North Dakota Behavioral Health Interim Human Services Committee

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Behavioral Health HUMAN SERVICES

Behavioral health

A state of mental/emotional being and/or choices and actions that affect **WELLNESS**.

Preventing and Preventing and treating Promoting Creating healthy treating Supporting substance use overall wellcommunities depression and recovery disorder or being anxiety other addictions

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS HEALTH



Individuals with behavioral health disorders die, on average, about *5 years earlier* than persons without these disorders.



Individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) are now dying 25 years earlier than the general population.

(Druss BG, et al. Understanding Excess Mortality in Persons With Mental Illness: 17-Year Follow Up of a Nationally Representative US Survey. Medical Care 2011; 49(6), 599–604.)

Adult Mental Health

4% Serious mental illness

13% Other mental health condition

83% No diagnosed mental health condition

Sources: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015 and 2016, and U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division Release Date: June 2017.

PAST 30-DAY SUBSTANCE USE AMONG ADULTS



Age 18 and Older; National Survey on Drug Use and Health

ND High School Students reported feeling sad or hopeless



1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017

(almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row so that they stopped doing some usual activities during the last 12 months); Youth Risk Behavior Survey

ND High School Student Suicide



 Seriously considered attempting suicide (within last 12 months)

 Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide (within last 12 months)

Attempted suicide
(within last 12 months)



Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Current Alcohol Use (past 30 days) among North Dakota High School Students



ND High School Students Report First Use of Alcohol Before Age 13 Individuals who start drinking before the age of 15 are **four times** more likely to have an alcohol use disorder (than those who start drinking at the age of 21).



Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Perceived verses Actual binge drinking* behavior in the past 30 days



*Binge Drinking: 5 or more drinks on an occasion or in a row.



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THE ROADNAP BEGINNING TRANSFORMATION

TIMELINE

2014

2016

Behavioral Health Planning Final Report

Schulte Consulting

ND Behavioral Health Assessment: Gaps and Recommendations 2018

ND Behavioral Health System Study

Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)

North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study April 2018

"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."

North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM STUDY TIMELINE



APRIL 2018 BEHAVIORAL HEATLH SYSTEM STUDY

Served as a component of interim legislative committee studies during the 65th Legislative Interim. This report presents the findings from the North Dakota Comprehensive Behavioral Health Systems Analysis, conducted by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division.

The 250-page report provides more than 65 recommendations in 13 categories. This set of recommendations is intentionally broad and far-reaching; it is not expected, nor suggested, that stakeholders in North Dakota endeavor to implement all these recommendations at once.

- 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
- 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
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North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study RECOMMENDATIONS

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For more information about BH in ND visit:

https://www.hsri.org/NDvision-2020

Residential and inpatient expenditures accounted for about 85% of substance use disorder treatment services in FY2017.



Residential, inpatient, and long-term care facility services accounted for a majority of mental health system treatment service expenditures in FY2017.



A high proportion of foster care children and youth admitted in 2016 and 2017 had indicated adverse childhood events.



Source: PATH ND; n=366; Children and youth in the sample endorsed an average of 5.9 ACEs. ²⁰

42% of children removed from their home was because of parent substance abuse.

6296

3996

Removal reasons

Percent of children entering care for each removal reason (note: multiple reasons may be selected for a single child, Federal Fiscal Year 2017)

National

Neglect	
Parent Substance Abuse	
Caretaker Inability to Cope	14%
Physical Abuse	1296
Inadequate Housing	1096
Child Behavior	996
Parent Incarcerated	896
Abandonment	596
Sexual Abuse	496
Child Substance Abuse	396
Child Disability	296
Relinquishment	196
Parent Death	196

North Dakota

Neglect	2296
Parent Substance Abuse	4296
Caretaker Inability to Cope	696
Physical Abuse	896
Inadequate Housing	196
Child Behavior	1696
Parent Incarcerated	796
Abandonment	496
Sexual Abuse	196
Child Substance Abuse	296
Child Disability	096
Relinquishment	096
Parent Death	096
	52

Meet Jessica.



Age 11

Diagnosed with ADHD and history of self injurious behavior.

