

Team or Project Name: AMHI Reform Advisory Workgroup

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Membership and Member Roles

- Champion: Diane Neal, Deputy Director of Mental Health
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- Members: (below)
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 - **Washington:** Kathy Mickelson, Connie Tanner
 - **White Earth Nation:** Sara Erie

Objectives

This Workgroup is convening to

- Understand the earlier AMHI Reform Funding Formula Workgroup activities and the components and outcomes of the formula
- Provide recommendations to DHS on the AMHI funding recalibration factors

- Determine optional future collaboration opportunities among AMHIs

Deliverables and Timeline

February – June 2024 = AMHI Reform Advisory Workgroup convenes

Prior to 2025 = DHS will communicate to AMHIs on final calibration factors of AMHI funding

January 2025 = First contract with allocations impacted by funding formula

Authority

In Scope: AMHI Funds, AMHI governance and structure, DHS grant monitoring requirements, AMHI Regional grant monitoring requirements, MHIS Data

Out of Scope: CSP Funds, CART Funds, development of new AMHI Regions

Reporting Responsibilities

The AMHI Reform Advisory Workgroup meeting notes and materials will be emailed to members and then posted to the AMHI website.

AMHI Reform updates will be provided via the quarterly AMHI statewide meetings.

AMHI Reform Advisory Workgroup members are responsible to share workgroup outcomes with internal and external stakeholders.

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Charter History

Issue Date: 02/2024

Background of AMHI Reform for Reference

- AMHIs were established in the 1990s as “pilot projects”
 - **Status:** Legislatively updated – removed pilot project from statute
 - **Resources:** [Sec. 245.4661 MN Statutes](#)
- New evaluation of compliance to legislative requirements has occurred since the formation of AMHIs
 - **Status:** Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) is currently working to create an inventory and legislative report
 - **Resources:** [Sec. 245.4661 MN Statutes](#)
- Initial funding determinations were not uniform, equitable, or transparent
 - **Status:** AMHI Reform Funding Formula has been adopted by legislature (2022)
 - **Resources:** [Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform - Legislative Report \(mn.gov\)](#)
- Original legislative report required independent funding formula review for White Earth Nation AMHI
 - **Status:** Completed and adopted by Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - **Resources:** Link to report to follow
- AMHI funding in the General Fund is vulnerable and has been reduced in the past to cover costs of other services
 - **Status:** State-based AMHI funding has been increased legislatively
 - **Resources:** [Sec. 245.4661 MN Statutes](#)

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. Additionally, White Earth Nation is a standalone AMHI region.

From July to December 2023 the Phase 1 Workgroup participated in work sessions to create recommendations on the new funding formula. This formula was approved by the legislature in 2022.

AMHI Reform Funding Formula Workgroup Purpose Was:

- Establish long-term goals for AMHIs and methods for evaluating impact on the adult mental health service system in Minnesota
- Create supports to continuously address regional service gaps and needs
- Enhance data collection quality and use of data driven decision making

AMHI Reform Mission:

To have mental health services which are equitable, available, accessible, and accountable for people living throughout Minnesota.

Stakeholders:

Including but not limited to:

- 18 AMHI regions and boards
- 1 Tribal Government
- Behavioral Health Division (BHD) / DHS staff
- Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA)
- Taxpayers

- Individuals served
- Legislature
- State Advisory Council on Mental Health
- American Indian Mental Health Advisory Council
- Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- Local Advisory Councils