

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

March 7, 2023



Agenda

Roll Call

Call to Order

Recovery Speaker

Action Items

BHCC Updates

Interagency Directors Team (IDT)
Managed Care Procurement

Next Meeting Date

Roll Call

David Sofferin

Director, Public Affairs

Call to Order

Kevin Tanner
Commissioner

Recovery Speaker

Courtney Robinson

Action Items

- December 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- 2023 BHCC Meeting Dates
- Proposed IDT Project – Interagency planning for youth with complex needs
- Creation of a Committee to develop a shared definition for serious mental illness.

Proposed IDT Project: Interagency planning for youth with complex needs

Melissa Sperbeck

Director, Division of Strategy,
Technology, and Performance



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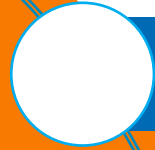
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Interagency Director's Team

The IDT's mission is to be a multi-agency leadership collaborative that uniquely designs, manages, facilitates, and implements an integrated approach to a child and adolescent system of care that informs policy and practice and shares resources and funding.

Issue Statement*

Children with complex needs are not getting access to the right services in a timely manner due, in part, to gaps in our collective service array and coordination of their care.



Gaps in coverage



Emergency department boarding



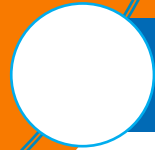
Out-of-home placements



Hoteling



Single-case out-of-state agreements



Case management by multi-agency state executives

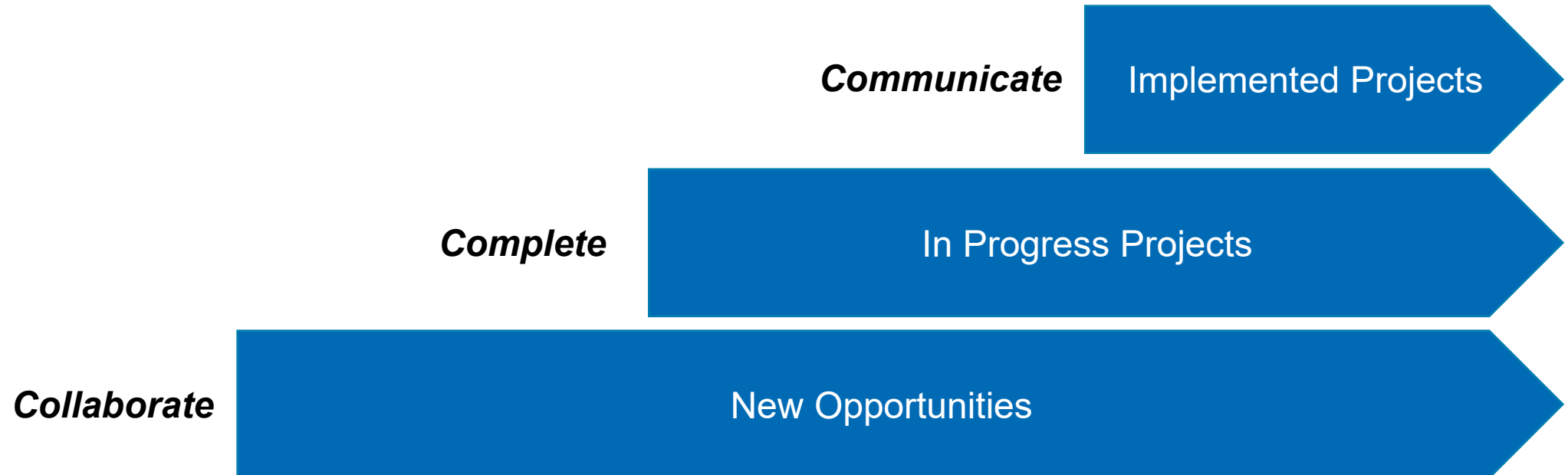
Proposal for IDT Engagement

Service Design

- Comprehensive residential placements, services, and supports for youth with complex needs

Health System Coordination

- Streamlined coordination for youth with multiple engagements or who are in transitional age



Service Design

Purpose

- Respond to urgent needs
- Study and recommend service models for BHCC approval

Benefits

- Maximize limited resources
- Partner to share expertise and best practice
- Multi-agency approach

• Examples

- Partial hospitalization
- Residential services (RBWO + Community BH Services)
- Respite
- IC3

Health System Coordination

Purpose

- Identify opportunities to streamline services and coordination for youth
- Study and process improvement opportunities for BHCC approval

Benefits

- Reduce administrative burden/duplication
- Information sharing
- Create and formalize common-sense pathways for youth as their circumstances change

Examples

- Eligibility checks for individuals with IDD
- Foster/Host home pathway and rate assessment/parity
- Transitional age youth programs
- Assessment of services available for individuals with autism
- Supportive decision-making and benefits coordination (e.g. SSI)

Proposal for IDT Engagement



Project Overview:

A coordinated and collaborative approach to analyze, recommend, and monitor meaningful solutions for complex youth.

Project Scope:

- Summarize recent improvements
- Track in-process activities
- Identify priority initiatives for annual plan

Project Team:

- Interagency Directors Team
- Supported by Center of Excellence

Goals:

- Recommend solutions that address system gaps
- Build shared accountability and transparency
- Maximize limited resources

Oversight:

- Incorporation into IDT plan and annual report
- Quarterly report to BHCC

Key Activities

Identify

Inventory

Plan

Track

Implement

Monitor

Report

Creation of a Committee to Develop a Shared Definition of Serious Mental Illness

Kevin Tanner

Commissioner, DBHDD



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Development of Shared Definition as outlined in HB 520

Collaborating Organizations:

- Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
- Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission
- Georgia Department of Corrections
- Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Georgia Department of Community Supervision

Objective:

Develop state-level guidance to standardize terminology to facilitate communication, stream information sharing, establish shared baseline data, set measurable goals, and measure progress among state and local agencies and other entities.

