

NSMHA Planning Committee

Charter:

The Planning Committee's responsibility is the preparation of the NSMHA for the future mental health illness treatment and recovery/resilience needs of the citizens eligible for Medicaid within the North Sound Region, as well as, anticipating trends in the community mental health illness treatment and recovery field. Major focuses in planning shall be around region-wide crisis services, services to adults and/or families with children who are Medicaid eligible, services to adults with serious and persistent mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances and/or mental illnesses, and to low income people.

The Planning Committee will develop a Strategic Plan for mental health treatment and recovery services contracted for and overseen by the North Sound Mental Health Administration. The Planning Committee's purpose is to assure mental health services of the highest quality, that is, services that are effective in limiting the frequency and severity of psychiatric crises and illnesses, culturally competent, locally controlled and responsive to our communities yet regionally integrated, outcome based, data driven and cost efficient. These services will be consistent with the recovery/resilience goals and values of consumers and funding sources while respecting the recovery desires of individual clients.

Planning Committee Functions:

1. Identify, develop and prioritize strategies for key issues of treatment and recovery/resilience,
2. Plan programs that will support those strategies including but not limited to evidence-based practices, early interventions, peer support systems and respite centers for family members,
3. Analyze monitoring reports and outcome trends for future planning processes, and
4. Related projects, as necessary or as assigned by the Board of Directors.

Planning Schedule:

The Planning Committee will develop a Strategic Plan every three (3) years. Consumers, family, advocate, law enforcement, judiciary, medical and social services, and the general community and provider inputs will be gathered region-wide in a systematic fashion and considered in the development of the Plan. A Biennial Work Plan will be developed by the Committee, which will have a quarterly schedule of activities and include:

1. Analysis of monitoring reports, outcome trends and citizen inputs concerning the regional mental health treatment and recovery delivery system's performance strengths and weaknesses,
2. An update of the Strategic Plan, and
3. Establishment of major planning goals for the next 12, 24 and 36 months.

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Planning Committee Membership:

NSMHA Board Members – 3

County Coordinators – 5

NSMHA Advisory Board Members

- ▶ Chair

- ▶ Four representatives appointed by the Advisory Board (of which, at least 2 are consumers)

NSMHA Executive Director (non-voting)

NSMHA Operations Manager/Deputy Director (non-voting)

Other NSMHA management staff, consumers and advocates, law enforcement, judiciary, providers, medical and social services communities, and other members of the general community will be invited to attend meetings from time to time to obtain their advice and views, however, they will not be considered committee members nor will they have voting rights.

Work Processes:

The Planning Committee will meet at least bi-monthly. The purpose of these meetings will be to direct, review, revise and approve planning projects, as well as, select and design future planning projects. This will be a collaborative process requiring active involvement and collaboration by all Committee members. Major planning processes will be worked on by the entire Committee.

Workgroups will be set up to work on specific and special projects where needed. These workgroups will be subcommittees of the Planning Committee; their products will be reviewed for approval by the Planning Committee. Workgroups will be comprised of some Planning Committee members, other NSMHA staff, consumers, advocates, selected provider staff and professionals from other systems as appropriate.

Recommendations:

The Planning Committee recommendations will be presented to the NSMHA Advisory Board and the NSMHA Board of Directors for approval will be voted on when there is a quorum present. A quorum for the Planning Committee will be defined as five (5) members of the committee representing at least three (3) counties. When there is no agreement on planning recommendations, final recommendations will be made on a majority basis. Minority opinions will be noted.