

Local Governmental Plan 2019

Priority Outcome 1

Prevention: Promote and enhance emotional and physical health, prevent or delay the onset of symptoms of mental illness and substance abuse and prevent suicide.

Priority Rank 1

Rationale: Dutchess County continues to believe that prevention is the most powerful tool to help us become the healthiest county in New York State.

Strategy 1.1 Continue to follow the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework model to guide all prevention activities which utilizes research and data to inform our work plan.

Progress:

The Dutchess County Council on Addiction Prevention and Education, of Dutchess County, Inc. (CAPE) administers the Dutchess County Youth Risk and Protective Survey in the local school districts. This survey collects behavioral data related to youth risk and protective factors from the self-report of students in grades 8, 10 and 12. For the first time all 13 public school districts in Dutchess County participated in the 2017 survey. These results were made available in the first quarter of 2018; consistent with previous surveys the results mirror national statistics (Monitoring the Future) reflecting the continued positive outcomes of strategic prevention strategies.

The Prevention Council has been re-formed and renamed the Resiliency Council; it is being restructured with new group members consisting of key stakeholders in the fields of Behavioral and Community Health, prevention, Office for the Aging, Department of Community and Family Services, education, domestic violence, community services, people with lived experience, law enforcement, and contract agencies.

The Ninth Annual Building Bridges Conference was held on October 26, 2017 at Locust Grove. This conference brings together schools and agencies to network and learn about local resources, with an emphasis on mental health. A total of 165 individuals participated with representatives from 12 of the 13 school districts in the County, 1 private school and 26 agencies. The 2018 Conference is in the planning stage.

Fifteen Youth Mental Health First Aid and Adult Mental Health First Aid trainings were provided throughout the county to community agencies, schools, veteran's organizations, law enforcement personnel and treatment providers. More than 250 individuals were trained in 2017. By the end of the first quarter of 2018 an additional 4 MHFA and YMHA trainings were provided to staff at local school districts, Marist College, and The Family Partnership.

Suicide Safety for Teachers (SST) was provided to two school districts; October 20, 2017, to 84 teachers at the Middle and High School in Millbrook; November 17, 2017, to 35 teachers in the Spackenkill High School; and February 6, 2018 to 31 Spackenkill Central School District staff.

A Mental Health Signs and Symptoms workshop was presented to 400 students and staff at the Spakenkill School Districts Todd Middle School in April 2018.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.2 Continue to promote the implementation of evidence-based programs in the schools Pre-K-12 grades that will address the risk and protective factors identified in the youth surveys.

Progress:

CAPE's Students Assistance Counselors continue to use evidence-based programming in their school-based locations. Project Success and Teen Intervene guides the service delivery model in the four contracted districts: Dover Union Free, Hyde Park Central, Red Hook and Wappingers. CAPE's Community Educator, trained in Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence, provides those evidence-based curricula to public and private schools throughout Dutchess County upon request. CAPE has submitted its application for the Marathon Project to the National Registry for Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). It is now identified as a promising practice by SAMHSA as they await evidence based program status.

Second Step, an evidence-based program that teaches youth coping and problem-solving skills, builds empathy and self-esteem, is being utilized in 18 schools in Dutchess County as well as in all Head Start programs. This is a classroom based intervention provided by the teachers. County prevention funds are utilized to purchase the Second Step kits.

Teen Intervene is an evidence-based 3-5 session model used to address risks factors for substance use. Prevention funding is available to purchase the curriculum for therapists receiving this training. The Department of Behavioral and Community Services (DBCH) is in the process of adding an additional trainer for this curriculum in 2018.

In the first quarter of 2018, several additional local school districts requested and received training in Mental Health First Aid.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.3 In Dutchess County, the three Community Coalitions remain actively involved in the actualization of regional prevention efforts.

Progress:

The Northern Dutchess Community Coalition (NDCC) has been active in the community providing Narcan trainings as well as a community forum highlighting alternative pathways to recovery. The NDCC held a community forum in the fall of 2017 with a focus on “Alternatives to Prescription Pain Medication” for the treatment of chronic pain.

