

2010 Mental Hygiene Priority Outcomes Form
Sullivan Co Dept of Community Services (70170)
Plan Year: 2010
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2010 Local Services Plan Guidelines Glossary

2010 Priority Outcomes

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

Establish a dual focus transitional program. Providers who are interested in this service need to be identified and funding sources located.

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

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

2009 Progress: Provider withdrew interest in opening medium treatment facility for adolescents at this time will continue to solicit interest

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010

Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Other; OMH Strategic Goals - Access to Services; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Putting People First
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Strategy 1.1 In Progress

Identify providers interested in providing a dual focus transitional program.

2009 Progress: Have identified providers interested in providing transitional housing program Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS) and Federation for the Homeless

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Housing - Specialized housing (i.e. Accessible housing, sober house, cross agency integrated housing); Social Connectedness/Inclusion/Social Support - Community partnership;

Population:

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; Other Community Based Agencies;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Social Connectedness/Inclusion/Social Support - Community partnership;

Population:

Participants:

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

Increase additional recreational activities targeted toward children.

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 which is offered by the Mental Health Clinic. Reconnecting Youth and Strengthening families are 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 was 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.

2009 Progress: Working with county prevention partners on a monthly basis

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

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

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

Target Complete Year: 2009

Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Other; OMH Strategic Goals - Positive Outcomes for Children, Families and Adults; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Putting People First ;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Social Connectedness/Inclusion/Social Support - Community partnership; Cross Systems Collaboration - Planning;

Population:

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; School Districts/BOCES; Other Community Based Agencies; Families/Friends; OASAS Field Office; OMH Field Office; OMRDD DDSO;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Access to services (i.e. entry points, single point of access);

Population:

Participants: School Districts/BOCES; Other Community Based Agencies;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2011

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

Focus: Other - Other;

Population:

Participants: School Districts/BOCES; Private Sector/ Business Community ; Vocational/Employment Organizations ; Other Community Based Agencies; Families/Friends;

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 2008. It is our understanding that this new building will be finished on the date that was originally projected.

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.

2009 Progress: The SOCR continues to be on hold due to budget needs, but that house has been purchased, Padavan has been approved and the project currently waits for building rehab to be done.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

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: 2009

Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Provider Engagement; OMH Strategic Goals - Care Coordination; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Home of Choice;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Planning;

Population:

Participants: Housing Authorities/Coalitions; Other Community Based Agencies; Advocacy Organizations; OASAS Field Office; OMH Field Office;

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.

2009 Progress: CR for children is on hold due to budget constraints.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2011

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

Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Integrated services/treatment and supports;

Population:

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; School Districts/BOCES; Housing Authorities/Coalitions; Other Community Based Agencies; Advocacy Organizations; OASAS Field Office; OMH Field Office; OMRDD DDSO;

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.

2009 Progress: Have been working with County Probation on a Connect III initiative and local courts on a Mental Health court connection project

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

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

Target Complete Year: 2009

Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Other; OMH Strategic Goals - Care Coordination; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Other;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2011

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

Focus: Criminal Justice - Other ;

Population:

Participants: Legal/Court System/Jails; Other Community Based Agencies;

Strategy 4.2 In Progress

Letters of request and support were submitted for the creation of a Mental Health Treatment Court in 2008. When this project comes to fruition, the County will then develop a Family Court Treatment Program.

2009 Progress: The county's request to develop a Mental Health Court was denied, however it was approved by the state that we develop a Mental Health Connect Court. The MHCC links a liaison to work directly with a couple of courts to target individuals who may have been in the mental health system prior or now are identified as needing mental health. This would provide an evaluation and a recommendation prior to or at arraignment for a referral to divert to treatment as opposed to holding an individual in the jail.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Access to services (i.e. entry points, single point of access); Cross Systems Collaboration - Integrated services/treatment and supports;

Population: Male; Female; All Races / Ethnicities; Persons with Specific Diagnostic Category (e.g. autism, epilepsy, SMI, etc.); Persons in the Criminal/Juvenile Justice System;

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; Legal/Court System/Jails; Other Community Based Agencies;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Training;
Population:
Participants: Legal/Court System/Jails; Other Community Based Agencies; OMRDD DDSO;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Planning;
Population:
Participants: Legal/Court System/Jails; Other Community Based Agencies;

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.

2009 Progress: Discussions with the Hudson Valley DDSO (HVDDSO) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) regarding the use of the CDPC or Binghamton models for 939 units has begun and will continue.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2009
Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Other; OMH Strategic Goals - Access to Services; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Other;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Training;

Population:

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; Hospitals/Medical/Dental; Other Community Based Agencies; OMH Field Office;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Service Capacity/Access - Emergency services (crisis residence, respite beds, respite services, outreach, crisis intervention);

Population:

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; Hospitals/Medical/Dental; Housing Authorities/Coalitions; Other Community Based Agencies;

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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus: Cross Systems Collaboration - Planning;

Population:

Participants: Housing Authorities/Coalitions; Other Community Based Agencies;

Priority Outcome 6

Accomplished

Single Point of Entry (SPOE) Task Force

Assemble a Single Point of Access (SPOA) Task Force that will be centrally located to facilitate the dissemination information regarding the continuum of services, the means to access these services, and assistance and cooperation with the referral process.

