Data Development Agenda

In Results Based Budgeting, results and indicators are used to establish baselines for the development of strategies and performance measures. Much of the information included in the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan (CMIHP) reflects the broader statewide population and are not specific to Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. Part of the CIMHP development process is identifying information gaps and moving forward with a data development agenda. The purpose of the data development agenda is to improve the quality and reliability of information on beneficiaries, thereby improving Department of Health and Social Services and AMHTA planning and budget development. The indicators below are currently not available. There are funding implications for most of the recommendations below. Each requires further analysis to determine the complexity, costs or potential legal barriers for each action or change.

Overarching Data Development Needs:

DATA	Why its important	Action or Change Required
1. Consistent definition of beneficiaries across information systems (i.e. ARORA, DDIANA, PROBER, Senior Services, ADA, DOC, DOE, DVR, etc.).	It is important to compare the number of beneficiaries served by different programs and across systems.	Policy Change Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
2. Unduplicated count of beneficiaries to establish Alaska specific prevalence rates.	Current estimates of the number of beneficiaries are based on national prevalence data that may or may not be applicable to Alaska.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
3. Consistent definition of descriptive data elements (income, ethnicity, educational attainment, living situation) across data systems.	Standardized method of describing beneficiaries.	Policy Change Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
4. New information systems funded by the Mental Health Trust Authority must include a determination of beneficiary status.	Standardized beneficiary count by program.	Policy Change
5. Regular survey of beneficiaries to determine income and living conditions.	It will be important to see how the status of beneficiaries changes over time.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
6. Identify DHSS and other department information systems that collect information on beneficiaries and include them as sources of data for the data warehouse.	May provide a more complete picture of how beneficiaries use state-funded services.	Policy Change Addition/Revision to Existing Systems

Result #1: HEALTH

DATA	Why its important	Action or Change Required
1. # and rate of suicide attempts.	Indicator of need for mental health and substance abuse services.	New Primary Data Source
2. % of low-birth weight babies with long-term disabilities.	Estimating future impacts on service systems.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
3. Hospital discharge data by diagnosis as defined by ICD9 code.	Indicator of use of medical acute care facilities by beneficiaries.	Policy Change - Legislation Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
4. Hospital emergency room data by diagnosis as defined by ICD9 code.	Indicator of use of medical emergency care facilities by beneficiaries.	Policy Change - Legislation Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
5. % of beneficiaries who are uninsured (do not have a public or private third party payer).	Indicator of beneficiary access to health care.	Beneficiary Survey - New Primary Data Source
6. % of beneficiaries with health insurance that includes behavioral health coverage.	Indicator of beneficiary access to mental health and substance abuse treatment services.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
7. % of beneficiaries who are unable to access needed medical, dental, mental health, long-term care or substance abuse treatment services.	Indicator of beneficiary access to health care and mental health treatment services.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
8. % of physicians enrolled in and accepting Medicare/ Medicaid reimbursement.	Indicator of beneficiary access to health care and mental health treatment services.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source

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Result #2: SAFETY

DATA	Why its important	Action or Change Required
1. Retrospective studies: % of adults in correctional system, on Adult Public Assistance or in substance abuse treatment who were contacted by DFYS as children.	Indicator of future impacts on service systems and the need for future services.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
2. # and percentages of beneficiaries in the correctional system.	Indicator of future impacts on correctional system and the need for future community services.	Addition/Revision to Existing System
3. Recidivism rate for beneficiaries involved in the correctional system.	Indicator of future impacts on service systems and the need for future services.	Addition/Revision to Existing System
4. # of beneficiaries with guardians, including reason for guardianship and type of guardian (guardians, conservators, representative payees).	Indicator of the level of support required by beneficiaries and provides a means of monitoring the guardianship services. Safety indicator.	New Information System
5. % of beneficiaries living in safe neighborhoods (based on neighborhood crime rates, existence of neighborhood watch programs, availability of alcohol through liquor licenses or local option, presence of law enforcement/VPSOs).	Quality of life indicator.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source

Result #3: ECONOMIC SECURITY

DATA	Why its important	Action or Change Required
1. Income of beneficiaries.	Indicator of beneficiary quality of life - comparable to population.	Addition/Revision to Existing System Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
2. Standardize methodology for collecting income information across databases.	Indicator of beneficiary quality of life - comparable to population.	Policy Change Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
3. Rate of employment for caregivers: before and after they become caregivers.	Indicator of care giver well-being and the availability of home and community services for beneficiaries.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
4. Availability of affordable specialized, transitional and assisted living housing.	Indicator of access to services.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
5. % of beneficiaries who are homeless.	Safety and quality of life indicator.	Survey Research - New Primary Data Source

Result 4: PRODUCTIVELY ENGAGED, EMPLOYED, CONTRIBUTING

DATA	Why its important	Action or Change Required
1. # of beneficiaries on ATAP and % nearing 5 year limit.	Indicator of the # of beneficiaries who may need alternatives to ATAP at some point.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
2. Hours worked per week for beneficiaries.	Indicator of the economic status of beneficiaries as compared to population.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
3. Wages per hour for beneficiaries.	Indicator of the economic status of beneficiaries as compared to population.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
4. % of beneficiaries who receive a diploma or GED.	Indicator of the future economic status of beneficiaries.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
5. % of juvenile offenders who are beneficiaries and who receive a diploma/GED.	Indicator of the future economic status of beneficiaries and recidivism potential.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems

Result 5: LIVING WITH DIGNITY / VALUED MEMBER OF SOCIETY

DATA	Why its important	Action or Change Required
1. Number of people living in nursing homes by age and diagnosis.	Indicator of the availability of community based alternatives to nursing home care.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
2. % of seniors (60+) living in nursing homes.	Indicator of the availability of community based alternatives to nursing home care.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
3. Number of complaints against nursing homes and assisted living homes.	Status of the service system and quality of care.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems
4. Number (or %) of beneficiaries using public transportation and para-transit (municipal or service provider)	Indicator of access to the community.	Addition/Revision to Existing Systems Survey Research - New Primary Data Source
5. % of beneficiaries living in the community or home of their choice.	Indicator of choice and quality of life.	Survey Research
6. Community support or treatment service availability index	Method of comparing the availability of community capacity to provide home and community based services.	Analysis of Existing Service System