2017-2018 REGION 2 TOP PRIORITIES WITH KEY STRATEGIES

Below are the three top priorities for **Region 2** for 2017-18

Priority 1: Dual Diagnosis

Establish a quality provider for Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)/Behavioral Health (BH) dual diagnosis including emergency and long term residential services

Key Strategies:

1. Identify an evidence-based dual diagnosis treatment model that recognizes and teaches effective communication methods.

2. Incentivize providers who are capable and interested in becoming emergency and long-term residential providers for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)/Behavioral Health (BH) dual diagnosis.

3. Provide training that includes medical, behavioral, stakeholders, peers, interns, and community stakeholders for sustainability.

4. Identify funding sources.

Priority 2: Interagency Coordination

Improve coordination among state agencies including Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS), Social Security, Department of Aging, and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

Key Strategies:

1. Identify target population.

2. Identify which state agencies work with the target population. Crate a map of services provided by each agency complete with local, regional, and state positions with applicable contact information.

3. Create Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between state departments which serve the target populations with goals to prevent redundancy, remove barriers, and improve efficiency of care.

4. Create work groups with representation from local, regional, and state level probate judges, law enforcement, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD), Behavioral Health (BH), and medicine to create solutions to barriers.

5. Educate the public on desired outcomes via website for accountability.

6. Address the possibility of merging funding, sharing responsibilities, and improving understanding across state departments regarding roles/responsibilities/protocols.

Priority 3: Data Management

Develop a comprehensive data management system that identifies current provider availability along with current placement needs.

Key Strategies:

1. Identify current providers and capacity. Inventory all providers for type, location, level of care, type of insurance used, medical/behavioral criteria to serve them, number of beds available for each level of care, and anticipated length of stay per type.

2. Use Beacon system to identify how many individuals are being served in various programs to measure capacity/available resources. Inventory current needs/trends/projections with a cost analysis.

3. Use cost analysis to determine where to streamline to be more efficient.

4. Create a triage system of necessity.

5. Create a communication map of services delivered by each provider of all types of services and provide accessibility to this system to trained staff in hospitals, physicians, educators, law enforcement, and others as needed.

6. Create a system which could be used by social workers or other trained staff to access information about availability of intensive resources.

7. Address referral process to make it more standardized and simplified.