

2011 Mental Hygiene Priority Outcomes Form
Sullivan Co Dept of Community Services (70170)
Plan Year: 2011
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2011 Priority Outcomes

Priority Outcome 1 In Progress
To Provide additional treatment services for County Residents

Establish a dual focus transitional program. Identify providers who are interested in this service need and funding sources.

Enhance an integrated approach in detox, treatment and recovery, aiding in the support of maintained recovery for individuals.

To prepare and enhance the gambling prevention and treatment issues in the County.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 1.1 In Progress

Identify providers interested in providing a dual focus transitional program.

2010 Progress: Discussion have taken place

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Housing; Social Connectedness / Inclusion / Social Support;

Strategy 1.2 In Progress

The Recovery Center has credentialed Gambling Counselors and other trained staff. Additional trainings are being scheduled for staff employed by other treatment providers in the community/county.

2010 Progress: Training has taken place and to be ongoing

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Social Connectedness / Inclusion / Social Support;

Strategy 1.3 In Progress

Discuss methods to provide collaborative care to individuals with co-occurring disorders. Begin with a co-occurring detox, then treatment, then recovery. Begin discussion with Catskill Regional Medical Center and research funding and regulations.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Priority Outcome 2 In Progress
To maintain and enhance Prevention and outreach programs in the County

Increase additional recreational activities targeted toward children.

Maintain gang awareness education within the community.

Currently some evidence based and promising prevention programs are being utilized in our area. The Invisible Children's Program that aides children of parents who live with a mental health diagnosis or a co-occurring disorder is offered by the Mental Health Clinic. Reconnecting Youth and Strengthening families is being offered by the Recovery Center; these programs can be expanded (i.e.: Reconnecting youth - in schools, Strengthening Families - in the community.) Both the Liberty and Monticello Central School Districts offer programs that identify - children risk. At first, all students in need are identified; services are then titrated down until the hardest to serve students are identified. BOCES has implemented a peer education program that focuses on the dangers within certain communities. They have also explored and will be providing information to parents in the community through the Underage Drinking Initiative. BOCES offers evidence-based programs for strengthening families in schools. Project Northland is provided in 8 school districts by 4 Prevention Specialists.

Increase additional full day recreational respite for children during the summer months. Enhance communication and prevention strategies with school districts to lower the drop-out rate of adolescences. There is currently a major concern in school districts regarding the dropout rate, and there is a widely held perception that solutions created to ameliorate this problem is having a limited impact. The dropout rates can be attributed to substance abuse, mental illness, and criminality

Redesign Day services (day habilitation, vocational) in Sullivan County.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 2.1 In Progress

Develop a needs assessment that identifies gaps in services as well as strategies to address the unmet needs. For example, we need to increase accessibility to recreational services.

2010 Progress: Continued coordination with school districts and local provider to make sure that prevention services are available and provided to students in schools and in the community

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Social Connectedness / Inclusion / Social Support; Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 2.2 In Progress

The LGU needs to inquire about the level of interest in formulating a Student Assistance Program (SAP) in each of the local school districts, to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery counseling.

2010 Progress: Discussions and coordination with all prevention providers to be ongoing

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 2.3 In Progress

A sub-committee of our Children and Youth Task Force will be assembled to evaluate current strategies and explore additional strategies to decrease the drop-out rate.

2010 Progress: Discussions with all prevention providers to be coordinated and maintained

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Other - ;

Priority Outcome 3 In Progress
To establish safe and sober housing in the County

The Middletown Division of the Rockland Psychiatric Center will move the State-Operated Community Residence (SOCR) to Sullivan County by September 2011. It is our understanding that this new building will not be finished on the date that was originally projected due to fiscal constraints.

Many of our clients reside in homes that jeopardize their recovery because they are surrounded by other individuals who abuse drugs and alcohol. This issue is especially troublesome to MICA clients. Most of these clients are unable to afford decent housing.