The Southern Dutchess Community Coalition (SDCC) launched the first annual Youth Health Rally in 2016. In 2017 this initiative was continued with all 13 school districts in Dutchess County participating. This event was attended by 1,500 9th graders and proved to be an excellent venue where students can have fun and receive positive messages. The theme for the 2017 rally was Living Life Unwasted. The 2018 rally is in the planning stage.

The Harlem Valley Community Coalition and NDCC, mentored by CAPE and trained in the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), continues to develop community initiatives: Community Forums, Narcan trainings, and Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Applicable State Agencies:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.4 Continue to develop and implement strategies to decrease prescription opioid and heroin abuse.

Progress:

The Dutchess County Substance Abuse Workgroup has been reorganized and renamed the Opioid Task Force. Efforts continue to actualize its work plan to address opioid and heroin abuse. In 2017, work focused on increasing public awareness of the process of addiction, availability of support and treatment resources, the reduction of stigma, and increasing hope for recovery. The January 2018 Opioid Task Force meeting generated a number of smaller workgroups tasked with specific aspects of the overall plan. Some of the topics include:

1. Criminal Justice Strategies
2. Court Diversion
3. Police Diversion (pre-arrest)
4. “All Coaches In One Room”- assessing the capacity of the recovery community in Dutchess County
5. Gap- filling the need for immediate contact with opioid dependent individuals returning to Dutchess County from institutional care.
6. Pharmacist Group- developing strategies to increase utilization of this often overlooked group of health care professionals
7. Harm Reduction Integration
8. Grassroots Connections– engagement of family, peer, and community partners
9. Hospital/Emergency Department (ED) Connections- community follow up with individuals brought to the ED after a Narcan reversal

The prescription Drug Take Back events have been extraordinarily effective; efforts are underway with local pharmacies to install collection boxes in their establishments. The

quantities collected per year were as follows: 2013- 426 lbs., 2014- 877.5 lbs., 2015- 1,074 lbs., 2016- 2,145 lbs., 2018- 3,019 lbs.

One Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral & Treatment (SBIRT) training was done in 2017. Twenty people from nine different agencies attended. An additional SBIRT training was held in January of 2018 in collaboration with Montefiore Hospital. DBCH is working to identify an additional SBIRT trainer in an effort to bring the use of this instrument to additional settings.

CAPE received a peer engagement specialist grant, courtesy of NYS OASAS. That grant was operationalized in June of 2017, and provides two peer engagement specialists who are co-located in Northern Dutchess Hospital, Vassar Brothers Hospital, Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital (MHRH) and Putnam Hospital Center to guide recovery and to connect individuals with substance use disorders and their family to treatment and support.

DBCH is exploring the use of overdose data to craft real time responses to overdose clusters.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.5 Continue to develop and implement suicide prevention strategies targeting the high risk groups of youth, veterans and older adults.

Progress:

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) has a strong suicide prevention component. Fifteen Youth Mental Health First Aid and Adult Mental Health First Aid trainings were provided throughout the county to community agencies, schools, veteran's organizations, law enforcement personnel and treatment providers. More than 250 individuals were trained in 2017. By the end of the first quarter of 2018 an additional 4 MHFA and YMHFA trainings were provided to staff at local school districts, Marist College, and The Family Partnership.

In 2017, two Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainings (ASIST) were provided; 57 individuals from multiple agencies including law enforcement were trained. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. In January 2018, ASIST was provided to 29 individuals; an additional training will be provided during the year.

Question, Persuade & Refer (QPR), a suicide prevention program, was provided to two youth groups in Dutchess County for a total of 18 youth. QPR is intended to teach individuals how to recognize warning signs of suicide and provides guidelines on how to **Question** a person about potential suicidal thoughts, **Persuade** them to seek help, and **Refer** them to appropriate professional services.

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School November 17, 2017, and to 31 Spackenkill Central School District staff on February 6, 2018.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.6 Continue to promote texting and other social media modalities as a method of communication through HELPLINE.