2009 Progress: The County Community Services, a group of providers, school personnel, advocacy group, and our local DDSO came together and developed the Developmental Disabilities Resource Network (DDRN).

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2009

Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Other; OMH Strategic Goals - Other; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Other;

Strategy 6.1

Accomplished

The County Local Government Unit (LGU) to inquire about interested parties and assemble interested members to develop the Task Force's purpose, agenda, and etc.

2009 Progress: The County Community Services, local providers, school personnel, advocacy group, and the local DDSO came together and developed the Developmental Disabilities Resource Network. This team of individuals developed a brochure to educate parents, teachers, social workers, and other referents on Developmental Disabilities eligibility process and where to access services. In addition these individuals as well as other providers agreed to attend impromptu meetings to discuss and aide in high need cases when called upon.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH; OMRDD;

Target Complete Year: 2009

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

Focus:

Population:

Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; School Districts/BOCES; Legal/Court System/Jails; Hospitals/Medical/Dental; Vocational/Employment Organizations ; Other Community Based Agencies; Advocacy Organizations; OMRDD DDSO;

Priority Outcome 7 Dropped
Implementation of Child and Family Clinic Plus

In 2008, the County began the training and implementation process of Child and Family Clinic Plus. The next goal is to discuss and resolve the manner in which client information will be reported.

2009 Progress: Due to the current fiscal climate - there is no monies to move forward with this initiative at this time

Agency: OMH;

Target Complete Year: 2009

Framework:

Strategy 7.1 Accomplished

The next goal is to discuss and resolve the manner in which client information will be reported.

Agency: OMH;

Target Complete Year: 2010

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

Focus:

Population:

Participants: School Districts/BOCES; Other Community Based Agencies;

Priority Outcome 8 In Progress
Additional Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) slots

OMH will authorize five additional HCBS in 2009

2009 Progress: 2007 Received additional HCBS slots 2008 Have not received any additional HCBS Slots

Agency: OMH;

Target Complete Year: 2009

Framework: OMH Strategic Goals - Access to Services;

Strategy 8.1 In Progress

OMH will authorize five additional HCBS in 2009.

Agency: OMH;

Target Complete Year: 2009

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

Focus: Service Capacity/Access - Emergency services (crisis residence, respite beds, respite services, outreach, crisis intervention); Service Capacity/Access - Family treatment/support;

Population:

Participants:

Priority Outcome 9 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.

2009 Progress: This is an ongoing initiative - discussion and brainstorming sessions are taking place during sub/planning committee meetings.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2012
Framework: OASAS Strategic Destinations - Other; OMH Strategic Goals - Care Coordination;

Strategy 9.1 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.

Agencies: OASAS; OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Self-Direction - Person-centered planning/Individualized services; Self-Direction - Self-advocacy/Empowerment;
Population:
Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; School Districts/BOCES; Youth Bureau; Legal/Court System/Jails; Housing Authorities/Coalitions; Other Community Based Agencies; Advocacy Organizations;

Priority Outcome 10 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.

2009 Progress: Discussions are being had with Rockland County Psych regarding assigning an individuals to our local Mobil Mental Health Crisi Team to work with youth in crisis.

Agency: OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Framework: OMH Strategic Goals - Access to Services;

Strategy 10.1 In Progress

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

Agency: OMH;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Service Capacity/Access - Emergency services (crisis residence, respite beds, respite services, outreach, crisis intervention); Service Capacity/Access - Family treatment/support;
Population:
Participants: Other Community Based Agencies; Other local participants - Mobile Mental Health, RCPC;

Priority Outcome 11 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.

2009 Progress: Currently working with Department of Health on obtaining a distressed county designation and will be researching possibility of tela- psychiatrist in our area

Agencies: OMH; OMRDD;
This outcome has been selected as a top two priority for OMRDD.
Target Complete Year: 2010
Framework: OMH Strategic Goals - Access to Services; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Other;

Strategy 11.1 In Progress

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

Agencies: OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2011
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Other - Other;
Population:
Participants: School Districts/BOCES; Other Community Based Agencies; Advocacy Organizations;

Priority Outcome 12 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.

2009 Progress: Working with providers regarding sibling support groups

Agencies: OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Framework: OMH Strategic Goals - Positive Outcomes for Children, Families and Adults; OMRDD Strategic Goals - Putting People First ;

Strategy 12.1 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.

Agencies: OMH; OMRDD;
Target Complete Year: 2010
Is this an innovative practice that you would like to share with others?: No
Focus: Social Connectedness/Inclusion/Social Support - Family dynamics and support; Social Connectedness/Inclusion/Social Support - Peer supports and interaction;
Population:
Participants: Department of Social Services/ Child Welfare; School Districts/BOCES; Other Community Based Agencies; Families/Friends; Advocacy Organizations;