A Community Residence for young people with challenging behaviors will be explored and developed. The Department of Community Services, the Division of Family Services, and the various school systems will develop a strategy to address this problem.

Enhance Residential Services/Programs.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OASAS.
This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OMH.
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 3.1 In Progress

The County will be beginning a dialogue with the Council of Governments and the Division of Planning to access affordable housing. In 2009-2010 RSS will develop additional supported housing beds.

2010 Progress: Due to fiscal constraints additional supported housing beds have not been developed.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 3.2 In Progress

Another priority is Transitional Housing, which will require start-up funding as well as the acquisition of an appropriate sight.

Initiate a discussion with current providers to elicit interest in creating a residence for adolescents 18-21.

2010 Progress: Matter has been discussed at the Sullivan County Housing Task force meetings and some avenues are being discussed and explored.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Priority Outcome 4 In Progress
Enhance services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system

Space restrictions limit the services that can be provided in the current facility. The County is currently working with the Criminal Justice System to develop a Mental Health Connects Court.

We will establish appropriate services for all MR/DD individuals involved in the Criminal Justice System.

We will increase training and use of evidence-based curriculums to treat offenders in the Criminal Justice System.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OASAS.
Target Complete Year: 2013

Strategy 4.1 In Progress

A new jail is on the drawing board and the County is planning strategies to advocate for space requirements to enhance the services to incarcerated clients.

2010 Progress: Construction for the new jail has been placed on hold due to fiscal restraints

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2013
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Criminal Justice;

Strategy 4.2 In Progress

Letters of request and support were submitted for the creation of a Mental Health Treatment Court in 2008. A full Mental Health Court initiative was declined. The county was approved for a Mental Health Court Connects Initiative.

2010 Progress: The Mental Health Court request was denied, however a Mental Health Court Connects initiative was approved. Trainings to be provided to judges, attorneys, a court personnel during the course of this year.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 4.3 In Progress

Sullivan County officials have begun meetings with providers in the MR/DD system to develop appropriate and effective strategies. Each of the parties will be educated regarding the varying levels of criminal justice offenders as well as the services that are currently available to address these issues.

2010 Progress: This initiative will be ongoing. Training was provided to local law enforcement agencies in January 2010 an additional training to be scheduled for this year for individuals who were unable to attend.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 4.4

In Progress

Research will be completed on various evidence-based strategies that will be utilized with sex offenders and other recalcitrant clients. We believe that a joint effort between various Disability agencies will result in the most effective outcomes.

2010 Progress: Evidence based strategies have been researched, there are limited programs that are evidenced based in dealing with sex offenders. Outreach has been done with other programs outside of Sullivan County that provide this service and feedback and suggestions are being obtained.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;

Target Complete Year: 2011

Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No

Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Priority Outcome 5

In Progress

Additional Respite Beds for adults and children

Enhance hospital care and crisis respite services (medical and psychiatric) for consumers who have co-occurring disorders or behavioral challenges. Offer incentives to experienced clinicians who are trained to work with the dually diagnosed population of Sullivan County. Begin conversations with staff members of CRMC to enhance hospital care and crisis respite beds, to provide assistance and continual trainings, and to increase the number of clinicians who are trained to work with the dually-diagnosed clients of Sullivan County.

Development of additional Respite Beds for Adults and Children.

The County will collaborate with Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS) and Mental Health Association of Ulster County (MHA of UC) to develop additional respite beds by 2010.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;

This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OMH.

This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OPWDD.

Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 5.1

In Progress

Address the limited number of clinicians who are well-trained to work with dually diagnosed and multi-diagnosed persons in Sullivan County.

2010 Progress: Sullivan County applied for a Distressed County Designation which was granted in December 2009. Various providers within the county have begun to apply for Distressed County Site Designation - obtaining this designation will allow providers to higher recent college graduates and offer an application for federal loan forgiveness.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;

Target Complete Year: 2011

Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No

Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 5.2

In Progress

Elicit information from interested providers regarding individuals who, in the last two years, might have benefited from respite services. This data can be utilized to establish an appropriate needs assessment. All interested parties will then convene to discuss and established the appropriate services.

