**LEGISLATIVE IMPACT SURVEY – FY 2012**

**Purpose of the research:** To identify needs and gaps in the delivery of behavioral health services to Region II. Follow up research to Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Legislative Impact Survey

**Participants:** County Prosecutors; Law Enforcement; Private Behavioral Health Providers; County Health and Welfare Directors; Region II – Director of Health and Welfare; School Counselors, School Social Workers, School Psychologists; and Hospitals.

* Total Surveys completed - 28

**Increasing number of individual requiring behavioral health services**

* Region II – Health and Welfare
  + Crisis Response – Children
    - FY 2010 -- 35 incidents
    - FY 2011 – 28 incidents
    - FY2012 – 38 incidents
  + Crisis Response - Adults
    - FY 2010 – 265 incidents
    - FY 2011 – 274 incidents
    - FY 2012 – 340 incidents
  + Hospitalizations – Mental Health Holds
    - FY 2010 – 25 days
    - FY 2011- 47 days
    - FY 2012 - 105 days
  + Cost of Hospitalizations
    - FY 2010 – $27,175
    - FY 2011 – $53,295
    - FY 2012-- $112,700
  + Clients with Substance Abuse Disorders
    - FY 2010 – 585 individuals
    - FY 2011 – 903 individuals
    - FY 2012 -- 958 individual
* County Prosecutors
  + Number of defendants with mental health and/or substance abuse involvement
    - Increasing over last three years in 3 jurisdictions
    - 15-30% of defendants have mental health issues
    - 30-80% of defendants have substance abuse issues
    - These cases require more time, money and resources
    - Individuals more likely to be incarcerated
  + Resources
    - Increasingly fewer options and fewer volunteers since 2009
    - Defendants unable to access services due to inability to afford and/or lack of transportation
    - Loss of ACT Team in one community increased number of crises and reduced general level of functioning of individuals
* Law Enforcement
  + Mental Health Holds and Transports
    - Between 2010 & 2011 number of holds and transports almost doubled in one jurisdiction – 31 to 59 respectively
    - Between 2010 & 2012 in same jurisdiction number of suicide attempts also increased from 34 to 62 incidents. Each incident requires 2 to 5 hours of staff time
  + Indirect Costs
    - Removing officers from area
    - Calling in off-duty officers
    - Fuel costs to transport
* Private Medicaid Providers
  + Medicaid Client Served
    - Agency 1
      * 2010 – 157 individuals
      * 2011 – 121 individuals
      * 2012 – 106 individuals
      * Served by 12 clinicians
    - Agency 2
      * 2010 – 60 individuals
      * 2011 – 60 individuals
      * 2012 – 100 individuals
      * Served by 4 clinicians
  + Neither agency would continue to serve Medicaid clients if agencies required to complete accreditation requirements due to cost
  + Reasons for continued services for Medicaid clients
    - Idaho’s rural residence deserved care
    - Medicaid is often only way rural clients can receive services
  + Experience as Medicaid contractor
    - Reimbursement rate 55% below standard hourly rate & 50% below insurance reimbursement rate
    - Rules not readily announced and interpretations may be subjective
  + What is working
    - State of Idaho pays bills on time
    - Overall coverage of services for psychotherapy and testing good
  + Perceived needs and gaps
    - Testing
      * Reimbursement too low
      * Waiting list extraordinarily long
    - Compensation
      * No reimbursement for collateral contacts, case reviews or paperwork
    - Privatization
      * Will not improve services
      * Will increase cost and reduce services
      * Will be fewer Medicaid providers
    - Excessive rules and regulations cost businesses more and reduce patient care
      * Streamline for more efficient care
      * Reduce number of rules and regulations
    - Physician supervision added expense
      * Make use of client’s primary care provider
* Hospitals
  + Emergency Room Visits – Mental Health
    - 2010 – 1532 visits
    - 2011 – 1649 visits
  + Emergency Room Visits – Substance Abuse Disorders
    - 2010 – 160 visits
    - 2011 – 158 visits
  + Hospital Admissions – Mental Health
    - 2010 - 499
    - 2011 - 529
  + Hospital Admission – Substance Abuse Disorders
    - 2010-- 242
    - 2011 – 272
  + Indigent Costs for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders
    - 2010 - $672,296
    - 2011- $877,190
* County Health and Welfare Directors
  + Cost of Mental Health Holds in one county
    - 2010 – $51,008
    - 2011 – $84,923

**Need for school-based behavioral health services**

* Number of children with mental health diagnoses has increase from the 2010-2011 school year to 2012-13 school year
* 87% of respondents indicated that community mental health services are less than adequate
* Services needed
  + More community based services (73% of respondents)
    - Additional staffing for community based mental health services
  + Availability and accessibility of community services particularly for low income families
  + Child psychiatrist who will communicate with schools (87%)
  + School –based mental health and PSR services (60%)

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