Behavioral issues in school resulting in several referrals to the school resource officer leading to juvenile court involvement.

A year ago she successfully completed residential treatment.

Recent loss of grandmother and suicidal ideation led to an emergency department visit.

The residential program she participated in before will not accept Jessica back because she "maximized benefit" from their program.

A program out of state will take Jessica but only if she is referred from social services & on ND Medicaid.

Behavioral Health Continuum of Care Model The goal of this model is to ensure there is access to a full range of high quality

services to meet the various needs of North Dakotans.



PROMOTION & PREVENTION



PROMOTION/PREVENTION

 Delivered prior to the onset of a disorder, these interventions are intended to prevent or reduce the risk of developing a behavioral health problem or preventing death.



EARLY INTERVENTION

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 These strategies identify those individuals at risk for or showing the early signs of a disorder with the goal of intervening to prevent progression.



EARLY INTERVENTION

• $\frac{1}{2}$ of all people with mental and/or substance use disorders are diagnosed by age 14 • ³/₄ of people with these conditions are diagnosed by age 24

(2009 Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People: Progress and Institute of Medicine)

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY



http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/sites/default/files/images/windows-opportunity-char-lg.jpg

Intervening during windows of opportunity—**CAN** prevent the disorder from developing.





TREATMENT

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 These clinical services are for people diagnosed with a behavioral health disorder.



RECOVERY

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 These services support individuals' abilities to live meaningful, productive lives in the community.



Return on Investment



WHAT'S NEW ND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES Behavioral Health

Keys to Reforming North Dakota's Behavioral Health System



Support the full Continuum of Care



Increase Community-Based Services



Prevent Criminal Justice Involvement for Individuals with a Behavioral Health Condition

SB 2012 SECTION	PROGRAM/SERVICE	DIVISION BUDGET
1	Substance Use Disorder Voucher (additional dollars to support need, additional capacity [2 FTE], and reduction in age eligibility from 18 to 14; previously SB 2175)	Behavioral Health Division
	Parents Lead	Behavioral Health Division
	Mental Illness Prevention (previously 2028)	Behavioral Health Division
	Recovery home grant program	Behavioral Health Division
	Maintain trauma-informed practices network (funding moved from SB 2291)	Behavioral Health Division
	Suicide prevention transfer from Department of Health	Behavioral Health Division
	Statewide Behavioral Health Crisis Services	Field Services Division
4	Peer Support certification (previously SB 2032)	Behavioral Health Division
5	Community Behavioral Health Program (expansion of Free Through Recovery; previously SB 2029)	Behavioral Health Division
18	IMD, Bed Capacity, and Medicaid waiver (1115) Study	Field Services Division
21	School Behavioral Health Grants (previously 2300)	Behavioral Health Division
22	School Behavioral Health Program	Behavioral Health Division
38	Expansion of Targeted Case Management – youth with SED (previously 2031)	Medical Services
39	Expansion of Targeted Case Management – adults with SMI (previously 2031)	Medical Services
40	Withdrawal management coverage in Medicaid	Medical Services
41	1915i Medicaid State Plan Amendment (adults and youth [previously 2298])	Medical Services
45	Sustain HSRI Behavioral Health Study Implementation support (previously SB 2030)	Behavioral Health Division

Expand access to community-based behavioral health supports through 1915i Medicaid State Plan Amendment

For persons who qualify, services proposed under this 1915i Medicaid State Plan amendment include supports for housing, employment, education, transitions out of homelessness or institutional living, and peer support.

- Housing supports include tenancy support services to help individuals access and maintain stable housing in the community; employment supports include individualized services to assist individuals to obtain and keep competitive employment at or above the minimum wage.
- Educational supports assist persons who want to continue their education or formal training with a goal of achieving skills necessary to obtain employment.
- Transition supports include coverage for goods and services specified in an individual's person-centered plan to address barriers to recovery and to support community integration and may include: security deposits, furniture and transportation.
- **Peer supports** include services delivered by trained and certified individuals who have experience as recipients of behavioral health services and share personal, practical experience, knowledge and first-hand insight to benefit service users.

https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i

Funding these community-based services and supports through Medicaid has the advantage of leveraging existing payor infrastructure while securing over 50% federal match for services.

