

AMHI Reform Workgroup: Funding Formula Breakout activity 9/15/2021

What were the big challenges you discussed?

- Concern that the measurements are not accurate for certain variables (i.e. homelessness)
- Are we addressing the right populations based on the data sets that we are using? Is that correlated with how we are able to use our block grant?
- Concern about the reporting accuracy.
- No space to address needs of sub-groups in terms of access to providers and the interactions and impacts of race (homelessness, SUD)
- Missing the people that are served outside of those on MA.
- Past incarceration is not reflective of AMHI population that we serve.

What patterns emerged during your conversations?

- Factors not hitting the mark with how we are serving the population. Homeless number hard to get, only done once a year in January.
- No space for other factors such as multi-county regions.
- Not being able to have the discussions together in terms of looking at all the variables (population, SDH)

What has been a major insight or discovery you've made?

- Transparent data. Ask agencies to enter data into MHIS, we never see the data.
- Concerns about the sources of data.
- MHIS data is hard to read and understand, does not match what they understand to be happening in the county.