

Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Partnership

Plan At-A-Glance

Assure Adequate Connections to Services

Identification of need; referrals

School Personnel, Health & Human Service, Other Gate Keepers

- Recognize signs and symptoms
- Comfortably broach the subject
- Effectively refer

Develop Connections

Specialized, comprehensive MH/SA Information, Referral, and Assistance

- Call-in, walk-in, web access
- Brief intervention services
- Creative problem-solving with limited resources

Re-engineer the Crisis and After-Hours Response System

- Hospital-based MH/SA Assessment Center
- Transportation always available
- Immediate or next day placements (not referrals)

Maximize Capacity for Diagnosis, Prescriptions and Treatment

Integrated Care

- Mental health and substance abuse providers on-site and closely collaborating with primary care providers to provide comprehensive, integrated treatment
- Initial focus on the underserved

Increase Psychiatric Capacity

- Psychiatrists
- Mid-Level Providers

Training on State-of-the-Art Treatment

- Primary Care Providers
- MH/SA Professionals

Create and Re-create Essential Services

Combined 24/7 Services Center

- Comprehensive Assessment
- Detox, ATU
- Perhaps Shelter, Observation, Respite
- Cross-trained staff, floating staff to maximize resources

Transitional Services

From Inpatient, Residential or Detention to Independent Living

- Housing
- Treatment
- Supports

Care Coordination for Frequent Users of the response system

- Outreach
- Flexible services

Integrated treatment for people with co-occurring conditions

(mental illness and substance abuse)

- Training
- System changes

Improve Information Sharing

Coordinated Information Sharing Across Collaborating Agencies

- HIPAA compliant

Policy Changes

Coordinated efforts with legislators and policy-makers

- Waivers for needed changes
- Pilot funding for future innovations
- Adequate funding
- Medicaid for substance abuse treatment