Other Behavioral Health-Related Bills

House Bill 1100 Licensing Fees

PASSED

- Passed House (13-0-1) (83-7)
- Passed Senate (6-0) (45-0)

50-06-01.7.

The behavioral health division **may establish nonrefundable application fees not to exceed three hundred dollars for administration and enforcement of licensing and certification activities.** The department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. All fees collected under this section must be paid to the behavioral health division and must be used to defray the cost of administering and enforcing licensing and certification activities.

House Bill 1103 Opioid Treatment Medication Units

PASSED

- Passed House (13-0-1) (87-3)
- Passed Senate (6-0-0) (44-0)

50-31-01

"Medication unit" means a facility established as part of, but geographically separate from, an opioid treatment program, from which a licensed practitioner dispenses or administers an opioid treatment medication or collects samples for drug testing or analysis.

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Mobile Methadone Unit (MMU) Medication Unit (MU) SETTING SETTING SETTING Permanent clinic location Permanent clinic location Van or RV able to travel to different geographical Community involved in identifying location Community involved in identifying location Permanent security measures approved by DEA* Permanent security measures approved by DEA* Community involved in identifying location Returns each day to Home OTP location SERVICES PROVIDED SERVICES PROVIDED SERVICES PROVIDED Medication dispensing Medication dispensing Drug screens administration Drug screens administration Medication dispensing Drug screens administration Counseling appointments Counseling appointments Medical appointments with prescriber STATE REGULATIONS (PROPOSED) Case management Certificate of Need STATE REGULATIONS STATE REGULATIONS Federal requirements completed Not currently allowed Home site holds Substance Use Disorder Treatment Certificate of Need Program license Federal requirements completed Home site holds OTP license Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program license Medication Unit license FEDERAL REGULATIONS OTP license FEDERAL REGULATIONS FEDERAL REGULATIONS Moratorium in place for future MMU **DEA*** Registration DEA* working to develop regulations Home site holds SAMHSA** Certification **DEA*** Registration Home site holds accreditation SAMHSA** Certification Accreditation Requested in HB 1103 HOME BASED SETTING FOR Medication Unit (MU) Mobile Methadone Unit (MMU) department o NDCC 50-31 a Enforcement Administratio

tance Abuse and Mental Health Services Adminstratio

Options for Providing Methadone Treatment for Individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder

House Bill 1105 Voluntary Treatment Program and SUD Voucher

PASSED

- Passed House (12-0-2) (87-1)
- Passed Senate (6-0) (45-0)

50-06-06.13.

...The department may establish a program to prevent outof-home placement for a Medicaid eligible child with a behavior health condition as defined in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", American psychiatric association, fifth edition, text revision (2013).

50-06-42.

...assist in the payment of addiction treatment services provided by **private** licensed substance abuse treatment programs, excluding regional human service centers, and hospital-or medical clinic-based programs for medical management of withdrawal.

Senate Bill 2114 Minor In Possession Education

PASSED

- Passed Senate (6-0) (47-0)
- Passed House (9-4-1) (77-12)
 - Amended "shall" to "may"
- Conference Committee 4-16-2019
 Passed 5-1 with "shall"
- Passed House (78-12)

5-01-08

A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor. For a violation of subsection **1 or** 2, the court also **shall** sentence a violator to an evidencebased alcohol and drug education program operated under rules adopted by the department of human services under section 50-06-44.

Senate Bill 2240 References to Substance Use Disorders

PASSED

- Passed Senate (6-0) (47-0)
- Passed House (12-2-0) (72-18)

Removes "habitual drunkard"

Senate Bill 2246 Public Intoxication

PASSED

- Passed Senate (6-0) (47-0)
- Passed House (11-0-3) (91-0)

As used in this section "intoxicated" means a state in which an individual is under the influence of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or controlled substances, or a combination of alcoholic beverages, drugs, and controlled substances.

5-01-05.1

Senate Bill 2149 Behavioral Health Resource Coordinators

PASSED

- Passed Senate (7-0) (44-3)
- Passed House (14-0) (86-4)

15.1-07-34 Youth behavioral health training to teachers, administrators, and ancillary staff.