Progress:

Multiple modes of “teen friendly” advertising were developed in 2017 including colorful cards, water bottles and glow in the dark bracelets. To date 6,000 bracelets have been distributed. Some of the funds received in the grant from the NYS Suicide Prevention Center were earmarked to buy additional promotional materials to advertise texting. Laminated Talk or Text cards have been obtained and are being placed in high school bathrooms around Dutchess County. Similar efforts will continue in 2018.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.7 Continue to educate the community about the needs of individuals struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues, decrease the stigma, and increase help seeking behavior. Dutchess County will continue to offer Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) to the community and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for police. The CIT goal is to train 25% of the police in the 40-hour curriculum and the other 75% in the MHFA curriculum for Public Safety Officers.

Progress:

The 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training was offered as a part of the basic training to law enforcement officer cadets at the Dutchess County Academy. In 2017 there were several 40-hour CIT trainings offered throughout the year hosted by DBCH at 230 North Rd.; a combined number of 100 officers were trained. An additional 34 police officers were trained in the 40 hour CIT curriculum in January and April of 2018.

CAPE’S Second Annual Youth Rally was attended by 1500 9th graders from 13 school districts in 2017.

In 2017 fifteen Youth Mental Health First Aid and Adult Mental Health First Aid trainings were provided throughout the county to community agencies, schools, veteran’s organizations, law enforcement personnel and treatment providers. More than 250 individuals were trained.

A school email list was created to provide schools with up to date resources throughout the year.

Binders containing information on Children's Services were compiled for the Stabilization Center and the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT). These binders contain resources for youth and families and will be updated regularly.

Children's Care Coordination began in December 2016. In 2017, written materials were developed on Children's Health Homes and Care Management Organizations as part of outreach materials to educate the community.

Presentations on Children's Services were provided in 2017 to parents at NAMI's Basic Class: February 4, at the Northeast Community Center and on November 4, at Arlington High School.

A district wide presentation on mental health services was presented in 2017 to the Millbrook School District for 100 staff.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.8 Provide Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) training to staff in the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT), Stabilization Center, Hudson Valley Mental Health (HVMH), primary care providers and emergency department personnel. Train staff who work with adolescents in Teen Intervene.

Progress:

DBCH is actively seeking to identify additional trainers for both the SBIRT and Teen Intervene curricula.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.9 Continue to promote Narcan use by the general public, family members of addicted individuals, law enforcement, first responders, individuals leaving rehabilitation programs, participants in recovery groups and individuals leaving jail who have a history of opiate abuse.

Progress: DBCH and its community partners trained over 2,400 people in the administration of Narcan in 2017.

DBCH and Re-Entry Stabilization Transition and Reintegration Track (RESTART) clinicians and case managers in the Dutchess County Jail received Narcan training in 2017. Jail based mental health staff can now provide Narcan trainings to opioid dependent DC Jail inmates. Inmates that have received this training are provided with Narcan kits upon release. In 2018 the goal will be for corrections staff to receive the Narcan training and for the kits to be available on each DC Jail unit.

All Stabilization Center staff is Narcan trained. Two Narcan overdose reversals were administered by Stabilization Center medical staff since its' opening in February 2017. The

timely response of the Stabilization Center staff saved the lives of the two guests involved in these incidents.

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.10 Promote continuing education of licensed prescribers especially primary care physicians (PCP) on the use of opioid medications, addiction as a brain disease and public health issues surrounding this disease.

Progress:

A workgroup has been formed with DBCH and contract agency staff that will create a curriculum that can be provided to local physicians in varying scopes of practice.

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.11 Population Health: incorporate mental health, physical wellbeing, social determinants of health and prevention efforts into a comprehensive, global view of wellness and recovery. Providers will incorporate a pre-diabetes screen into the intake process for new patients.

Progress: The DBCH recommended Pre-Diabetes Screening Form was presented at the May 8, 2017 and the April 9, 2018 Providers Meetings. At the 2018 Providers Meeting, Dr. Richard Miller, the DBCH Medical Director, and Ozie Williams, DBCH Public Health Nutrition Educator, provided a power point explanation of the form and its relevance to the population receiving mental health services. All providers of direct patient care are now utilizing some version of a diabetes or pre-diabetes screening assessment.

