



Behavioral Health Consortium Mission & Objectives

Vision Statement:

The Behavioral Health Consortium is an advisory body that will assess and outline an integrated plan for action to address prevention, treatment, resilience and recovery of mental health, which includes substance use and co-occurring disorders. The plan for action will include a multi-year strategy, which will be created by the consortium and multiple subcommittees and subgroups working closely. The Consortium calls for a streamlined approach for our numerous public and non-profit bodies, efforts, initiatives, and commissions that are currently in place and will form a more comprehensive and strategic approach to access and delivery of comprehensive high quality care in our State. The 21 members and the multiple stakeholders that create the subcommittees are dedicated to combating addiction, promoting integration of services, developing a strong workforce pipeline, eliminating the stigma of behavioral health, and restoring or maintaining the behavioral health of Delawareans.

Mission Statement:

The Behavioral Health Consortium will foster collaboration amongst individuals, family members, providers, advocates, governmental agencies, first responders and community members to develop measurable solutions that directly and positively impact behavioral health outcomes throughout the State of Delaware.

Proposal Objectives:

1. Develop and coordinate an integrated blueprint for action for the prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders in Delaware to both Governor Carney and the General Assembly by March 1st, 2018. The plan will detail specific short term (1 year), mid-range (2-4 years), and long range (5 years or more) goals for improved outcomes for individuals throughout the lifespan with substance use disorders, behavioral health issues or co-occurring disorders.
2. Provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach that includes diverse stakeholders, multifunctional branches of government (executive, legislative and judicial), the private sector and community stakeholders to work together on solutions to Delaware's behavior health issues that include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Reduce percentage of fatalities caused by overdose and suicide;
 - B. Reduce opioid dependence through prevention, education, treatment and community support systems;



- C. Provide the most appropriate evidence-based treatment options for different mental health conditions, specifically with a focus on data based epidemiology.
- D. Foster systemic change that promotes early identification, diagnoses and holistic integrated treatment, with a trauma centered approach, of persons experiencing mental health, behavioral health and co-occurring disorders.
- E. Select screening tools, accessible to all providers, which will encourage prevention, early identification, brief intervention, and more streamlined accurate referral services.
- F. Strategic growth of the behavioral health provider workforce diffused through our educational, medical, and social services outreach, thus increasing access to services for children and adults across the state.
- G. Raising awareness of the social determinants and risk factors that may lead to specific behavioral health issues within communities, with a focus around trauma informed practice.
- H. Foster public health education for individuals and families, and communities to raise awareness about mental and behavioral health issues, as well as to identify options for prevention, treatment, and support services.

Outcomes:

The Behavioral Health Consortium will provide inclusive statewide engagement over the next twelve months to build recommendations, policy proposals and organizational realignment to streamline the numerous efforts and initiatives and provide an integrated approach to address current outcomes for Delawareans suffering with behavioral health issues. Recommendations and actions steps will focus on systemic issues for improved quality integration and continued evaluation of outcome based improvement across the State.