...Each school within a district shall designate an individual as a behavioral health resource coordinator.

...The superintendent of public instruction shall maintain the contact information of the behavioral health resource coordinator in each school.

Senate Bill 2313 Children's System of Services and Cabinet

50-06-05.1

To develop a system of services and supports to provide behavioral health services and supports in the community for children at risk of or identified as having a behavioral health condition and for the families of these children.

To provide resources on mental health awareness and suicide prevention to the behavioral health resource coordinator at each school. The resources must include information on identifying warning signs, risk factors, and the availability of resources in the community.

PASSED

- Passed Senate (5-0-1) (44-0)
- Passed House (14-0) (81-9)

Senate Bill 2313 Children's System of Services and Cabinet

50-06

Children's cabinet - The children's cabinet is created to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children across the state's branches of government and the tribal nations.

• Passed Senate (5-0-1) (44-0)

PASSED

• Passed House (14-0) (81-9)

50-06

Commission on Juvenile Justice – will review chapter 27-20; gather information concerning issues of child welfare, including education, abuse and neglect; Receive reports and testimony in furtherance of the commission's duties; Advise effective intervention, resources, and services for children; Report to and be subject to the oversight of the children's cabinet; and Annually submit to the governor and the legislative management a report with the commission's findings and recommendations which may include a legislative strategy to implement the recommendations.

ND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHKEYS FOR TRANSFORMATIONChildren & Families



Ensure availability and access to a broad, flexible array of effective, communitybased services and supports for children and their families that address their emotional, social, educational, and physical needs, including traditional and nontraditional services as well as natural and informal supports.

TWO DIFFERENT SYSTEMS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & EDUCATION

LANGUAGE MATTERS

EDUCATION

Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Continuum of Care

Behavioral Health



Special Education

Special Education

Behavioral Health Need



WHO DECIDES THE WHY?

Behavioral Health Professionals

Special Education Professionals

NORTH DAKOTA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH conference

SAVE THE DATE November 13-15, 2019 Bismarck Event Center

More information coming soon!

Thank You

Questions?



OVERVIEW Behavioral Health Division

The Behavioral Health Division is a policy division, with responsibilities outlined in NDCC 50-06-01.4



Reviewing and identifying service needs and activities in the state's behavioral health system in an effort to:

- ensure health and safety,
- · access to services, and
- quality services.



Establishing quality assurance standards for the licensure of substance use disorder program services and facilities 3

Providing policy leadership in partnership with public and private entities

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROMOTION



Community and Tribal Efforts

Training and Technical Assistance (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant)

Youth Tobacco Enforcement (Synar)

Early Intervention (MIP/DUI)

Parents Lead

Statewide Campaigns (Stop Overdose, Lock. Monitor. Take Back, Speak Volumes)

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



Adolescent Residential Treatment (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant)

Regulation of Youth Residential Psychiatric Facilities (PRTF)

Prevention of Out-of-Home Placement for Children (Voluntary Treatment Program [VTP])

Behavioral Health and Education (Children's Prevention and Early Intervention School Behavioral Health Pilot)

Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance Programs (Mental Health Block Grant)

Systems for Individuals with a First Episode of Psychosis (Mental Health Block Grant)

ADDICTION PROGRAM AND POLICY



Peer Support

Free Through Recovery

Military and Behavioral Health

Pregnant and Parenting Women Treatment Programming (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant)

Tribal Treatment and Recovery Supports (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant)

Medication Assisted Treatment (Opioid Treatment Programs)

Withdrawal Management

Recovery Supports

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher Payment System

Regulation of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND POLICY



Adult Mental Health Programs (Mental Health Block Grant)

Peer Support

Free Through Recovery

Military and Behavioral Health

Mental Illness and Homelessness (PATH Grant)

Brain Injury Programs

Problem Gambling Programs

Disaster Crisis Counseling

KEY INITIATIVES Behavioral Health





Behavioral Health

HUMAN SERVICES





Call the Suicide Prevention LIFELINE anytime 1.800.273.TALK (8255)



https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/prevention/suicide

Substance Abuse Prevention Community Funding Distribution

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION



North Dakota Behavioral Health awards over \$3 million to local public health units and tribes across the state to support community-level efforts addressing underage drinking, adult binge drinking prevention and efforts addressing opioid misuse and opioid use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery (through August 2020).

