

Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform Advisory Workgroup

Details

When: February 21, 2024 at 1:00-2:30 pm

Microsoft TEAMS only. This was not an in person meeting.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Meeting Guidelines
- Overview of AMHI Reform
- AMHI Workgroup Accomplishments
- Charter and Roadmap
- Preparations for Next Meeting

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

- Kristine Preston, Deputy Assistant Commissioner welcomed the new Workgroup
- AMHI Team at DHS and their Partners introduced themselves
- AMHI Reform Advisory Workgroup introduced themselves

Meeting Guidelines

- Lea reviewed meeting guidelines
- No comments or questions

Overview of AMHI Reform

- Pam gave overview of AMHI Reform
- No comments or questions

AMHI Workgroup Accomplishments

- Mike gave overview of AMHI Workgroup Accomplishments to date
- Pam acknowledges slide 17 can be very confusing, this is how they do forecasting; State funds must be budgeted on a fiscal year, AMHI funds are disbursed on a calendar year
- Region 4S member asks if the application will be done differently?
 - Pam answers the application will be the same
 - Member said they used to be able to carry forward but understand they cannot any longer
 - Pam answers the appropriation by the legislature does not allow carry forward between state fiscal years
- CREST member asks do these budgets conform with preliminary figures on the AMHI website on increases that were predicted.
 - Pam explains the document includes funding amounts prior to additional funding allocation
- Dakota member asks how close the previous projections were

- Understands we will get that answer next week
- Asks Mike to reexplain any additional money that was added to the base
 - Money was distributed proportionately after the formula was applied
- Member asks how often this gets reformulated
 - Mike answers there is no specific plan yet for when this happens; need to identify drivers first
- SCCBI member asks if they can send the risk factors ahead of time
 - Pam answers that the original report from Feb 2022 report breaks down all the variables that were used and how the formula was informed, encourages people to look at that document
 - Breanna added the report to the chat: [Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform - Legislative Report \(mn.gov\)](#)

Charter Review

- CREST member asks for clarification on the calibration factors. Could the formula change based on the weight of calibration factors?
 - Pam answers that all allocations are built on data. This group will determine how recalibration happens and what things will solicit a change. It will be based on this group's input. DHS needs to hear from this group what types of drivers statewide will determine recalibration.
- Dakota member asks if this is the overall charter not specific to today
 - Lea answers yes it's a guide for the overall work of this workgroup.
- Region 4S member: questions meaning of the "outside scope" words were in the charter, CSP, looking at different distributions or counties
 - Pam answers there are discussions about regions splitting up and this group is not talking about that here as part of our work

Roadmap

- SCCBI member clarifies that the changes in recalibration are not for the 2025 cycle, rather what triggers a recalibration to happen.
 - Pam confirms this.
- Dakota member asks if DHS is looking only at the factors or looking at changing the formula?
 - Pam answers the formula is fixed and adopted by legislature, but if a region wants to pull out would that be a factor that could trigger a recalibration; the formula and variables will not be touched; just looking at what would trigger the need to recalibrate

Outside of Scope

- Outside of Scope: a CREST member asks via chat: An unrelated question, wondering if there is any effort within DHS to apply a health equity lens to the distribution of mobile crisis funds; can be addressed in another meeting or written communication
 - Pam answered mobile crisis questions are outside the scope of this group's work as they are a separate team

Future Meetings

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th at 1:00-2:30 pm.