Applicable State Agencies:
NYS Office of Mental Health
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 1.12 Providers will encourage smoking cessation and provide access to Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and cessation support groups.

Progress:

CAPE provides the evidence-based smoking cessation program developed through Seton Hall-The Butt Stops Here. The newest version of Teen Intervene provides screening and brief intervention around smoking, vaping and chewing tobacco.

The OASAS sponsored, Addressing Tobacco Dependence in Addiction Services, was held January 12, 2018 with a follow up training on March 23, 2018.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Priority Outcome 2

Treatment: Ensure that all individuals living with mental illness, chemical dependency and intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) have sufficient access to evidence based services meeting all quality of care standards.

Priority Rank 2

Rationale: Healthcare delivery is moving toward an integrated system of care including primary healthcare and behavioral health. Since the Dutchess County Dept. of Mental Hygiene and the Dutchess County Dept. of Health merger in 2016, DBCH has emphasized strengthening healthcare access through all avenues to ensure the comprehensive assessment of identified behavioral and physical health needs.

Strategy 2.1: The Local Governmental Unit (LGU) and behavioral health treatment providers will work closely with behavioral health organizations, managed care organizations (MCO), Health Homes, Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP), Performing Provider System (PPS) and primary care providers (PCP) to ensure that the network of service providers is robust and meets the needs of the individuals seeking care in Dutchess County. Regular participation in planning and governance meetings with these entities will facilitate preparation for the Value Based Payment (VBP) initiative.

Progress:

In early 2018, Children's Care Coordinators participated in the Children's Single Point of Access (CSPOA) committee meetings that review youth applications for high risk services. The Children's SPOA Coordinator will continue educational efforts in the community, specifically to schools, about Health Homes and the referral process to Care Coordination Organizations through the SPOA Committee.

In consultation with the City of Poughkeepsie School district, Astor will seek to establish a satellite clinic in the City of Poughkeepsie Middle School.

Mental Health America (MHA), a Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) team partner, presented a detailed overview of Health and Recovery Plans (HARP) and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) services at the September 11, 2017 Providers Meeting.

DBCH will organize a meeting with the local Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to discuss billable criteria for HARP and HCBS services in 2018.

The Hudson River Health Care (HRHC) Mobile Health Center provides services to individuals living with mental illness and chemical dependency twice per month at the 230 North Rd. mental health center.

Applicable State Agencies:
NYS Office of Mental Health
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.2 The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) system will be moving to managed care in 2018.

Progress:

The Care Coordination Organizations have been identified and agencies are affiliating with them to provide Care Coordination. Families with Medicaid Service Coordinators (MSC) have been notified of the transition from MSC to Care Coordination. Agencies are working toward making this as smooth a transition as possible for families.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.3 IDD providers with workshops will continue the transformation of their workshops in accordance with the new OPWDD specifications.

Progress:

In November 2017, Abilities First transitioned approximately 90 individuals in their workshop to other programs such as day habilitation with or without walls, community pre-vocational and supported employment. The Arc of Dutchess transitioned approximately 29 individuals into day habilitation. Currently there are 91 individuals still attending the Arc of Dutchess workshop. Plans continue to transition additional individuals to day habilitation and some individuals to community pre-vocational services. The Arc of Dutchess continues to explore an integrated business for the individuals that remain.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.4 Ensure that individuals have immediate access to care. Immediate access will include timely outpatient clinic intake appointments, the availability of MCIT and other crisis service interventions, continued 24 hour Stabilization Center access, and decreased wait time between the intake appointment and a meeting with a psychiatrist or other prescriber. The recruitment of psychiatrists and other prescribers has been a persistent problem. This has created long wait times and an over use of the Emergency Department for prescription refills.

Progress:

An ad hoc group will be formed to analyze issues and develop an action plan to address the scarcity of psychiatrists and other prescribers. Astor initiated the use of tele psychiatry in July 2017.

Transition of Care Team: formed in December of 2017 consisting of peer advocates and HVMH staff who actively manage release planning from MHRH mental health unit with the goal of decreasing the rate of un-kept outpatient intake appointments.

