

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Highlights and Goals

Mental Health

FY 2012 Highlights

- Funded core treatment services provided by Family Service after closure of their agency through existing and three new funded agencies, redirecting \$1.4 million for services to support McHenry County residents, restoring access to care.
- Updated cultural competency assessment plans and trainings with five funded organizations. Added one contractor for bi-lingual counseling services.
- Completed the development of an initial uniform outcomes reporting process for clinical treatment services to enhance outcome measurement across state funded providers.
- Sponsored consumer training on leadership skills, encouraging youth, consumers, persons in recovery to create more culturally diverse representation on Boards, in leadership roles, and service positions. Provided staff leadership/assistance to Community Partners, L-Mc Veterans/Families project, and the Family CARE Wellness Committee.
- Provided staff/client ratio costs for the Coordination programs reported by MHB and reduced administrative costs to budget.
- Through new contract with Omni Youth Services, supported education and mental health partners in reaching and serving the Latino community.
- Provided public meetings and coordinated efforts among all funded agencies to retain access and psychiatric services within our community with the closure of Family Service.
- Completed work with the State Department of Human Services on a statewide system of care initiative.
- Completed the Facility expansion project, providing access to meeting/training space for the community and creating a Community Resource Center serving consumer and family organizations.

FY 2013 Goals

- Provide leadership within the community promoting transformation and recovery through recognized value and support of family based and consumer organizations.
- Provide and facilitate clerical and/or leadership support to foster coalitions and task groups.
- Support the development of State/National certification to build credibility for peer and parents programs; prioritize the availability of trainings to increase Continuing Education Units that focus on requirements of professional licensure/certification including evidence-based and informed practices.
- Increase training on organizational competencies such as corporate compliance and billing, data collection, logic models and comparative analysis, through online and traditional coursework.
- Develop processes to ease access for users and consumers for external and internal access to MHB information and standardize paperwork/forms across the agencies.
- Measure access and coordination through monitoring of real time data of capacity and waiting times at funded agencies.
- Enhance outcome measurement through the implementation of universal outcomes management process.
- Identify and encourage partners to assist in reaching the Latino community.
- Increases MHB's intergovernmental integration with education and with public health.
- Analyze the capacity viability and sustainability for inpatient psychiatric services within the county including alternatives to hospitalizations.
- Explore options for training youth through collaborative efforts.
- Continue to expand awareness of health/mental health integration and find means of obtaining additional funding for this.
- Continually explore grant opportunities as well as governmental readiness (i.e., 377 Board) to support local programs.