

Behavioral Health System Information Sheet

Behavioral Health Mapping Initiative

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is responsible for administering state financial resources for behavioral health in an equitable manner that achieves the best possible outcomes for improved health, better care, and reduced costs. It is important for OHA to understand more about the various health factors affecting communities. It is also essential for OHA to monitor the performance of the behavioral health system at a regional and state level. Therefore, the agency is developing a behavioral health system mapping tool.

People served

Oregonians experiencing mental health and substance use conditions will greatly benefit from receiving the supports and services they need, when and where they need them. Oregonians deserve to know how well the behavioral health system is performing and to understand where resources are going.

Background

Funding included in Oregon's Medicaid program for behavioral health services leads to variable outcomes, including service access, penetration rates and other measures.

Coordinated care organization (CCO) performance measures are helping OHA monitor progress on important behavioral and physical health indicators for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) member population.

Non-Medicaid funding for population and client-based behavioral health programs currently does not follow a standardized or equitable methodology.

Funding allocations are based on historical factors including competitive procurements, special projects, and regional capacity development to name a few.

Benefit to clients and community

Coordinated care organizations and community partners made strides in identifying community needs and coordinating services with a variety of partners from the counties, criminal justice system, judicial system, education and social services.

As the state continues to expand the coordinated care model, CCOs are assuming responsibility for administering more behavioral health services and benefits.

Scope of the mapping tool

The mapping tool displays, by county, data such as age groups, economic growth rate, poverty rate, proportion of population on OHP, prevalence of behavioral health conditions, and other variables. The data also include penetration rates and utilization of a range of behavioral health services, organized by intensity. In addition, the tool will include outcomes measured for CCOs and for regional contractors. A review of this population, service and outcome data will inform policy and funding decisions by enabling OHA to develop a full picture of the need, resources, and outcomes for Oregon's behavioral health system and to better understand the return on investment related to these services.

System impact

The 2015-2017 financial assistance agreements and contracts with counties, tribes and non-profit organizations for Non-Medicaid behavioral health services now include performance measures. Monitoring these measures, along with the CCO measures mentioned above, will help OHA determine which investments produce the best return.

Oversight

OHA will assemble a technical advisory committee to monitor and analyze data generated by the behavioral health system mapping tool and to identify any local areas with service disparities.

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