State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant

North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division awarded \$4,000,000 for year 1 and \$4,000,000 for year 2. *(an additional \$2,000,000 was awarded May 2019)*

YEAR 1: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 YEAR 2: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Goals:



Prevent opioid overdoserelated deaths



Increase access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT)



Increase capacity of recovery support services to support individuals with an OUD


State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Efforts



- 1. Bismarck Burleigh Public Health
- 2. Cavalier County Health District
- 3. Central Valley Health District
- 4. City County Health District
- 5. Custer Health District
- 6. Dickey County Health District
- 7. Emmons County Public Health
- 8. Fargo Cass Public Health
- First District Public Health Unit
 Foster County Health Unit
 Grand Forks Public Health Unit
 Lake Region District Health Unit
 LaMoure County Public Health Department
 Nelson-Griggs District Health Unit
 Ransom County Public Health Department
 Richland County Public Health Unit
- Rolette County District Health Unit
 Sargent County District Health
- 19. Southwestern District Health Unit
- 20. Towner County Public Health District
- 21. Traill District Health Unit
- Prain District Health Unit
 Upper Missouri District Health Unit
 Walsh County Health Department
- 24. Wells County Public Health









Opioid and Naloxone Education



University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences



With the passage of Senate Bill 2048 during the 64th Legislative Session the Department of Human Services (DHS) was appropriated funding to administer a voucher system to pay for substance use disorder treatment services. The Department's Behavioral Health Division was assigned the responsibility to develop administrative rules and implement the voucher system.

The SUD Voucher program was established to address barriers to treatment and increase the ability of people to access treatment and services for substance use disorders.

GOAL ONE Allow individual to choose provider

dividual to choose provider

Objective 1.1 Increase number of providers and service options.

Service options are communicated to

Improve access to quality services Objective 1.1 SUD Voucher providers provide evidence-based services based on individual need.

Objective 1.2 Reduce financial barriers for individuals accessing needed services.

FUNDING

Objective 1.2

individuals.

2015-2017 Biennium: \$750,000 allocated from general fund for the SUD Voucher: However, this was reduced to \$375,000 as part of the allotment. The Voucher Program was launched in July 2016 and guidance was provided to all treatment programs. Expenditures from July 2016 through June 30, 2017 totaled \$252,294.

2017-2019 Biennium: Approximately \$5 million allocated for the SUD Voucher. Expenditures from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 total \$3.9 million.

IMPLEMENTATION

GOAL TWO

As of December 2018, 14 providers have been approved and two providers are in process of becoming approved. The Division receives an average of 94 voucher

applications and 138 authorization requests for new services per month. Since inception of the SUD Voucher Program (July

2016), 1,782 individuals have been approved for services.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher

- Individuals Served as of October 31, 2019:
- Total of individuals served since inception: 3,892
 - Of the 3,892 336 people serviced more than 1 time
- This biennium, 660 new individuals received the voucher
- •
- \$7,997,294 allocated for biennium
- Total expended through October 31, 2019: \$1,696,790
- 22 providers (all regions of the state included)

PARENTS LEAD





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Corrections and Rehabilitation



Be Legendary.™

Behavioral Health

HUMAN SERVICES

FREE THROUGH Recovery



North Dakota's jail and prison populations are experiencing some of the largest rates of growth in the country



*The 2006–2013 timeframe is the most recent data available for national data comparisons on jail populations.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Census of Jails: Population Changes, 1999–2013 (Washington DC: BJA, 2015). Excludes the unified jail and prison systems in Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, Hawaii, and Vermont. BJS, "Correctional Statistical Analysis Tool (2005–2014)," retrieved on January 21, 2016, from http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=nps.



