

**EASTERN PANHANDLE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORK GROUP 2014 – 2019 WORK PLAN – DRAFT 01/06/2016**

HHSC GOAL 1: Residents of the Eastern Panhandle have access to comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services.

Objective A: Increase the availability behavioral health and substance use disorder services.	
Action Steps	Target Dates
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and advocate for improved access to behavioral health services in the region. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Develop Behavioral Health White Paper describing current resources <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.1. Regional capacity and infrastructure 1.1.2. Capacity versus need for services 1.1.3. Gaps in services 1.1.4. Access barriers (include resource, financial, regulatory and legislative barriers) 1.2. Describe infrastructure and services needed to support a comprehensive system to address the full continuum of care: prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. 1.3. Disseminate findings and recommendations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.3.1. Host legislative and community forum(s) 1.3.2. Public Awareness Campaigns (See Objective B) 	TBD
Assigned to:	BHWG Policy Group (Joy Buck, Tina Burns, Tom Kimm, Debbie Royalty)
Others to Involve:	
Resources Needed:	

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2. Advocate to increase access to behavioral health providers by reducing barriers for appropriately trained and credentialed behavioral health professionals to receive independent reimbursement in public and private insurance systems.	Ongoing
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Objective B: Increase public awareness of mental health and substance use disorder issues and available services.	
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1. Develop and implement public awareness campaigns based on the White Paper findings and recommend/advocate for the services required for a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health care.	TBD
Assigned to:	BHWG Policy Group (Joy Buck, Tina Burns, Tom Kimm, Debbie Royalty)
Others to Involve:	
Resources Needed:	
2. Identify and support strategies to reduce Mental Health/Substance Abuse Stigma in the Eastern Panhandle. 2.1. Partner with the BMC/CHNA Behavioral Health Implementation Team to implement and evaluate “Mental Health First Aid” training in the region. 2.2. Provide mental health awareness/mental health first training to organizations, such as the Eastern Regional Jail. 2.3. Develop messaging for media campaign.	TBD
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3. Promote dissemination of behavioral health resources and resources. 3.1. Maintain Behavioral Health Resource Directory with regular updates. 3.2. Maintain information on WV 211, Street Guides and County Directories 3.3. Educate providers about how to access the Resource Directory, using links on FRN and other web sites. 3.4. Add FRNOTP and UWEP web addresses to directories and Street Guides. 3.5. Interface/link with WV 211.	Ongoing
Assigned to:	FRNOTP Director/Project Assistant
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<p>4. Expand BHWG collaboration with other organizations through quarterly topic focused meetings.</p> <p>4.1. Focus Topics/Organizations</p> <p>4.1.1. Commitment Process, Mental Health Crises</p> <p>4.1.1.1. Law Enforcement Organizations</p> <p>4.1.1.2. EMTs, Hospital Emergency Departments</p> <p>4.1.1.3. ...</p> <p>4.1.2. Child/Adolescent Focus</p> <p>4.1.2.1. Teen Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Juvenile Probation, STARS Program ...</p> <p>4.1.2.2. School Counselors, Project Aware, 40 Developmental Assets, Handle with Care ...</p> <p>4.1.2.3. Children’s Home Society, Child Help, Board of Childcare</p> <p>4.1.3. Faith Community/Ministerial Focus</p> <p>4.1.3.1. Churches, Ministerial Associations</p> <p>4.1.3.2. Jefferson Community Ministries, Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities ...</p> <p>4.1.4. Aging/Disabled Population Focus</p> <p>4.1.4.1. Hospice</p> <p>4.1.4.2. Nursing Homes, ...</p>	<p>TBD</p>
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5. Implement a Community Behavioral Health Resource Fair.	TBD
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