

Adult Mental Health Initiatives reform

Minnesota is organized into [19 Adult Mental Health Initiatives](#) (AMHIs) which are made up of regional groupings of counties or in some cases single counties (metro countries). Additionally, White Earth Nation is a standalone AMHI region. AMHIs have been an effective mechanism for regional collaboration to build community-based mental health services in Minnesota since 1996. The structure and funding of AMHIs were designed to give regions flexibility to respond to their unique needs and circumstances.

Frequently Asked Questions: Updated 10/1/20

Why do the funding allocations need to be changed?

- *The current allocations are not equitable and are not as defensible as a new formula will be. In order to protect the funds from being taken by the legislature for other efforts, it is important to demonstrate the need and impact of these dollars.*

What factors are being considered for the funding formula?

- *Population and density, risk factors, MH prevalence, and service usage are a few examples. More specifics will be determined as the project progresses.*

When does the new funding take effect?

- *The new funding allocations will begin January 1, 2023.*

How will the new funding formula be implemented? All at once or a phased in approach?

- *During CY2021, the AMHI team will work with regions to develop the implementation plan. This plan will include the timeline for implementation along with any supports needed for AMHIs to adapt to the formula.*

Are funds changing before that?

- *No, there is no change to funding for the 2021-2022 contract period.*

Is the AMHI statute being updated?

- *Not at this time, however the AMHI team is developing a plan for proposal language changes to the statute for a future legislative session.*

How are AMHI regions being involved in the funding formula redesign?

- *Statewide meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. These meetings will allow regions to hear updates, ask questions, and provide feedback on the progress of the funding formula*

development. Gov delivery communications will be used to provide additional updates and solicit feedback. You may always reach out to the AMHI Consultants with any questions or concerns you may have: MN_DHS_amhi.dhs@state.mn.us

Which funds are part of AMHI reform?

- *Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) and Moose Lake Alternative (MLA) are being combined into the Adult Mental Health Integrated fund. The MLA statute was nullified in 2003. While the funding has appeared separate on award letters and contracts since that time, it has been combined in the same account.*

How will the COVID-19 pandemic impact the data potentially being used to develop the funding formula?

- *It is unclear what the long-term impacts of the pandemic will be on the data, but it is something we will have to watch for in the future, depending on how the formula is developed and the schedule for reviewing/updating it. At this time, the data being utilized are from 2019 and will not reflect the pandemic.*