The state's correctional system is at capacity and is forecasted to grow significantly over the next decade

DOCR Historical and Projected One-Day Inmate Counts, 2005–2025



DOCR one-day inmate population snapshots for 2005–2007 are as of January 1 of each fiscal year. DOCR one-day inmate population snapshots for 2008–2015 and one-day inmate population projections for 2016–2025 are as of the last day of each fiscal year (June 30). Source: Email correspondence between CSG Justice Center and DOCR, 2015 and 2016.



Without action, public safety dollars will be consumed trying to keep up with growth rather than investing in crime and recidivism-reduction strategies

General Fund Corrections Appropriations (in millions), FY2007–2017



Corrections Spending Increase, FY07–09 to FY15–17



The FY2009–11 state budget provided **\$64 million** (\$22.5 million from the General Fund) for construction and renovation at the North Dakota State Penitentiary.

DOCR also receives special funding allocations.

*Budgeted, not spent for 2016 and 2017.

Biennial budgets run on a two-year cycle. Budget information cited here is from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005 and the most recent running from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. Source: DOCR, Biennial Report 2003–2005. (Bismarck: DOCR, 2005); DOCR, Biennial Report 2013–2015. Actual General Fund appropriations were \$83,458,031 for 2005 and \$178,475,785 for 2015.

A majority of judges have sentenced individuals to prison in order to connect them with mental health or alcohol and drug programming

Have you ever sentenced someone to prison in order to connect him/her with needed mental health, alcohol or drug addiction programming, or other treatment even when he/she is not considered high risk?



Judges noted that these sentences are reserved for specific instances with extenuating circumstances, such as:

- Inadequate services in the local area
- Community-based drug or alcohol treatment programs have failed or been exhausted
- Defendant has no ability to pay for treatment

Probation and parole officers reported an acute need for substance use services in the community



A majority of POs observed wait times of at least three weeks to access all forms of community treatment



State Criminal Justice System Growth



JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS:

• DATA SOURCES INDICATED A VERY HIGH PREVALENCE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH IN NORTH DAKOTA, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL TRENDS.



Behavioral Health System Analysis - Common Themes:

- JUDGES ARE SENTENCING INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS FOR LOW-LEVEL CRIMES TO PROVIDE THEM ACCESS TO TREATMENT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCESS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
- INDIVIDUALS WITH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT EXPERIENCE MULTIPLE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SERVICES.
- COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT PROVIDERS ARE RESISTANT TO SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE HISTORIES.
- THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES IS HIGH AMONG THE RE-ENTRY POPULATION.

In 2017, Senate Bill 2015 created a new community behavioral health program for people involved in the criminal justice system.

The bill established a \$7M investment in behavioral health services for people in the criminal justice system to improve public safety and public health outcomes.



Shared Values: (Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health)



Best Practice

Assess Offender Risk and Need Levels using Actuarial Tools

Target Interventions

Provide Skills Training for Staff and Monitor their Delivery of Services



Data-Driven

11.

Measure Relevant Practices and Processes



Person-Centered

Enhance Offender Motivation



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Recovery-Oriented

Engage Ongoing Support in the Community

Transparent

Provide Measurement Feedback

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Trauma-Informed

Trauma-Informed Care

THE MISSION OF FREE THROUGH **RECOVERY IS TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES LINKED WITH EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY** SUPERVISION.

FREETHROUGH Recovery

Key Principles:

- Recidivism is reduced by attending to criminogenic risk and need.
- Recovery from substance use and mental health disorders is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self- directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.



Individual	Business	Community
Provides care coordination – individualized care plan	Support private providers by providing another revenue source	Flexibility to address community specific needs
Provides recovery support services	Performance-based pay Non-traditional behavioral health providers	Community organizations working together to collaborate (fill services gaps) and avoid duplication
Connections to clinical support services like addiction or mental health counseling or treatment	Once providers exist, there will be infrastructure to expand services to individuals not in the criminal justice system Providers can meet cultural and spiritual needs	Rural areas can participate through existing non-traditional providers State-local partnerships to address regional-specific needs

Care Coordination

Includes an ongoing source of prosocial connection, helping participants access treatment and recovery support services, and creatively addressing barriers to individual success. It also includes the provision of assessment, care planning, referrals, and monitoring collaboration with clinical services and probation and parole.

