

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHS)
Report on Unmet Needs and Quality Improvement Initiatives
November 2013

Attached Report:

Statewide Report of Unmet Resource Needs for Fiscal Year 2013 Quarter 4

Population Covered:

- Persons receiving Community Integration (CI), Community Rehabilitation (CRS) and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services
- Class and non-class members

Data Sources:

Enrollment data and RDS (resource data summary) data collected by APS Healthcare, with data fed into and reported from the DHHS EIS data system

Unmet Resource Need Definition

Unmet resource needs are defined by 'Table 1. Response Times and Unmet Resource Needs' found on page 17 of the approved DHHS/OAMHS Adult Mental Health Services Plan of October 13, 2006. Unmet resource needs noted in the tables were found to be 'unmet' at some point within the quarter and may have been met at the time of the report.

Quality Improvement Measures

The Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services is undertaking a series of quality improvement measures to address unmet needs among the covered population for the Consent Decree.

The improvement measures are designed to address both specific and generic unmet needs of consumers using the established array of needs:

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| A. Mental Health Services | H. Financial Security |
| B. Mental Health Crisis Planning | I. Education |
| C. Peer, Recovery and Support | J. Vocational/Employment |
| D. Substance Abuse Services | K. Living Skills |
| E. Housing | L. Transportation |
| F. Health Care | M. Personal Growth/Community |
| G. Legal | |

Ongoing Quality Improvement Initiatives

Crisis Reports. At the directive of the Commissioner, SAMHS revised its Crisis Reports and required individual encounter reporting as of July 1, 2013. All of the prior crisis data variables continued to be reported but now on an individual level. Providers will still report the aggregate number of telephone calls they receive. SAMHS staff worked with the Maine Crisis Network providers to create variables for the crisis screening/assessment reasons for face to face encounters. Meetings were held with providers and technical assistance has been provided by the Data and Quality Management staff.

Identified Need: A,B,D

Critical Incident Reporting. SAMHS has three systems and portals for providers to report on critical incidents involving consumers. These systems and portals are a legacy from the merger of Adult Mental Health Services and the Office of Substance Abuse. A taskforce of quality management, treatment, and intervention staff have met and are developing a new streamlined system for reporting of critical incidents. By September 1st, providers will use a single form and have a single portal for submitting information. Procedures to review and provide feedback to agencies are being developed to ensure consistent messaging.

Identified Need: A,B,D,E,F,G,

SAMHS Website - Reports. During the first week of July, SAMHS started posting APS, Crisis Management, and Waitlist reports on its website. Providers had been notified of this change at the monthly stakeholder calls. In addition, providers were notified by email when the initial reports were posted. The schedule for posting reports is being fine-tuned, but generally reports are posted each Thursday.

Identified Need: A,B,C,D,E,F,I,J,K

SAMHS Website – Redesign. A taskforce has been formed to design and implement a new SAMHS website. SAMHS currently has the legacy websites for Adult Mental Health Services and Office of Substance Abuse. Changes to the website will be incremental based on a schedule that is being developed. Early estimates are that given the resources available it will take 9-12 months for all aspects of the new site to be rolled-out with the first significant changes to be made in September.

Identified Need: A, B, C, D, E, F,G, H, I, J, K, L,M

Agency Score Card. Within 30 days after the submission of the quarterly report to the Court Master, the Data/Quality Manager will meet with the prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery managers to review standards deficiencies noted in the report. The managers will review issues to determine corrective actions. Once the managers meet, an agency score card listing all measures will be sent to field service teams to develop corrective action steps for meeting the standards. The agency score card and corrective actions steps will be sent to SAMHS management, field service teams and will be posted in the Data/Quality Management area of the SAMHS office.