CORE Team: supported by a SAMHSA grant, Lexington Center for Recovery (LCR) staff are tasked with facilitating immediate access to medication assisted treatment for opioid dependent individuals.

The DBCH Stabilization Center: a grant has been applied for that would fund a full time prescriber.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.5 DBCH Diversion services have been expanded to provide continuous year round, seven days a week, 24 hours a day availability serving adults, children of all ability groups. The anticipated impact of these programs is to decrease emergency department visits for individuals living with mental illness, chemical dependency, and IDD, reduce the need for inpatient hospitalization, and reduce the lengths of stay on psychiatric inpatient units.

Progress:

Since its opening in February 2017, the DBCH Stabilization Center has provided 7,163 services to 2,028 guests. Initial feedback confirms that many consumers would have used local hospital emergency departments were it not for the immediate access afforded by the Stabilization Center. The relatively small percentage of Stabilization Center guests who require later hospitalization validates the general efficacy of the Center's concept and approach. Since its opening there has been a reduction in 9.45 pick-up orders, possibly related to the combined effects of the Diversion Services. Data will be gathered to determine impact of these services on MHRH ED high-utilizer patients (patients who have four or more ED visits per quarter).

In October 2017, the community-based MCIT began working with the City of Poughkeepsie Police on the Behavioral Evaluation Action Team (BEAT) Project, a pilot program to intervene in the lives of persons on the city streets of Poughkeepsie who have mental illness and/or substance abuse issues before they reach crisis levels. To date, the team has participated with police on 27 patrols and connected/intervened with 166 persons/ interventions. The BEAT patrol service will be expanded June 2018 when the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department adds a patrol.

Having been disbanded in 2013 for lack of staff, the Transitions Treatment Alternative Program (T-TAP) program at the Dutchess County Intensive Treatment Alternative Program (ITAP) was re-instituted in March 2017. T-TAP serves individuals who are waiting for admission to facilities other than ITAP. T-TAP participants are able to meet with the ITAP prescriber for medication, thereby diverting individuals who would otherwise go to the hospital ED for medication only. In addition those patients will be provided basic psycho-educational and motivational group treatment.

A Quality Improvement Group was convened to reduce emergency department visits and psychiatric hospitalizations. Over 100 pediatricians and private practitioners received a mailing to increase their awareness of 24 hour crisis services available, including HELPLINE, MCIT and the Stabilization Center.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.6 In collaboration with OPWDD and MHRH, DBCH has developed a diversion strategy for IDD individuals to be diverted from hospitalization and/or incarceration with crisis supports in their residential opportunity. IDD providers will offer training to staff in MCIT, Stabilization Center and MHRH to increase understanding of the IDD population.

Progress:

The Systemic, Therapeutic Assessment, Resources and Treatment (START) team services and Anderson Center have provided training to the Stabilization Center and MCIT staff. The Stabilization Center has serviced at least 82 guests from IDD residences. These guests successfully received immediate crisis services and avoided Emergency Department referrals. The START team is establishing an effective partnership with Stabilization Center staff.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.7 A Special Needs Health Care partnership has been developed to improve the delivery of health care services through education and collaboration.

Progress:

The Special Needs Health Care Committee hosted the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) training which was provided to over 40 community partners in health care in May 2017. This will become an annual training and community collaboration for advocacy for people with special needs will continue.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.8 START to develop a Resource Center to provide respite opportunities for individuals with IDD.

Progress:

START has identified a site in Ulster County for the Regional Resource Center which will offer two crisis respite opportunities and two planned respite opportunities for the Taconic region.

The Resource Center for the Taconic Region, located in Kingston, will have the capacity to initiate NYSTART 24 hour in person response. It is anticipated that the Center will open in 2018.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 2.9 Increase availability of Methadone maintenance for opioid dependent individuals.

Progress:

The NYS Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) cap on the LCR Methadone Program census had been lifted and LCR expanded its census to 400 patients in 2017- a 35% increase over the 2016 census. In December 2017 OASAS placed a cap on Methadone Clinic intakes until the physical plant occupied by the Clinic at 230 North Road can be renovated to include additional dosing stations, group therapy treatment space, a new medication safe, and staff offices. Work should conclude and intakes re-started by the end of June 2018.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 2.10 Develop ten adolescent inpatient opportunities in Dutchess County.