Recovery Services

Includes access to nourishment assistance programs, supportive housing, educational opportunities, meaningful employment, leisure activities and wellness, family and community social supports, parenting education, spiritual engagement, and any other individualized resources the person needs to help participants lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

Peer Support

A supportive relationship with peers who have similar lived experience and who serves as an advocate and mentor, offering sound advice and resources.

WHAT IS PEER SUPPORT?

Peer support has existed in the behavioral health field for decades; however, its rapid growth in recent years in due to the increasing evidence supporting its effectiveness. A Peer Support Specialist is a person who uses his or her lived experience of recovery from mental illness and/or addiction, plus skills learned in formal training, to deliver services in behavioral health settings to promote mind-body recovery and resiliency.

The growing evidence base for the effectiveness of peer support services-both in terms of quality of life, outcomes for individuals and in terms of cost savings to counties and states due to reductions in rates of hospitalization-these efforts have the potential to make significant improvements to the system.

Peer support certification has potential to address Human Services Research Institute Behavioral Health System Study recommendations #3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

PEER SUPPORT SERVICES



• Specialists with similar first-hand, lived experience as the individuals they are serving. Peer Specialists use their experience to support others in their recovery.

WHAT ARE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS?

Peer support specialists use their experience to:

🕀 Establish positive rapport.

Serve as a pro-social model.

Offer insight to the individual's care team.

Provide support focused on advocacy, coaching, and mentoring.



81% of trained peer support specialists are located in a rural community.

Pay for Performance Model

• Providers are paid a monthly base rate for each participant with the opportunity to receive performance pay if the participant meets at least 3 out of 4 monthly outcomes.



Outcome Monitoring





Stable Housing

Is the person living in a residence that is supportive of their recovery?

• Examples: Independent housing, living with supportive family/friend, halfway house, etc.

Stable Employment

Is the person actively seeking or participating in employment?

• Examples: Retired, homemaker, receives SSDI, involved in education, attending behavioral health treatment

Outcome Monitoring





Recovery

Is the participant demonstrating effort to reduce their substance use or the harm associated with their use and/or improve their mental health functioning.

Criminal Justice Involvement

Did the participant avoid law enforcement involvement resulting in arrest, criminal charge, or probation violation resulting in initiation of revocation?

FREE THROUGH RECOVERY

18 Months of Implementation

What does the data tell us?

FREE THROUGH RECOVERY launched on February 1, 2018. In the first 19 months, 1845 individuals have participated.

FREE THROUGH RECOVERY PROVIDERS

There are currently 48 Free Through Recovery Providers located throughout the state with the capacity to serve over 1,500 participants.



Monthly Census (active participants), Discharges and Denials

There has been a total of 934 discharges from Free Through Recovery. The majority of individuals declined or stopped participating (35%), followed by those who had no contact with their care coordinator or absconded (24%). 33 individuals were identified as not eligible.



Behavioral Health Needs



Co-Ocurring - 46% Substance Use - 43% Mental Health - 11%

Of the 1,039 current participants:

- 46% of participants have a co-occurring (mental health and substance use) behavioral health need.
- 59% of participants are male.
- Half of the participants (53%) are between the ages of 31-50 and a third (35%) of the individuals are between the ages of 18-30.
- The majority (66%) of participants are white. 24% of participants are Native American.
- 74% of participants have a moderate-high or high risk of committing new crimes (LSI-R score of 30 or above).
- The majority of current participants in the program come from the Fargo area (37%), followed by Bismarck (29%).

Risk Level of Referrals



OUTCOMES

Free Through Recovery Providers are reimbursed with a pay for performance model. In addition to monthly base pay, providers can receive performance pay if participants meet at least 3 of 4 outcome metrics (Housing, Employment, Recovery, and Involvement with Law Enforcement).

March 2019 - August 2019 Outcomes



Met 3 or 4 outcomes - **67%** Met < 3 outcomes- **33%** Positive outcomes were achieved by:

- 64% of the participants in the law enforcement domain
- 66% of the participants in the housing domain
- 61% of the participants in the employment domain
- 61% of the participants in the recovery domain



Thank You

Questions?