Development of Shared Definition as outlined in HB 520

Standardized terminology is to be developed and proposed no later than December 1, 2023.

A single shared definition of:

- Serious mental illness
- Homeless individuals
- Recidivism
- And other related terms

Definitions will be consistently used by community services boards, corrections agencies, courts, law enforcement, and community supervision entities.

Development of Shared Definition as outlined in HB 520

No later than December 1, 2023: pilot rollout, conducted by DBHDD, at select sites to test the use of the standardized definitions and associated guidance to make any adjustments necessary to ensure it is scalable for a successful rollout statewide.

A single shared definition of serious mental illness and any other associated definitions shall be finalized and adopted by the department and the other affected state agencies no later than December 31, 2023.

BHCC Updates

Interagency Director's Team

Dante' McKay, Director
Office of Children Young
Adults & Families

Renee Johnson,
Executive Director, IDT
Center of Excellence for
Children's Behavioral
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Overview

Workforce
Development
Updates

MATCH
Committee
Update

Workforce Development

- Conducting two 50-State Scans to better understand the extent to which states have developed policy efforts to support building workforce capacity.
 - **State Scan #1:** looking at policies across the country to determine how to lessen/improve the licensing pathway for foreign trained providers.
 - **State Scan #2:** looking at state policies around standardizing cultural competency training.

Georgia Mental Health Access in Pediatrics (GMAP)

- IDT serves as Advisory Board
- Lead Partners
 - CHOA
 - DBHDD/OCYF
 - GA-AAP
 - GSU – COE

Georgia Mental Health Access in Pediatrics (GMAP)



The new GMAP program provides resources to support providers' ability to assess, treat, and refer children with behavioral health needs.



Pediatric primary care providers participating in GMAP gain access to:



Behavioral health education
(CME and CNE available)



Behavioral health expert advice line for guidance on cases



Behavioral health provider directory



Advancing Innovative Partnerships and Pathways to Address Mental Health Workforce Shortages in Georgia Schools initiative

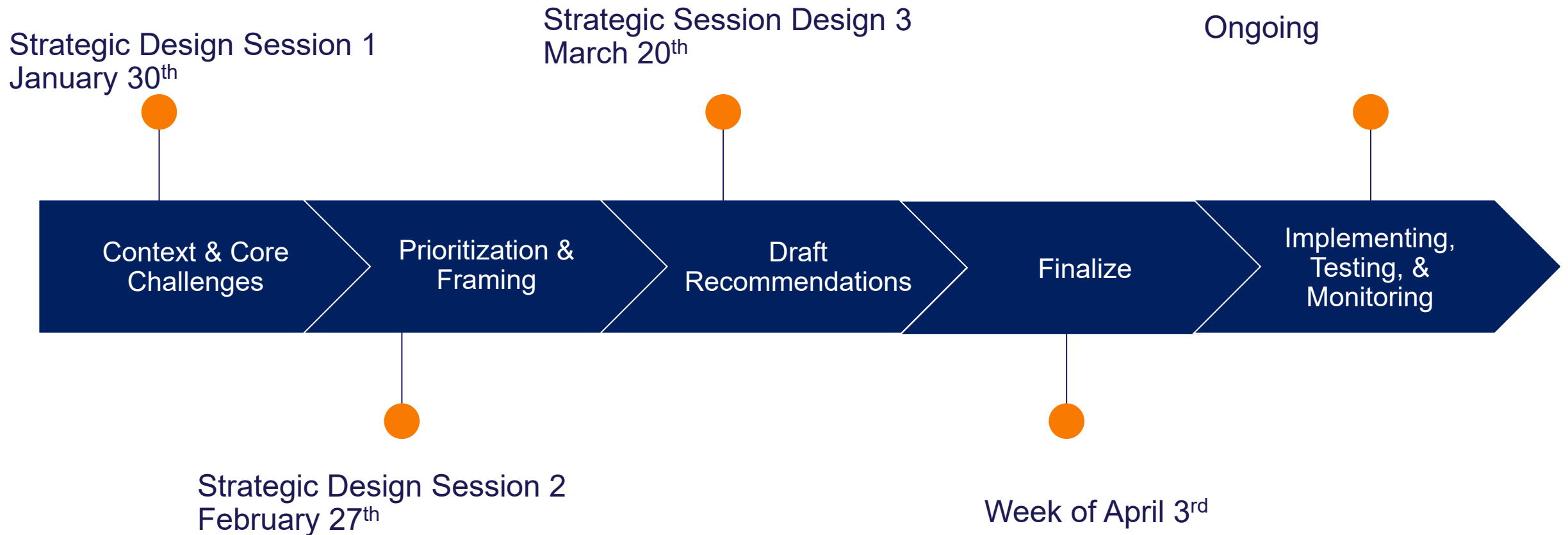
- \$8 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Partners include:
 - Clark Atlanta University
 - Clayton County Schools
 - DBDHDD – OCYF
 - Georgia State University
 - Kennesaw State University



Project Goals:

- *Increase the number of students provided mental health services in schools*
- *Build on the infrastructure of the existing Georgia Apex Program*
- *Provide school-based supervised training for graduate interns*

MATCH Updates





Managed Care Procurement

Caylee Noggle

Commissioner

Georgia Department of Community Health

Next BHCC Meeting

May 11

2 – 3:30 P.M.

2 Peachtree St, Board Room 24-260



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