

Department of Human Services 2009-11 Policy Option Package

Initiative #2: Oregonians have access in their communities to the mental health care and addictions treatment they need.

DHS supports a full continuum of services to allow people to be healthy and live safely in their communities, be productive in employment and education, and develop their own natural supports. This initiative provides the underlying systems and services needed to achieve this goal.

This initiative includes:

◆ Element 2 – 1 (POP 112, 122, 132, 142, 152, 162, 182, 192, 212):

This package will ensure successful operation of the two new state-of-the-art psychiatric treatment facilities that are replacing the aging Oregon State Hospital. It expands community-based “front end” mental health services such as early intervention, crisis, acute care, case management, supported employment/education, jail diversion, housing and more, and “back end” services such as community residential programs to help released state hospital patients as they transition back into the community. Housing ranges from secure residential treatment facilities to independent living.

◆ Element 2 – 2 (POP 242, 252, 262, 272, 282, 292):

Addiction is treatable and recovery is a reality for thousands more Oregonians with strategic investments in community addiction services. Insufficient capacity for treatment services contributes to strained public health and public safety systems, increased foster care placements, limited availability of workers, elevated school drop out rates and more incidence of teen pregnancy. To address the needs for addiction services, the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) facilitated nine regional focus

groups in late 2007 gathering input from diverse stakeholders resulting in the “Addictions Services Investment Strategy” report documenting recommended investments in addiction services.

◆ Element 2 – 3 (POP 312, 322, 332, 342, 352, 362, 372, 382):

This package supports the Governor’s Statewide Wraparound Initiative by improving mental health services supporting Oregon’s children and families. It finances increased access to and the quality of the array of intensive community-based services for children and families by increasing care coordination and partnerships across agencies; creating flexible funding pools for non-traditional services/supports; expanding Oregon’s System of Care; providing intensive services in the child’s natural environment; and telepsychiatry with primary care. A Systems of Care approach will allow children to remain at home, in their schools and with their families while receiving intensive mental health services. It supports the Statewide Wraparound Initiative by developing “mechanisms to create a statewide system of care for children regardless of the agency through which they enter the system.”

◆ Element 2 – 4 (POP 392):

This package helps children and adults with mental illness and substance abuse disorders lead better lives by ensuring their parents/caregivers receive assistance and guidance to aide them in recovery. It funds independent oversight, advocacy and support for children who need intensive mental health services and their parents. It funds peer-delivered recovery and family support services—such as DDA and the Family Navigator Program—carried out through contracts with DRO and NAMI-Oregon, which provides education and training for consumers and their families and develops local affiliate programs to educate and support people in their communities.

◆ Element 2 – 5 (POP 402):

This package will improve the health and safety of Oregonians with mental health and substance use disorders by ensuring that treatment programs use scientifically proven, evidence-based practices (EBP). It provides funds to train clinical supervisors in AMH-funded mental health, addictions and co-occurring prevention and treatment programs to work with their staff to implement and maintain EBP. Clients do better when EBP are used, and this training will improve clinician's skills in delivering these practices. Use of EBP should also help control caseload growth in social services and healthcare systems. Legislation requires that 75 percent of AMH program funding be used to support EBP by 2011.

◆ Element 2 – 6 (POP 412):

This package improves children's health and safety by extending psychiatric services and keeping kids in their homes and schools rather than sending them to institutions to receive specialty services. There are too few child psychiatrists in Oregon, but in this package, consulting psychiatrists would be hired and trained to work with local physicians who often prescribe powerful medications to children, but lack specialty training in child and adolescent brain development and treatment. The children's public mental health system will be improved, including the prescribing of medications. These changes will upgrade the quality of treatment for children.

◆ Element 2 – 7 (POP 202):

This package helps Oregonians recover from mental illness and substance abuse with assistance from their peers in natural community-based settings -- and it enhances their ability to lead more independent lives in communities of their choosing. The package provides funds to establish an AMH Office of Consumer Affairs with two peer leader positions, one for consumers of mental illness services and one for those recovering from substance abuse disorders. An Office of Consumer Affairs outside DHS will improve links between county programs and consumer operated service programs. The Office of Consumer Affairs within AMH will oversee the delivery of peer-led recovery services.