**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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