

Local Health Improvement Plan Update

Priority Area: Mental Health

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The Core Service Agency Advisory Council reviewed the priorities in the area of mental health outlined in the Local Health Improvement Plan. A subcommittee was formed to help with identifying the top 3 priorities. It was then discussed and reviewed with the larger group and the following priorities were determined:

1. Recruitment retention and expansion of the behavioral health provider network in Cecil County.
2. Law Enforcement training on behavioral health- the training would promote effective crisis intervention, knowledge of resources, and better outcomes for the community and for individuals with behavioral health issues.
3. Transportation – This will increase options and eliminate barriers to transportation that supports access to mental health and other health care services.

Action Plan:

- Since the substance of these issues are very different from one another, separate and distinct subcommittees will need to be formed including membership beyond representatives of the CSA Advisory Council. Since the CSA is aware of some funding opportunities, the first priority to be addressed will be increasing partnerships and training with law enforcement to create a more effective crisis response system for people with behavioral health issues. Next steps will be: 1) staffing this subcommittee including the identification of a law enforcement representative, 2) determining willingness/ability of law enforcement personnel to partner in this process, 3) identify cost and type of training that would be used.