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UPDATE ON Act 79 IMPLEMENTATION
Health Access Oversight Committee
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Facilities

New hospital - Work group continuing to make great progress on design, initial drawings done. Perimeter design of building finalized. Still on track for shovel in the ground late in the fall, opening Jan 1, 2014. Developing initial documents for emergency CON process, should be on the DMH website within a week or so.

Morrisville – Renovations fully underway. Opening now not until early November. There will be an amendment to Emergency CON to reflect some design modifications, review by architectural consultant. Jeff Rothenberg will be interim hospital director; recruitment for new director is underway. David Mitchell will be interim director of nursing; recruitment for DNS also underway. DMH leadership met with neighbors to the facility in an on-going effort to have good communication and effective problem resolution.

There will be an amendment to the Emergency CON to reflect closing of rehab unit at RRMC, addition of seclusion room at BR, design changes at Morrisville. Both projects completion scheduled for February.

Services contract signed with RRMC, almost completed with BR, under discussion with FAHC. “Reasonable and actual” cost reimbursement review underway. Revised services contracts will be completed once financial review is completed, along with restraint and seclusion standards.

Secure Residential – Looking at land in Waterbury, working with town on permitting, still looking at modular construction. Also considering another location in central Vermont. Anticipated opening end of calendar year. Plan is for a temporary solution until need for beds is clearer. Regulations under development, stakeholder meetings scheduled.

Southern State Correctional Facility Unit – Planning community placements for current patients. SSCF unit could be closed as early as week of September 17.

“Soteria - Vermont” – Contract awarded to Pathways to Housing to develop program in Chittenden County. Project leader hired (Steven Morgan). Projected opening summer 2013.

Intensive Residential Recovery beds (step downs)

- New 8 bed facility in Westminster open.
- New 8 bed facility planned for Chittenden Co., in Westford, anticipated opening late fall, early winter.
- Rutland has plans for 2 additional crisis beds and 4 residential recovery
- Additional 7 bed facility intended for Franklin Co.
- Until the Chittenden Co facility opens will continue to operate 22 beds at Second Spring
- Second Spring and Meadowview routinely full

Community Services

Additional Crisis beds open or about to open in Orange and Lamoille counties.

All DA's have plans for mobile crisis teams.

Peer Services

Contracts finalized for:

- Another Way and Alyssum for expanded capacity
- Pathways to Housing to work with existing warmlines to expand statewide access to warmline support
- Vermont Center for Independent Living to create a peer network to support core training and other workforce development for peer providers

Contract in negotiation to expand capacity at Vermont Psychiatric Survivors

Contracts in negotiation to create new peer outreach (including peer-run transportation) in two underserved regions of the state

Transportation Changes

Already experiencing a significant decrease in use of secure transport and shackles.

- Contract with Lamoille Co Sheriffs to provide non-secure transports in northern tier
- Windham Co. Sheriffs developing joint sheriff/ DA transports
- HCRS, Second Spring, WCMH providing some non-secure transports

Working with Law Enforcement

Statewide effort underway; communication protocol almost finished, trainings and meetings underway.

Development of Standards

- Work proceeding on standards for emergency procedures (restraint and seclusion). Rules should be filed in early October.
- Emergency evaluation protocol under development
- Others to follow

Care Management

Helping to bring "system-ness" to mental health system; all parts of the system working together in new ways

- DMH team currently working with all involuntary hospitalized patients and some in the community.
- Design work underway for the formal care management system.
- Restarted Designated Hospital Meeting.
- Implemented DMH "lighting rounds".
- Held first meetings of DA Crisis Bed Directors.
- Finalizing protocol for individuals awaiting an involuntary bed
- Implemented electronic bed board,
- Held first meeting of Clinical Resource Management Workgroup
- Worked with DVHA to start managing non-CRT adults inpatient psychiatric admissions

Quality

Quality Management Director selected, Susan Onderwyzer started August 27.

Assessment in Corrections (Act 87)

Assessments began Friday Sept. 14 at Chittenden.

Housing Subsidies

Program in place - 71 individuals supported so far at an annualized cost of \$467,460. Funds are being matched as a Global Commitment investment.

Integration with ADAP - Regular meetings between ADAP and DMH started and scheduled on-going. Clinical and financial issues have been identified.

Integration with DAIL - Monthly meeting with DAIL, agreement in place on how to manage joint clients or those who fall through the cracks. Working on co-creating and funding a 3rd VCIN bed.

Integration with Blue Print and Health Care Reform - Several meetings held to date with BP leadership and HCR leadership. In the process of defining the concrete steps that need to be taken. Also participating in the Mental Health Advisory committee to the Blue Print. Working to include peer "WRAP" classes as part of community Blueprint efforts.

Suicide Prevention - Work group continuing. DMH looking for funds for adult public awareness to complement appropriation for kids' effort. Chair of this group switching to Dr. Batra and Nick Nichols.

Training and Work Force Development - Just starting a training and work force development collaborative. Three responses to RFP, decision imminent.

Increase Patient Representative time. Discussions started with VT Psychiatric Survivors and other stakeholders.

Establish Ombudsman function at DRVT. Met with DRVT to clarify role and start contract. Language just about finalized.

Workplan. Version .2.0 completed, will be on website, regular revisions.

Data and reporting. Baselines established for most measures, process underway to gather new info from DA's. Workgroup to be established on data and reporting in coming weeks.