

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health
Strategic Planning Priorities: 2014-2016
(As approved by WCMH; 3/19/2014)

Goal 1: Oversee the implementation of the mental health block grant priorities.

Priority #1: increase the access and quality of wraparound services for children and youth through the expansion of the number of counties and/or tribes with Coordinated Service Teams (CST) programs

Committee with primary responsibility: Children and Youth

Other entities involved: Children Come First Advisory Committee (CCFAC).

Related initiatives: Office of Children's Mental Health

Speaker's Task Force bills: Child Psychiatry Access Line, primary care and psychiatry shortage program, telehealth and prior authorization, mobile crisis grants, grants for CIT.

Priority #2: improve access and quality of recovery-oriented mental health and substance abuse services that promote evidence-based practices through increasing the number of people served in psychosocial rehabilitation programs, such as Comprehensive Community Services (CCS), Community Support Programs (CSP), Community Recovery Services (CRS), peer support, and supported employment.

Committees with primary responsibility: Adult Quality; Children and Youth for CCS for kids.

Other entities involved: CCS and peer run respite advisory committees;

Related initiatives: contract with Independent Living Resources for support to recovery centers (strengthen/stabilize funding; establish outcomes and measure them; explore how to support/learn from unfunded sites).

Speaker's Task Force Bills: Expansion of IPS, funds for peer run respite, mobile crisis grants, grants for CIT.

Priority #3: Promote effective and recovery-oriented and evidence-based practices (EBP) for people with mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system through consultation with county systems.

Committee with primary responsibility: Criminal Justice, Children and Youth for juvenile justice.

Other entities involved: Dept. of Corrections

Related initiatives: OARS/DOES, peer support in corrections, trauma informed care, adverse childhood circumstances.

Speaker's Task Force bills: expansion of Treatment Alternative and Diversion program; CIT training;

Priority #4: Reduce Suicide

Committee with primary responsibility:

Other entities involved: Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Steering Committee (Kathryn Bush, Shel Gross, Julianne Dwyer/BPTR).

Related initiatives: state prevention grant, federal Garrett Lee Smith grant. Create new state strategy: present to WCMH.

Speaker's Task Force bills:

Other Activities to Support Implementation of Priority Areas

- Provide input to DHS on factors they should use to allocate mental health block grant funds as federal allocations change.
- Monitor DHS capacity to implement block grant priorities and advocate for additional resources, as needed.

Goal 2: Increase ongoing meaningful peer and family involvement and participation.

- Follow up on outreach to state departments to ensure we continue to have meaningful consumer involvement on relevant committees/councils.
 - ✓ Child Welfare Advisory Committee
 - ✓ Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
 - ✓ DHS
 - ✓ Rehabilitation Council
- Explore additional ways to outreach to consumer and families to promote opportunities for participation on WCMH and its committees.
 - ✓ Department of Public Instruction
 - ✓ NAMI

- ✓ Grassroots Empowerment Project
- ✓ Wisconsin Family Ties
- Create and promote opportunities for consumer and families to be involved in WCMH-related activities that do not require council or committee participation:
 - ✓ Letter-writing
 - ✓ Advocacy
 - ✓ Workgroups or focus groups
- Continue to explore and try to address reimbursement issues that present barriers to consumers and family members who may not be supported by formal organizational relationships.

Goal 3: Build on needs assessment by identifying and developing additional data sources; enhance availability of data for program evaluation; make data more accessible to local governments to ensure they can make informed decisions.

- Provide input to DMHSAS on next steps for needs assessment and outcome/performance measures (dashboard) for monitoring progress on priority areas.
- Receive reports on data sources that can enhance our understanding of services and outcomes for adults and kids with mental health disorders.
 - ✓ Medicaid
 - ✓ Department of Vocational Rehabilitation dashboard
 - ✓ Department of Children and Families dashboard
- Work with DHS/counties/other stakeholders to create a standardized county level report that identifies key information and indicators that can provide a snapshot of county mental health services and outcomes.

Goal 4: Enhance coordination with other state councils.

State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA): The following represent a variety of ways to enhance coordination and collaboration between the two councils. One possible long-term goal would be integration of the two councils.

Filling Council Seats:

1. Fill vacant WCMH seat on SCAODA.
2. Fill vacant SCAODA seat on WCMH, which had been filled by Don Pirozzoli

Committee Collaboration with SCAODA

1. Meetings between WCMH Committees and corresponding SCAODA committees, if applicable.
2. Cross-population of WCMH and SCAODA members on committees of other council.

Topics for future discussion of issues of mutual interest:

1. Limited Consumer Role on SCAODA
2. Trauma Informed Care
3. Needs Assessment
4. Criminal Justice
5. CCS, CST, CSP
6. Health Care Reform
7. Peer Support
8. Gambling

Longer term WCMH/SCAODA Goals:

1. Ongoing combined Executive Committee meetings with SCAODA
2. Investigate opportunities for Federal technical assistance on Council integration.
 - a. What would future council integration look like and be like?

Council on People with Disabilities

Appoint a representative to that council.

Rehabilitation Council

Fill seat previously held by Don Pirozzolli

Child Welfare Advisory Council

Review interim appointment of Phyllis Greenberger and determine whether there is a parent of a child with serious emotional disturbance who could fill this seat.

Goal 5: Identify WCMH Positions with Regard to Other Areas

- Healthcare Reform: Monitor implementation of ACA; monitor to what degree private plans are complying with requirements of state and federal parity laws.
- Stigma: Learn about efforts to address stigma in Wisconsin.
- Consumer rights: continue to identify and respond to threats to consumer rights.
- Address other areas as they are brought to the attention of the WCMH.