program Manager
Lorraine Davis	Founder/CEO, NATIVE Inc
Tim Gienger	Director of Clinical Care, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

Year 1 Membership – Region 3 (Devils Lake)

Name	Role
Heather Wilson	Parent with Lived Experience
Stacy Benz	Four Winds School Principal
Deb Follman	Sweetwater Elementary School Principal
Matt Bakke	Devils Lake Public Schools Superintendent
Rhandi Knutson	Lake Region Special Education Director
Julie Baumgarn	LRHSC Regional Director
Mike Shock	LRHSC Clinical Director
Jenie Sveningson	Juvenile Court Officer
Matthew McCleary	Deputy Director NDFFCMH/ Individual with Lived Experience
Donene Feist	Executive Director, Family Voices
Rhonda Allery	Mountain Lakes Human Service Zone Director
Brittany Hunt	Mountain Lakes Human Service Zone Supervisor

Name	Role
Sadee Ouellette	Mountain Lakes Human Service Zone Family Service Specialist
Charlie Knowlton	Mental Health Provider, Quentin Burdick, Turtle Mountain
Deb Hanson	Behavioral Health Director, Spirit Lake
Lisa Crandall	Developmental Disabilities Program Administrator
Robin Rosendahl	Disability Advocate, Protection and Advocacy
Brenda Bergsrud	Executive Director, AMACHI
Lisa Hawley	Private Mental Health Provider

Year 2 Membership – Region 3 (Devils Lake)

Name	Role
Alexis Davis	Young Adult with Lived Experience
Heather Wilson	Parent with Lived Experience
Donalda Charboneau	Spirit Lake Child Welfare Director
Marissa Goodvoice	Juvenile Intake Officer, Spirit Lake
Jan Birkland	Turtle Mountain Child Welfare Worker
Stacy Benz	Four Winds School Principal
Rhandi Knutson	Lake Region Special Education Director
Julie Baumgarn	LRHSC Regional Director
Mike Shock	LRHSC Clinical Director
Jenie Sveningson	Juvenile Court Officer
David Lundy	Juvenile Corrections Specialist
Matthew McCleary	Deputy Director NFFCMH/ Lived Experience

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Steering Committee - Representation



Successes:

- Increase from two to five individuals with lived experience.
- Increase in tribal professionals and community members.
- Increase in juvenile justice and school stakeholders.

Opportunities:

- At minimum, 25% representation from individuals with lived experience. To work towards 51%.
- Further partnership development with Standing Rock.
- Further partnership with policymakers, healthcare providers, business owners, informal community settings and Champions, etc.

Steering Committee – Key Priorities

Service Areas:

- Crisis and Safe Beds
- Culturally responsive evidence-based practices
- Intensive Care Coordination and High-Fidelity Wraparound
- Earlier intervention for Mild to Moderate
- Youth and Family Engagement, Advocacy, Leadership

A full Continuum



Barriers:

- Lack of shared responsibility
- Workforce shortage
- Silos
- Complex eligibility requirements
- Children with high-risk behaviors not getting into services
- Lack of trust and shared vision/mission
- Cooccurring disorders falling through the cracks

Purpose of Steering Committees

Region 7 (Bismarck-Mandan)

Barriers to access including eligibility criteria, insurance status, and high risk or significant “behaviors”

Workforce shortage, development, and training

Crisis and Safe Bed Services

Lack of shared responsibility for children resulting from a siloed child-serving system

Culturally Responsive EBPs that enhance family engagement and take the “whole family” approach

Region 3 (Devils Lake)

A tiered continuum of service coordination that includes intensive care coordination and Wraparound

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Steering Committee – Challenges and Next Steps

Challenges:

- Developing open, honest, and trusting relationships across systems
- Managing a sense of urgency with anchoring the group in the SOC framework and shared vision and mission
- Local and regional ownership – developing real-time solutions
- Cultivating solutions during brief, 60-90 minute meetings
- Timing of SOC Hiring and Implementation

Next Steps:

- New membership launches in December 2023
- Developing working groups directly connected to grant priorities
- Continuing to cultivate partnerships that lead to steering committee engagement
- Meeting in-person for 2, full-day meetings in 2024



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In Progress

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Steering Committee work interconnected with other HSRI 5.2 Infrastructure goals as well as HSRI 5.3 – *Increase access to high-quality and culturally appropriate services for children and their families in the identified System of Care regions.*



Thank You

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Region 7 Committee

Mission:

Grounded in common principles, the regional steering committee will be open-minded, purposeful, and collaborative in their work to strengthen the regions' system of care for children and youth with behavioral health conditions and their families.

Vision:

Through a sustainable, culturally grounded, and youth and family driven system of care, the regional steering committee will improve outcomes for children and youth with behavioral health conditions and their families.



Region 3 Committee

Mission:

Through commitment and shared accountability, the regional Steering Committee will strengthen and sustain the local system of care for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families.

Vision:

Youth and families in our region are supported to access and engage in a local integrated SOC that is youth and family-driven, responsive, and anchored in collaborative partnerships between the community, providers, and youth and families.

