

Topics covered by MHOC during the 2013 interim:

- Overview of State's mental health system:
 - Level 1 inpatient system: capacity, utilization rates, and wait times
 - Residential beds and programming: IRRs, SRR, crisis beds
 - Community and peer services
 - Clinical resource management system
 - Bed board system
- Review of Act 79 Consultant's Report
- Staff injuries/protections
- Collaboration between MH providers and law enforcement
- Housing: vouchers, services, program effectiveness
- Brattleboro Retreat: CMS review/ contingency plans
- Mental health judicial proceedings: commitments, process timeline, combining commitment and involuntary med proceedings
- Mental health parity: Vermont Collaborative Care, LLC
- Update of Berlin Hospital:
 - Construction status
 - Staffing: amount/type, recruiting, hiring, training
 - Opening timeline
- Children's mental health services:
 - Description and scope of services
 - Eligibility for inpatient admission
 - Strengths/gaps in service delivery
 - Budget/ financial considerations
 - AHS' Integrated Family Services
- Update from Committee on Providing Community Supports to Persons with SFI
- Veterans: PTSD & Suicide Prevention
- Elderly populations: antipsychotic drugs

Possible report topics:

- Seclusion and restraint; ensuring consistency with VSH policies
- Housing:
 - More oversight/accountability
 - More collaboration between law enforcement and Pathways
 - Measurement of success: length of stay vs. other measures
 - More case management
- DMH oversight of facilities that are not State-owned and -operated
- Strengthening children's mental health system
- Continuation of MHOC