"A well-functioning behavioral health system attends not only to the intensive needs of children, youth, and adults with serious mental health conditions and substance use disorders but also to the outpatient and community-based service and support needs of individuals, and, critically, to the social and emotional well-being of the majority of the population who have not been diagnosed with a behavioral health condition—especially children, youth, and young adults."
The 250-page report provides more than 65 recommendations in 13 categories.

1. Develop a comprehensive implementation plan
2. Invest in prevention and early intervention
3. Ensure all North Dakotans have timely access to behavioral health services
4. Expand outpatient and community-based service array
5. Enhance and streamline system of care for children and youth
6. Continue to implement/refine criminal justice strategy
7. Engage in targeted efforts to recruit/retain competent behavioral health workforce
8. Expand the use of tele-behavioral health
9. Ensure the system reflects its values of person-centeredness, cultural competence, trauma-informed approaches
10. Encourage and support the efforts of communities to promote high-quality services
11. Partner with tribal nations to increase health equity
12. Diversify and enhance funding for behavioral health
13. Conduct ongoing, system-side data-driven monitoring of needs and access
Strategic Planning Roles and Functions

Behavioral Health Planning Council
Implementation Facilitation

School Districts
Local Health Systems
Tribal Nations
Child Welfare System
Housing Authority

Behavioral Health Workforce Work Group
Physical/BH Integration Work Group
Free through Recovery
Children’s Behavioral Health Task Force

RCORP
Medicaid Tribal Consultation Group

ND Brain Injury Network
Prevention Work Group
1915(i) Work Group
ND Rural Health Learning Collaborative Team
Process for selecting 2019 Strategic Goals

- Public survey
  - Respondents asked to weigh in on the priority of each of 138 strategic goals
  - 570 people took the survey with broad representation across the state
  - Top five highest priority goals were automatically included in the 2019 strategic plan
- Behavioral Health Planning Council nominations
  - Each member nominated one goal based on whether it is: Actionable, Integral, Timely, and Values-driven
- HSRI identified additional goals based on our understanding of systems transformation
Next Steps

- Summer 2019: Finalize full Strategic Plan
  - Objectives, action steps, timelines, responsible entities, and indicators of progress for each goal
- September 2019 and quarterly thereafter: First progress report and goal refinement