



2017 PACA MH/DS PRIORITIES

Legislative

Promote County Right of First Opportunity and Active Participation in the Establishment of System Reform for Community Intellectual Disability Services (Board Priority) (Tier 1)

Continue to work to Preserve HealthChoices - This is a top priority for maintaining quality Behavioral Health Services at the local level. System improvements and changes will be based on available data.

Action:

- Work closely with CCAP as this is an identified CCAP goal
- Work to educate administration and legislators regarding the crucial need for continued county control of programming and how this local control has created cost savings, efficiencies and allowed supplemental services to be provided
- Leverage working relationship with COMCARE and coordinate with the organization's lobby staff to create and deliver a consistent messaging regarding the "county right of first opportunity" targeted at legislators, administration and other key stakeholders
- Continue to hold annual Legislative Lobby Day with a focus on bringing to the legislators "real life" stories about constituents who are directly impacted by services provided at the county level. Promote member interaction with legislators in their home offices and provide materials for members utilize

For Intellectual Disability Service System

There is a strong desire for the counties to continue to strong be partners in system reform/redesign and subsequent implementation of change. System improvements and modifications will be based on available data and opportunities.

Action:

- ID/DD Strategic Reform Workgroup will continue monitor and influence plans regarding the implementation of the Final Rule and waiver provisions in an effort to address potential impacts on viability of community services and supports (see below).
- Continue to analyze available data to determine need for pilot development and potential expansion of administrative initiatives
- Continue to refine role and responsibilities of Supports Coordination and Administrative Entity Roles with SCO committee
- Continued outreach, communication and active engagement with key stakeholders
- Create program standards for service system (HealthChoices as model)

Monitor and Recommend Improvements to Mental Health Procedures Act and Court Ordered Outpatient (Board and MH Committee Priority) (Tier 1)

This initiative is in response to legislation (state and federal) introduced in an effort to amend the Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA) and/or create an additional administrative structure to establish and implement court ordered assisted outpatient services.

Action:

- Develop and refine as needed (along with CCAP) a comprehensive PACA MH/DS organizational position regarding amending the MHPA.
- Continue to work with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in order to provide training regarding issues around MHPA – goal is to promote best practices and consistency statewide.
- Continue to provide testimony at legislative hearings regarding MHPA and other issues of importance to the mental health system
- Continue to monitor potential legislation

Increase and Preserve Base Funds (Board Priority) (Tier 1)

Action:

The approach for this is to align with CCAP's efforts for legislative advocacy during budget development and negotiations. The justification for the request include:

- Advocate for and educate key stakeholders regarding the importance of adequate base funds and county ability to sustain many vital local services and supports
- Restore funding lost in the 10 percent cut the year in 2012 in addition to frequent mid-year freezes in recent years

- Monitor the inclusion of autism in HCBS waivers implementation and impacts

Administrative

Provider Re-enrollment/PROMISE Revalidation/New Providers (Tier 2)

Action:

- Work collaboratively with OPD to develop comprehensive training curriculum and requirements for new providers and monitoring of existing providers

Resolution of Barriers to Innovation and Integration (Behavioral Health/Physical Health) (Tier 1)

Action:

- Work with DHS as opportunities arise
- Monitor the Implementation of new Community HealthChoices (MLTSS) Program and CCBHC
- Collaborate with COMCARE as opportunities arise

Monitor State's Compliance to Home Community Based Services Final Rule (ID Committee Priority) (Tier 2)

Action:

- Explore pilots with the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) to increase competitive employment - (PACA MH/DS Draft ODP Invitation for County Concept for Pilot/Demonstration Project)
- Continue to promote drawing down of federal OVR funds with base funds to increase competitive employment
- Promote development of approaches to meet individuals' needs for meaningful activity through alternative service and approaches.
- Explore tools to assist in identifying and quantifying natural supports for an individual.
- Examine the role of the counties in supporting providers, consumers and families regarding the revised 6100 Regulations and HCBS waiver amendments. Monitor potential impacts as new guidelines are promulgated.

Monitor Final Rule for IMD Exclusion (Tier 2)

- Advocate for the carve-out of Drug and Alcohol Services

Target Populations

Action:

Continue to strengthen relationships with Department of Corrections (DOC) and county jails and other stakeholders, (in order to better serve individuals with mental illness and intellectual disabilities, co-occurring and dual diagnosed (MH/ID) upon release) (MH Committee and Board Priority) (Tier 1)

Action:

- Work with CCAP to build relationship with state and county corrections including probation and parole in order to identify and meet the needs of newly released inmates
- Continue to advocate for and monitor the implementation of new initiatives regarding "Rapid Restoration of Benefits" (both state and federal) upon release for qualified inmates (from both county and state facilities) with the goal of providing continuity of care
- Work with membership to assess member needs regarding forensic issues at the local level (re: administrative time being allocated to working with corrections officials at the county level). Develop training for membership if needed
- Continue to actively engage with Forensic Interagency Task Force and Subgroup
- MH and HC Committees will continue work on this effort

Promote Options for Individuals with Dual Diagnosis (Mental Illness and Intellectual Disability) (MH/ID Committee Priority w/Board) (Tier 2)

Action:

- Continue to share information with key stakeholders regarding local successes
- Advocate for effective Dual Diagnosis Treatment Teams
- Work to create and secure waiver capacity for individual with dual diagnosis (start-up mechanism or base are options)
- Advocate for acuity based rates (residential)
- Promote high level of cooperation and intervention among stakeholders regarding this population
- Monitor the expansion of eligibility for the ID Waivers to individuals with ASD (without a co-occurring ID Diagnosis)

Identify and Address Concerns for Early Intervention Services and System (Birth to three years of age) (Tier 2)

Action:

- Outreach to coordinators to determine meeting schedule
- Follow up on outcomes of meeting with EI coordinators (Provide opportunity for annual meeting with EI directors)
- Become a venue to address early intervention issues
- Monitor system transition and advocate for training as needed
- Address concerns regarding eligibility, tracking and coordination

Monitor Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) (Tier 1)

- Provide input on system design and implementation once draft regulations are finalized
- Track costs and impacts

Technical Assistance

Support Human Services Block Grant Expansion Block Grant Committee/Board Priority)
(Tier 2)

Action:

- PACA MH/DS will work with and support CCAP efforts regarding the Human Services Block Grant and associated activities. The goal of this effort is improved funding, reporting and information sharing which supports PACA's organizational effort to sustain viable community mental health and developmental services
- Monitor Reporting (Data Elements) in addition to providing training and technical assistance

Organizational Priorities

Maintain Association Financial Viability

Action:

- Identify training opportunities for the membership

Improve Association Communications

Action:

- Work toward the most efficient distribution of electronic communications
- Continue Web-site Development
- Continue ODP "Spotlight"

- Encourage regional reps to do outreach to administrators who are not active within the association

Promote Relationship with CCAP Human Services and COMCARE

Action:

- Continue to work with CCAP and other affiliates as part of an effort to collaborate on mutual concerns and interests