Progress:

With changes in Westchester Medical Center (WMC)/MHRH management and administration in 2017, the WMC plan was not moved forward. DBCH will support and assist WMC to re-examine this issue in 2018 and develop planning around adolescent inpatient capacity.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office of Mental Health

Strategy 2.11 Explore Medicaid reimbursable treatment resources for people living with mental illness and chemical dependency who have eating disorders.

Progress:

An informal coalition of providers will seek to develop treatment protocols to meet the needs of this underserved population.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office of Mental Health

Strategy 2.12 Develop a second elementary Intensive Day Treatment (IDT) class to manage the increased number of referrals.

Progress:

A second elementary IDT class was implemented by Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center (RCPC). However, the need for intensive clinical services for young children exists. See strategy 2.13

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office of Mental Health

Strategy 2.13 Explore the need for a children's Partial Hospital Program for children ages 10-12.

Progress:

Data has been collected and schools and mental health professionals have determined a children's Partial Hospital Program would be beneficial. Astor has expressed interest in developing a program for children ages 10-12.

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office of Mental Health

Strategy 2.14 Ensure that adolescents living with chemical dependency issues have access to age appropriate interventions.

Progress:

LCR is offering the group treatment based "Seven Challenges" curriculum. In 2017 LCR provided 211 group sessions utilizing this curriculum encompassing 1, 029 total services.

In the first quarter of 2018, referral sources for the LCR adolescent services has included:

- 14 from probation/court
- 8 self/family referred
- 6 referred by a group home
- 4 from an inpatient program (including psych hospitalization)
- 3 from the DC Department of Community and Family Services
- 1 from NYS Office Children and Family Services
- 1 from Nubian Directions
- 1 from a school
- 1 from Astor's PHP

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 2.15 Ensure access to chemical dependency and mental health services including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Seek regulatory relief for Nurse Practitioners to be authorized to sign treatment plans and to increase the availability of licensed prescribers and to reduce requirements for a rapid re-admission to a treatment program.

Progress:

In addition to the DBCH DC Jail Vivitrol pilot program that was initiated in 2016 and the availability of Vivitrol for DBCH ITAP patients, LCR expanded its menu of treatment options in 2017 by making both Suboxone and injectable Vivitrol available through their outpatient services. Nurse Practitioners can now sign treatment plans without co-sign of Medical Doctor.

The OASAS cap on the LCR Methadone Program census was lifted in 2017 and LCR expanded its census to 400 patients---a 33% increase over 2016. LCR Methadone intakes are on hold per OASAS direction pending completion of site renovations at 230 North Road which will include additional dosing stations, group therapy treatment space, a new medication safe, and staff offices. Work should conclude and intakes re-started by the end of June 2018.

LCR obtained a SAMHSA grant in 2017 which has provided funding for the CORE Team which is tasked with connecting opioid dependent individuals to treatment. The CORE Team has coordinated outreach efforts with the DBCH Mobile Crisis Intervention Team, Stabilization Center, DBCH Jail Based Services, and regional inpatient facilities and hospitals.

The Jail-Based RESTART Team provided intensive group services to 325 incarcerated individuals addressing substance use and criminogenic risk factors with intensive post-release case management and post release treatment referral. RESTART is collaborating with the CORE team in an attempt to increase the rate of post release connections to treatment.

Arms Acres, located in Putnam County added a Methadone Maintenance clinic into their operations in 2018 thus increasing the regional availability of this treatment modality. Suboxone and Vivitrol are also offered through Arms Acres inpatient and outpatient services.

Hudson River Health Care (HRHC) a local healthcare provider, offers both Vivitrol and Suboxone as a component of their services.

The Forensic Team evaluated over 400 incarcerated pretrial defendants, emphasizing the availability of various MAT opportunities and other recovery options.

