

Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse 2007-2010 Objectives

2009 Update

OMHSAS Objectives

- Transform the children's behavioral health system to a system that is family driven and youth guided
- Implementation of services and policies to support recovery and resiliency in the Adult Behavioral Health System
- Assure that behavioral health services and supports recognize and accommodate the unique needs of older adults

Adult Objective

Implementation of services
and policy to support
recovery and resiliency in
the Adult Behavioral Health
System

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Define and expand the range of and financial commitment to consumer-run services, supports and trainers
 - New Freedom Initiative Project - *Complete*
 - Gain baseline understanding of existing consumer-run services, supports and trainers statewide – *Ongoing*
- Develop *Centers of Innovation* around Evidence-based and Promising Practices
 - *Review national models and define the Pennsylvania model - Complete*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Support community re-integration of individuals who have been in state hospitals over 2 years
 - Close at least 2 state hospitals by 2010 by
 - Development and implementation of individual community support plans – *Complete for individuals discharged from Mayview, no other hospital closure pending at this time*
 - Development of community infrastructure– *In Process - Ongoing – In Process*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Implement an integrated system of services and support for co-occurring mental health/drug and alcohol recovery
 - Identify how to increase co-occurring and substance abuse awareness and activities within OMHSAS - *Ongoing*
 - Develop joint licensing standards - *Ongoing*
 - Issue guidelines around D&A confidentiality - *Ongoing*
 - Develop practice standards for co-occurring screening and service provision - *Complete*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Implement the recommendations of the Housing Workgroup
 - *Assure that every county/joinder have develop a housing plan using the OMHSAS Housing Plan template - Complete*
 - Implement and evaluate the Allegheny SSI Supplement Demonstration project and develop plan for statewide implementation– *Complete – In Process*
 - Develop strategies and convert at least \$1 mil in CRR beds to supported housing– *Ongoing – In Process*
 - Policy development regarding use of public mental health funds in Personal Care Boarding Homes– *Completed – In Process*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Implement, monitor and expand peer specialist services
 - Enroll providers statewide, assuring availability of at least 2 programs offering peer specialists in each county/joinder– *Close to meeting goal*
 - Assure availability of peer specialist certification training - *Complete*
 - Assure formalized peer support structures are available for peer specialists - *Ongoing*
 - Develop the capacity for certified peer specialists to serve specific populations – older adults, individuals involved in criminal justice system– *Ongoing – In Process*
 - Work in collaboration with the Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Programs to develop use of certified peer specialists in the drug and alcohol system - *Ongoing*
 - Examine the use of consumer run peer specialist “employment agencies” – *In Process*
 - Identify specific outcome measures for Quality Improvement monitoring – *In Process*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Implement recommendations of the Forensic Workgroup
 - Partner with PMHCA to develop resources to support Certified Peer Specialists in serving individuals in the Criminal Justice system – *In Process*
 - Work with the Governor's Office on cross-systems task group - *Ongoing*
 - Inventory existing community diversion and re-entry services – *Complete/Ongoing*
 - *Support Allegheny county national conference - Complete*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Develop plan for expanding Employment opportunities to support recovery
- Collaborate on the delivery of trauma informed care
 - Work with Hospital Association of PA to eliminate seclusion and restraint in community hospitals– *In Process/Ongoing*
 - Target resources to plan for the expansion of trauma-informed care statewide for individuals, including:
 - Transition age youth, returning veterans, individuals involved with the criminal justice system– *In Process*

Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Restructure the Medicaid State Plan to support recovery and resiliency
 - Review current regulations and revise/develop regulations supporting recovery/resiliency-oriented services– *In Process/ongoing*