

**OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY
2015-2018 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN**

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- 1. Health equity exists for all Oregonians within the state’s behavioral health system.**
 - 1.1.Promote health equity and eliminate avoidable health gaps and health disparities in Oregon’s behavioral health care system.
 - 1.2.Target and treat common chronic health conditions faced by people with severe and persistent mental illness, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders.

- 2. People in all regions of Oregon have access to a full continuum of behavioral health services.**
 - 2.1.Increase equitable access to prevention, treatment and recovery services and supports, which are culturally and linguistically appropriate, in underserved areas of the state.
 - 2.2.Expand access to crisis services in all areas of the state.
 - 2.3.Expand statewide access to medication assisted treatment.

- 3. The behavioral health system promotes healthy communities and prevents chronic illness.**
 - 3.1.Ensure all Oregonians have access to prevention and early intervention programs that are specifically responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages and literacy levels.
 - 3.2.Increase the availability of physical health care professionals in behavioral health care settings.
 - 3.3.Develop and enhance programs that emphasize prevention, early identification and intervention for at-risk children and families.
 - 3.4.Strengthen the prevention, screening and treatment of the psychological, physical and social impacts of early childhood and lifespan trauma.

4. The behavioral health system supports recovery and a life in the community.

- 4.1. Increase access to safe, affordable housing for people in recovery.
- 4.2. Provide supported employment services to people in recovery.
- 4.3. Reduce the stigma related to addictions and mental health through partnerships with people in recovery and their families.
- 4.4. Provide recovery support services, including those that are specifically responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages and literacy levels, to people who are transitioning out of substance use disorders treatment and gambling disorders treatment as part of their continuing care plan to support ongoing recovery.
- 4.5. Improve the existing recovery oriented system of care for people transitioning from residential to outpatient treatment for substance use disorders.

5. Only people who meet admission criteria are admitted to the Oregon State Hospital, and for those who need it, admissions and discharges are performed in a timely manner.

- 5.1. Reduce or eliminate the waiting list for services at the Oregon State Hospital.
- 5.2. Reduce the length of stay for patients who are civilly committed at the Oregon State Hospital.
- 5.3. Discharge patients who are civilly committed within 30 days of being determined “ready to place/ready to transition” by their treatment teams.
- 5.4. Decrease the number of people who are admitted to the Oregon State Hospital under ORS 161.370 for misdemeanors.

6. Addictions and Mental Health division operations support the strategic plan.

- 6.1. Align the organizational structure of AMH to support the strategic plan, improve quality management and streamline the development of behavioral health policy..
- 6.2. Pursue an integrated approach to the collection, analysis and use of data.