Identified Need: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M

Commissioner's Unmet Needs Workgroup. Commissioner Mayhew has appointed a workgroup to examine the performance and compliance standards under the approved Consent Decree Plan and SAMHS's ability to meet the compliance standards. The workgroup has reviewed data from CY2006 to the present to determine patterns of compliance with the standards. The data have been analyzed and recommendations are being developed to present to Commissioner Mayhew and Director Cousins on levels of compliance and strategies to address unmet needs.
Identified Need: A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M

Contract Performance Measures. SAMHS has instituted contract performance measures for five services areas for FY13 contracts and fourteen services areas for FY14 contracts. Where appropriate, the measures are in alignment with standards under the Consent Decree Plan. In a meeting with the DHHS Office of Quality Management, we agreed on a three year schedule for full implementation of measures; year one will be to validate the measures, year two to establish baselines, year 3 to test full implementation. At that point the measures will be put into Maine Care rule as well as being standardized for all SAMHS provider contracts.
Identified Need: A, B, C, D

Housing Quality Survey. Quality Management staff have undertaken inspections of housing for mental health residents in the state where there are three or fewer beds. The certified reviewers are using a standardized HUD housing form (Housing Quality Survey). In FY14, a questionnaire about consumer satisfaction with housing and services will be included.
Identified Need: A,E,K,M

Community Rehabilitation Services Survey. A face to face survey of clients who receive CRS services was conducted in February 2013. Interviews with 126 consumers were conducted and chart reviews were performed for an additional 10 consumers who were not available to be interviewed. The purpose of the survey was to determine whether residents understood the service delivery parameters of the CRS services as related to linkages to housing services. Seventy-five percent of leases indicated there were no linkages between housing and services however 59% of treatment plans mandated that a linkage be in place. The consumers perceived a seamless/no barriers transition from PNMI funded beds to CRS services. Hence there was no disruption in consumer services and care but did not allow consumers to control the choice over where to reside. All providers and consumers were educated about the separation of services from housing as part of the survey process. A report of the findings was presented to the monthly meeting with the Court Master in March 2013. Plans are in place for this survey to be conducted annually.
Identified Need: E, H, K

Contract Review Initiative. The Data/Quality Management staff are working with field service teams to ensure they have up-to-date, accurate service encounter data when they review progress toward meeting contract goals and establishing benchmarks for new contracts. A set of encounter data variables has been identified and are being tested in FY13. A review of the process will occur in early FY14 to determine which data to include for expansion of this initiative to all SAMHS contractors.
Identified Need: A, B, D, E, I, J, L

Mental Health Rehabilitation/Crisis Service Provider Review. The Mental Health Rehabilitation/ Crisis Service Provider (MHRT/CSP) certification was developed by the crisis providers (Maine Crisis Network) over the past several years in collaboration with DHHS—adult mental health and children's behavioral health and the Muskie School. The MHRT/CSP is now

ready to be implemented with providers. A review team consisting of two representatives from the Maine Crisis Network, two representatives from Children's Behavioral Health and two representatives from SAMHS will work together to conduct reviews at contracted agencies. Muskie staff are overseeing and organizing the review process and will collect the data to generate a summary report. This review has been pushed back to FY14.
Identified Need: B

NIATx Quality Improvement Initiative. NIATx has been deployed in six provider agencies to address wait list and time to assignment issues in provider agencies. SAMHS has contracted with a NIATx trainer who is providing on-site training and technical assistance. The model involves targeted changes using a rapid improvement methodology. A SAMHS central office NIATx team has been formed and has been trained in using the model with employees. The Data/Quality Management Office is addressing the data needs for providers and central office staff to ensure they have the necessary data/quality management tools to measure their successes. It is anticipated that in FY14, the number of agencies using NIATx will be expanded.
Identified Need: A,B

SAMHS Quality Management Plan 2013-2018. A team in the Data and Quality Management division is undertaking the development of a new SAMHS comprehensive quality management plan for 2013-2018. The team members are engaging with division leaders in the four pillars of SAMHS services (prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery) to develop profiles of programs, specific initiatives, evidence based or promising practice services being offered and standardized performance measures. The team is meeting weekly to review information, receive feedback from team members and refine the work with staff within each of the four pillars of SAMHS services. The scope of the final plan will be inclusive of all SAMHS services and the required Consent Decree services will be imbedded within the larger document. Anticipated completion date for the draft is September 2013.
Identified Need: A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M

Wait List Graphs. On a weekly basis, the Data/Management staff update graphs of number of people on wait lists for CI, ACT and DLSS. Also, graphs for time to assignment are produced that provide further information on these three services. Two new reports were developed and distributed as of 7/1/13. The first report is by service, by provider which lists number on waitlist by agency, and the length of time on the waitlist. The second report is a YTD comparison with the prior year for Community Integration services. These reports are sent to management and field service staff to monitor trends in services over the past six months.
Identified Need: A