DBCH has hired a Public Health Education Coordinator (PHEC) who will be tasked with assisting with the management of the County's response to the opioid crisis.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 2.16 IDD providers will continue to expand services to youth and families and develop new services to meet community need. Marantha will expand the After School Programs; Abilities First will enhance/expand preschool services to meet increased need; New Horizons will create a playground and a walkway with a sensory trail at Briggs Farm; The ARC of Dutchess will explore providing respite services for children during school breaks beyond the summer; Taconic Innovations will develop site based weekend and holiday respite and develop recreational programs for children with Autism; Cardinal Hayes will expand in-home respite care to five families.

Progress:

Waryas House has relocated the outpatient day rehab to the Town of LaGrange addressing both the mental health and chemical dependency needs of the IDD population. Admission criteria are more inclusive than traditional IDD services; patients do not have to be DDSO eligible to be considered for admission. DBCH in concert with local providers will publicize and promote greater utilization of this new program with its expanded eligibility.

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Priority Outcome 3

Recovery: Increase the number of persons successfully managing their mental illness, addiction and intellectual developmental disability within a recovery-oriented system of care.

Priority Rank 3

Rationale: It is recognized that services such as peer supports, housing, care management, vocational, day habilitation, transportation and physical healthcare, are essential components of a comprehensive approach to care for individuals with behavioral health needs.

Strategy 3.1 Increase the availability of Recovery Coaches, Peer Advocates and Recovery Peer Advocates.

Progress:

CAPE received a Peer Engagement Specialist grant, courtesy of NYS OASAS. That grant was operationalized in June of 2017, and provides two peer engagement specialists who are co-located in Northern Dutchess Hospital, Vassar Brothers Hospital, MHRH and Putnam Hospital Center to guide recovery and connect people with substance use disorders and their families to treatment and support.

A Recovery Coach was integrated into DBCH programs at the DC Jail, Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Stabilization Center in an effort to provide peer services to individuals identified with substance abuse disorders.

DBCH will contract with an additional Recovery Coach in 2018 to provide services in the DC Jail, ITAP, Stabilization Center, and PHP.

Applicable State Agencies:
NYS Office of Mental Health
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3.2 Advocate for a Recovery Center in Dutchess.

Progress:

A workgroup will be formed of community stakeholders to explore the possibilities of applying for grants to fund this project.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3.3 Seek funding for short-term transitional living housing for individuals who are homeless, recently discharged from jail, prison, or inpatient settings.

Progress:

DCFS has submitted a proposal in 2018 to obtain funding for 8 residential opportunities dedicated to individuals released from state prison.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3.4 Seek funding for supported housing for persons, 16-24 years old, who are involved in the criminal justice system, youth who have dropped out of school, youth who have transitioned out of residential placement and homeless youth who are chemically dependent and/or mentally ill.

Progress:

No funding received.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3.5 Develop a community housing and treatment strategy for individuals who are seriously mentally ill and chemically dependent which is safe, affordable and supports long term recovery.

Progress:

The NYS OMH awarded Dutchess County 24 supported housing opportunities for individuals living with mental illness; these opportunities are distributed in scattered sites throughout the county. The RFP for these opportunities has been publically released and proposals are under consideration.

Applicable State Agency:

NYS Office of Mental Health

Strategy 3.6 Develop housing to meet the need for individuals with IDD.

Progress:

New Horizons has established the Mid-Hudson Housing Alliance which brings together the New York State Association of Community Residential Agencies (NYSACRA) and other local providers of residential services to individuals served by OPWDD. DBCH hosted a local Housing Development for People with IDD on 7/28/17 to further explore and provide education for county government on the housing needs, funding sources, and ideas for future collaborations. Commissioners from DCFS, Development and Planning, DBCH, and other key county staff attended. Local community providers also attended along with Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO) staff.

Applicable State Agency:
NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 3.7 Seek funding for service dollars to assist individuals in obtaining and maintaining necessary support services not otherwise funded by entitlements.

Progress:

The availability of discretionary funds and the distribution of these funds among community providers will be explored, as well as possible grant opportunities.

Applicable State Agencies:
NYS Office of Mental Health
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3.8 Advocate for increased job opportunities for individuals living with mental illness and chemical dependency.

