

Dual Diagnosis Subcommittee
Florida Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use
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5 Focus Areas:

1. Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Needs
2. Seniors with Mental Health Needs
3. Addiction Receiving Facilities - Supporting Integrated Care and Recovery
4. Children and Adolescents' Integrated Continuum of Behavioral Health Services
5. Treating Complexity through Community-Based Care (ACT)

#1 Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Needs:

- Enhance Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) with Board Certified Behavior Analysts
 - Evaluate current pilot programs in Broward, Hillsborough, Leon, and Orange Counties
- Enhance training for MRT staff to include developmental disabilities
- Evaluate need for programs to address individuals within this population with other comorbidities, for example medical issues and substance use
- Increase availability of supportive housing for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Create stand-alone developmental disability crisis response teams (they will work together with MRTs when an individual has both needs)
- Strengthen connection of MRTs with 988
- Workforce pipeline development

#2 Seniors with Mental Health Needs:

- Increase Education and Outreach to primary care physicians and geriatric care providers
- Increase community collaboration amongst seniors' network of care providers
 - Evaluate Marion MH Team pilot program
- Increase coordination of care following hospitalization, 988 call, crisis response
- Evaluate data and design of Community Paramedicine Teams and other mobile integrated health teams for potential replication
- Address grief and loss

#3 Addiction Receiving Facilities:

- Increase availability of aftercare and care transition services within a collaborative care model
- Fund transportation services for receiving facilities to provide transportation to follow-up services after discharge
- Review utilization of existing addiction receiving facility beds and waitlists prior to making recommendations on increasing beds/facilities
- Evaluate and expand central receiving facilities/systems for “no wrong door” access

#4 Children and Adolescents:

- Increase availability of short-term residential (non-crisis stabilization unit) treatment options
- Increase CAT teams and residential and inpatient programs for youth (recommended in 2023 Commission report)
- Evaluate outcomes and utilization/capacity/wait lists of current SIPP providers
- Ensure use of evidence-based treatment modalities

#5 Treating Complexity:

- Evaluate need for and plausibility of ACT teams specific to seniors with complex mental health and cooccurring needs
- Evaluate current intermediate interventions (between outpatient and ACT levels of care)
- Unified approach and cross-agency collaboration for aging, supportive housing, primary care, mental health, and substance use care providers
- Specialized residential treatment programs for seniors with cooccurring MH and SU needs

Themes

- ❖ Evaluation of existing models
- ❖ Integration and collaboration to meet complex care needs of special populations
- ❖ Enhanced training on the unique needs of special populations
- ❖ Increased access to community-based integrated teams (e.g., ACT, CAT, Community Paramedicine)
- ❖ Enhanced follow-up and support after hospital/inpatient discharge, residential discharge, crisis intervention, and 988 calls
- ❖ Increased housing and housing support services

Recommendations:

- ✓ Evaluate existing models prior to making specific recommendations for expansion or addition of new models (evaluation to include reviewing outcomes, capacity, utilization, and wait lists)
- ✓ Increase communication and collaboration amongst systems of care (medical, developmental, mental, substance use, housing)
- ✓ Invest in housing and housing support services which are integral to the success of individuals and therefore integral to the overall success of the system
- ✓ Increase training focused on meeting the needs of individuals in these 5 focus areas
- ✓ Invest in workforce development pipeline
- ✓ Increase public awareness of 988 and MRTs
- ✓ Increase collaboration between state agencies AHCA, APD, DCF for these focus areas
- ✓ For all future recommendations we must consider geographical differences to ensure community needs are met and expectations are realistic, for example:
 - Needs
 - Resources
 - Workforce
 - County size (area and population)
 - Transportation/Traffic