

Act 50: Joint Meeting of the Mental Health and Health Care Oversight Committees
Discussion Guide

I. Evaluating Need for Level 1 Capacity

A. Level 1 Census Trends (FY13 and FY14 to date)

1. Level 1 System of Care Census Overview

2. Participating Hospitals

- a. What is the census trend at Brattleboro Retreat's 14-bed level 1 unit and average wait time for a bed in that unit? Are more than 14 beds regularly used at the Brattleboro Retreat and if so, to what extent?
- b. What is the census trend at Rutland Regional Medical Center's 6-bed level 1 unit and average wait time for a bed in that unit? Are more than 6 beds regularly used at Rutland Regional Medical Center and if so, to what extent?
- c. What is the census trend at Fletcher Allen Health Care's level 1 unit and average wait time for a bed in that unit? Are more than 8-beds (for which DMH has contracted) regularly used at Fletcher Allen Health Care and if so, to what extent?
- d. What is the census trend at the Green Mountain Psychiatric Care Center and average wait time for a bed in that hospital?

B. Census Trends in the Community

1. Psychiatric Facilities and Programs

- a. What is the census trend at the secure residential recovery facility? Are there projected population trends in terms of waitlists?
- b. What is the census trend at each of the operating intensive residential recovery facilities?
 - i. Hilltop (8 beds)
 - ii. Meadowview (6 beds)
 - iii. Second Spring (22 beds; 2 occasionally used as crisis beds)
 - iv. Second Spring North (8 beds)
- c. What is the census trend for each of the system's operating crisis beds?
 - i. Clara Martin Center (2 beds)
 - ii. Hill House (1 bed)

- iii. Assist (5 beds)
- iv. Alternatives (6 beds)
- v. Northwest Counseling and Support Services (2 beds)
- vi. Northeast Kingdom Human Services (2 beds)
- vii. Rutland Mental Health Services (2 beds)
- viii. Battelle House (6 beds)
- ix. Home Intervention (5 beds)
- x. Alyssum (2 beds)

d. Is there a waitlist for non-residential services at the designated agencies (e.g. peer services, housing vouchers, case management, etc.)? If so, for which services and what is the average length of wait?

2. Wait Times in Emergency Rooms and Correctional Facilities

a. How many individuals wait more than an hour in an emergency room for a level 1 hospital placement each month? What is the average emergency room wait time (in hours)? What is the longest emergency room wait time each month?

b. How many individuals wait more than an hour in a correctional facility for a level 1 hospital placement each month? What is the average wait time (in hours) in a correctional facility? What is the longest wait time in a correctional facility each month?

C. Future Projection: What is the daily level 1 census need beyond the 14-bed unit at the Brattleboro Retreat and the 6-bed Unit at Rutland Regional Medical Center?

D. Budgetary Concerns

1. Does the budget provide adequate capacity for level 1 treatment through the end of FY14?

2. What is the estimated total funding for adequate level 1 treatment for FY15?

II. Berlin Hospital

A. Status of Hospital Construction

B. Personnel

1. What type of personnel is needed to staff the hospital as of April 1, 2014?

2. What number of each type of personnel are needed (per (II)(B)(1)) on a per bed basis?