2010 Progress: At this tie have not been able to locate interested providers due to fiscal climate

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Service Access (Capacity);

Strategy 5.3 In Progress

The County will collaborate with Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS) and Mental Health Association of Ulster County (MHA of UC) to develop respite beds by 2010.

2010 Progress: Due to some unallocated funding and collaboration between Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS),

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross System Collaboration;

Strategy 5.4 In Progress

Sullivan County Community Services, and Sullivan ARC submitted a proposal to develop 2 planned and 1 crisis children's respite beds and are awaiting a response.

Agencies: OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Social Connectedness / Inclusion / Social Support; Cross System Collaboration;

Priority Outcome 6 In Progress
Additional Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) slots

OMH will authorize five additional HCBS in 2009

Agency: OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 6.1 In Progress

OMH will authorize five additional HCBS in 2009.

2010 Progress: No additional HCBS slots were obtained for this year

Agency: OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Service Access (Capacity);

Priority Outcome 7 In Progress
Enhancement of Services for Children/Adolescents aging out of Residential Care

The services that are currently in place do not adequately address the issue of adolescent who are aging out of appropriate care facilities. A major goal is to assist these individuals by researching evidence-based approaches. Canvass providers who might be interested in applying for additional funding in order that they might increase housing for this population.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2012

Strategy 7.1 In Progress

Establish a system to better assist these individuals by researching some evidence based approaches and inquiring of providers interested in applying for additional funding, licensing, etc to provide housing for this population.

2010 Progress: No progress made at this time

Agencies: OASAS; OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Self-Direction;

Priority Outcome 8 In Progress
Establish a Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response Team for children/adolescents

Sullivan County now has a Mobile Mental Health Team that adequately responds to Adults who are experiencing a mental health crisis. This group of persons has helped numerous people and dramatically reduced the number of hospitalizations in Sullivan County. The County would like to develop this type of service to address the needs of children and adolescents.

Agency: OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 8.1 In Progress

This matter needs to be discussed and researched; funding and training will also be needed.

2010 Progress: Discussion have taken place, and some funding has been located, specifics are currently being discussed and drafted

Agency: OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Service Access (Capacity);

Priority Outcome 9 In Progress
To increase access to child psychiatrist

There is a dearth of child psychiatrists in Sullivan County. All interested parties - parents, schools, county officials, and others - would like to attract other psychiatrists who specialize in the care and treatment of children and adolescents.

Agencies: OMH; OPWDD;
This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OPWDD.
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 9.1 In Progress

County LGU and local providers will look into incentives to draw new graduates to the community and research tele-psychiatry.

2010 Progress: Sullivan County applied for a Distressed County Designation which was granted in December 2009. Various providers within the county have begun to apply for Distressed County Site Designation - obtaining this designation will allow providers to higher recent college graduates and offer an application for federal loan forgiveness. Research is also being obtained and reviewed regarding tele-psychiatry.

Agencies: OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Health & Wellness; Service Access (Capacity);

Priority Outcome 10 In Progress
Enhance Family Support for Siblings

The County will research and develop services to help siblings care for their brothers and sisters. The goal is to provide support to siblings to assist them in coping with the issues associated with brothers and sisters who need services. In addition, we will provide education to siblings who may not understand the issues with which a sibling is struggling. Meet with providers and family members to identify and implement ideas that may be helpful.

Agencies: OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011

Strategy 10.1 In Progress

Siblings need education and support to enhance the recovery of a brother/sister diagnosed with either Mental Health issues and/or MR/DD issues. Discuss with providers and family members some basic ideas that have been helpful and suggestions for enhancement.

2010 Progress: A gaps analysis was started to determine where these services are currently being provided and to determine if enhancement and expansion of services is needed and if so where.

Agencies: OMH; OPWDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Social Connectedness / Inclusion / Social Support;