



HILL COUNTY HEALTH CONSORTIUM
Report for September 16, 2014

Actions	Steps	Timeline	Progress
<p>1. Engage community partners in developing a multi-disciplinary, multi-organization approach to implement mental health interventions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Define, identify and target community partners to be recruited <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Broad group 2) Form mental health awareness working group/task force 3) Explore what resources are available at this time and expand the resource guide to be Mental Health specific 4) Identify group members to hold 1:1 conversations with identified community partners to recruit to task force 5) Include primary and secondary mental health consumers on panel/board/focus group 6) Identify barriers to success in current programs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Money, staffing 7) Identify gaps in Mental 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) April 2014 2) April-May 2014 3) April 2014 - Ongoing 4) May 2014 5) May 2014 6) Oct 2014 7) Oct-Nov 2014 8) Oct-Nov 2014 9) TBD 10) Ongoing 11) Ongoing 12) TBD 	<p>1 & 2) The LAC continues to work on recruiting community partners as well as “consumers” or individuals with mental illness to the committee. To date we have active participation from many organizations including: Bullhook Community Health Center, the Center for Mental Health, Youth Dynamics, the Health Department, NAMI, United Way, HRDC and our regional representative from the AAMD (the state office of Addictive and Mental Health Division). We have had occasional attendance by a county commissioner, a counselor from the high school, private practitioners, staff from White Sky Hope, and MSU-N student health service. Agendas and minutes from our meetings are also sent to representatives from law enforcement, the county attorney, and the county commissioners.</p> <p>3) The committee is working on establishing a website to include our</p>

	<p>Health care</p> <p>8) Identify interventions in place by resource for mental illness</p> <p>9) Address the gaps and find solutions</p> <p>10) Increase success of current programs by collaboration efforts</p> <p>11) Outline important Mental health consumer education topics and provide education</p> <p>12) Use group to evaluate current policy and procedures and minimize interruptions in care</p> <p>13) Explore ideas to increase compliance in appointments, referrals, and follow up.</p>	<p>13) TBD</p>	<p>progress (agendas, meetings, speakers, etc) Amber is working on the Mental Health Resource Guide that will be added in electronic format to the website once it is finalized</p> <p>4) Committee members continue to work on having 1:1 conversations to increase the disciplinary and demographic representation on our committee.</p> <p>5) We have yet to be successful in recruiting new primary and secondary consumers, though we do have representation of 2 parents on our committee from NAMI. A letter will soon be sent to practitioners asking them to talk to clients about our group and see if they'd like to participate.</p> <p>6-10) At next month's meeting we will be discussing barriers in existing programs, gaps in services, to work toward these steps of the action item</p> <p>11) Amber has contacted Karl Rossten and will be having a phone call with him 9/22 regarding options for speakers and to discuss topics relevant to our community – specifically non-suicidal self harm</p>
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			and suicide prevention will be explored 12&13) TBD
2. Seek funding for a Community Mental Health Coordinator to assist community partners in developing the comprehensive mental health system and to develop/manage stakeholder relationships.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Define the position, role, placement, hiring establishment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Must have grant writing skills b) Will work to improve hospital/inpatient treatment discharge and follow up. 2) Explore LAC becoming mental Health Task Force 3) Explore ways to improve collaboration 4) Explore process of referral, transitions, and follow up 5) Address issues related to competition for funding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) March 2014 2) March 2014 3) TBD 4) TBD 5) TBD 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bullhook Community Health Center was awarded an expansion grant to build a mental health program, part of that grant includes a Mental Health Coordinator. I understand that they were/are in the process of hiring an individual and s/he will likely become the primary member of our committee, assisting with coordination of mental health agencies to better assess many of the goals of this committee. 2) The LAC and Mental Health Task Force have combined and are working collaboratively on common goals 3-5) Will be initiated by the newly hired Mental Health Coordinator
3. Utilize evidence based screening tools in primary care settings.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify what screening tools are used 2) Explore steps to further care/referrals after screening tool 3) Explore what follow up processes are in place and how to improve upon them 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nov 2014 2) 2015 3) 2015 4) 2015 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1-4) Again, will be initiated with the Mental Health Coordinator

	4) Explore how to get providers on board with chosen screening tools		
4. Investigate the opportunity to work with the school system to develop appropriate school-based intervention strategies	1) Define the purpose of the group and what is wanted to be achieved before approaching 2) Explore how to engage/improve communications and dialogue with the schools 3) Identify members to invite and identify what strategies are being used a) School members, boards, Alta Care, MSU-N, Stone Child 4) Task force member 1:1 invites and provide education for team recruitment 5) Provide trainings as chosen to be appropriate by the task force	1) TBD 2) TBD 3) TBD 4) TBD 5) TBD	1) The committee selected Dr. Curtis Smeby to award the Mental Health First Aid Trainer scholarship. He will be attending the training in Phoenix in November and as part of his agreement will participate in the LAC and provide 3 Mental Health First Aid trainings per year for 3 years to Hill county. He is a professor at MSU-N and serves on the school board for Havre public schools. He would like to explore adding MHFA as a course for the August professional development courses with public school staff and faculty. The committee recognizes that meeting at noon on a weekday is not conducive to getting consistent representation from school staff and faculty. This is an issue we will continue to explore – for instance forming a subcommittee or focus group may help us get better involvement from the schools.

<p>5. Utilize/Create communication tools to equip community members to recognize signs of depression and potential for suicide. Include other mental health concerns as identified.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Create an initiative based marketing/communication team – may be the same as the current Consortium team 2) Evaluate what tools are currently available <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mental Health First Aide, QPR 3) Identify barriers 4) Explore ways to improve upon the delivery of tools 5) Merge community crisis line/LAC into the Mental Health Task Force 6) Establish a task force that includes a variety of resources with representation. 7) Provide training for community members. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) TBD 2) Completed 3) TBD 4) TBD 5) TBD 6) TBD 7) TBD 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Not discussed yet 2) Completed, however, the committee is exploring increasing the number of trainers for these programs. 3-4) Will be assisted by the Mental Health Coordinator 5) The HRDC has renamed their domestic abuse crisis line simply “Community Crisis Line”. A community agency meeting was held to brainstorm training needs and recruitment efforts. Amber is working with the Domestic Abuse Program volunteer coordinator, Barb Coms, to address each of the training areas and find community members to provide the training – e.g. having law enforcement discuss their side, a lawyer or judge, discuss their side, etc. in addition to providing mental health training such as QPR and Mental Health First Aid. 6)? 7) The committee continues to support Mental Health First Aid and is looking into getting more community members trained in QPR
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