Progress:

Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro's THINK DIFFERENTLY initiative encompasses the THINK DIFFERENTLY FOR JOBS roundtable. This event brings employees together to learn to successfully employ a diversified workforce. The Dutchess County Executive hosted the first THINK DIFFERENTLY FOR JOBS roundtable at Franklin D. Roosevelt Wallace Center in June 2017. This event brought together area businesses, educators and the vocational training community to build partnerships through collaboration that will support efforts to prepare people of all abilities to join the job market.

The THINK DIFFERENTLY initiative has generated a successful collaboration with Dutchess Community College and other service providers to create and develop a curriculum for the first cohort of students for the THINK AHEAD non-matriculated job readiness training certificate program for individuals with special needs. Efforts to expand the THINK AHEAD program will include a matriculated program to begin later in 2018.

Applicable State Agencies:
NYS Office of Mental Health
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3.9 Improve availability of resource directory for parents by developing a web-based parent resource directory/platform. This will assist parents in finding available resources, help them to understand eligibility and assist in building comprehensive supports and services for an individual.

Progress: The web-based platform has been designed and content is being imputed. The Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs is developing a website for the community that will provide guidance for obtaining services in the OPWDD system throughout the lifespan.

Progress:

The Think DIFFERENTLY website was created and was launched in early 2018. This site provides individuals, families, and community service providers with a directory of services in Dutchess County and resources that are available to NYS residents.

The Dutchess County Collaboration of Services and Care Across the Lifespan for People with Special Needs was held in December 2017. This will become an annual conference for parents, family members, and providers.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Strategy 3:10 Strengthen the support available to the programs under DBCH Diversion Services (HELPLINE, MCIT, and Stabilization Center) to assist individuals and their families who may need extra supports to remain out of inpatient care by increasing coordination between the DBCH Diversion Services and care management, increasing availability of respite services and transitional recovery housing for the adult, youth, and IDD populations.

Progress:

The shared staffing pattern utilized by DBCH Diversion Services (PEOPLE, Inc., MHA, Astor Clinic, and MHRH) is producing interventions that are successful in maintaining children and adults in the community and away from emergency departments.

Data for 2017:

- The DBCH Stabilization Center (SC) served 1,547 guests since 2/13/2017. These 1,547 guests generated 2,249 visits to the SC.
- 48% of the SC visits involved guests with substance abuse issues.
- Local police departments have transported 259 individuals to the SC.
- 161 of the officers who have completed the above mentioned transports were CIT trained.
- At least 12 of the officers involved in the SC transports indicated that the guests would have been brought to the DC Jail were it not for the availability of the SC services.
- 65% of the guests who presented with substance abuse as a primary issue accepted follow up referral from the SC staff.

- 70% of the SC guests who accepted referral to the Mid-Hudson Addiction and Recovery Center (MARC) were subsequently referred to long term residential substance abuse treatment.

DBCH Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) progress:

In collaboration with the DC Public Defenders Office, the DC Department of Probation and Community Corrections, and members of the local judiciary, MCIT began diverting opioid addicted individuals with ordinance level violations from the City of Poughkeepsie Court to the SC at the time of a court appearance.

In October 2017, the community-based MCIT began working with the City of Poughkeepsie Police on the Behavioral Evaluation Action Team (BEAT) Project, a pilot program to intervene in the lives of persons on the city streets of Poughkeepsie who have mental illness and/or substance abuse issues before they reach crisis levels. To date, the team has participated with police on 27 patrols and connected/intervened with 166 persons/ interventions. The BEAT patrol service will be expanded June 2018 when the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department adds a patrol.

DBCH is working with Town and City of Poughkeepsie Police Departments to have MCIT follow up on individuals who have received Narcan reversals who then refuse further medical treatment.

A process is being developed with the MHRH emergency department (ED) to refer individuals to MCIT who are brought to the ED after a Narcan reversal who then refuse additional treatment.

Applicable State Agencies:

NYS Office of Mental Health

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Strategy 3:11 Develop crisis respite opportunities for youth.

Progress:

NYS OMH funding for two youth respite opportunities was awarded to Hudson River Housing; implementation of the respite opportunities at River Haven began in July 2017.

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