

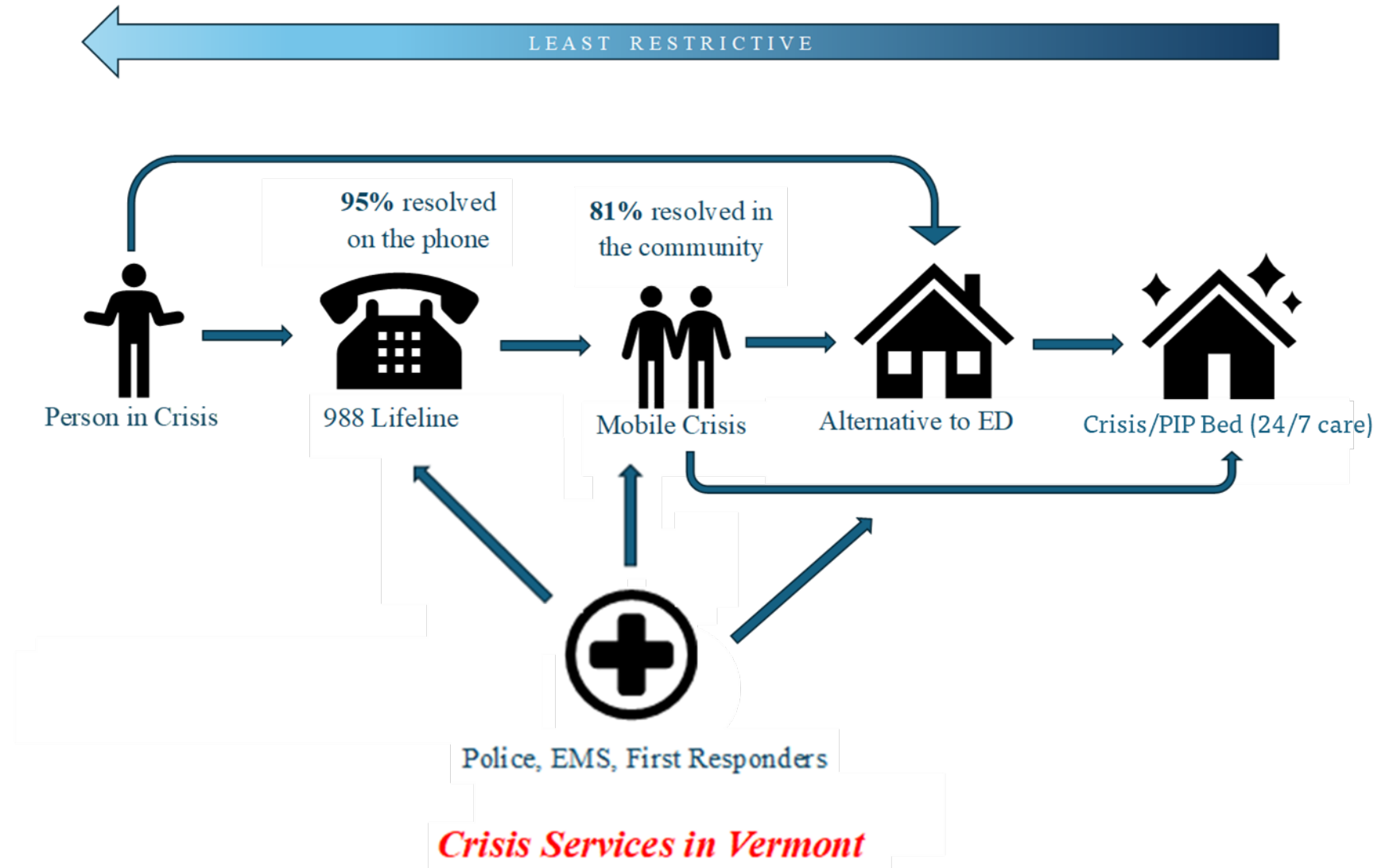
# Department of Mental Health (DMH)

S.36, Sec. 4

*Public Inebriate Program (PIP) and Mental  
Health Crisis Bed program merger*

Emily Hawes, Commissioner

# Vermont's Vision for Our Crisis System of Care



This is the crisis continuum of care within the context of the entire mental health system. In Vermont, someone experiencing a mental health crisis can seek treatment at any point of access.

# SUD Continuum of Care (VDH)

## **NEW: Merge the Public Inebriate Program (PIP) and Mental Health Crisis bed programs within the Designated Agencies**

**Summary:** Combine the PIP and Mental Health Crisis bed programs into one coordinated program within the Designated Agencies and applicable partners to meet community needs and efficiently utilize the healthcare workforce, ensuring availability and access to services.

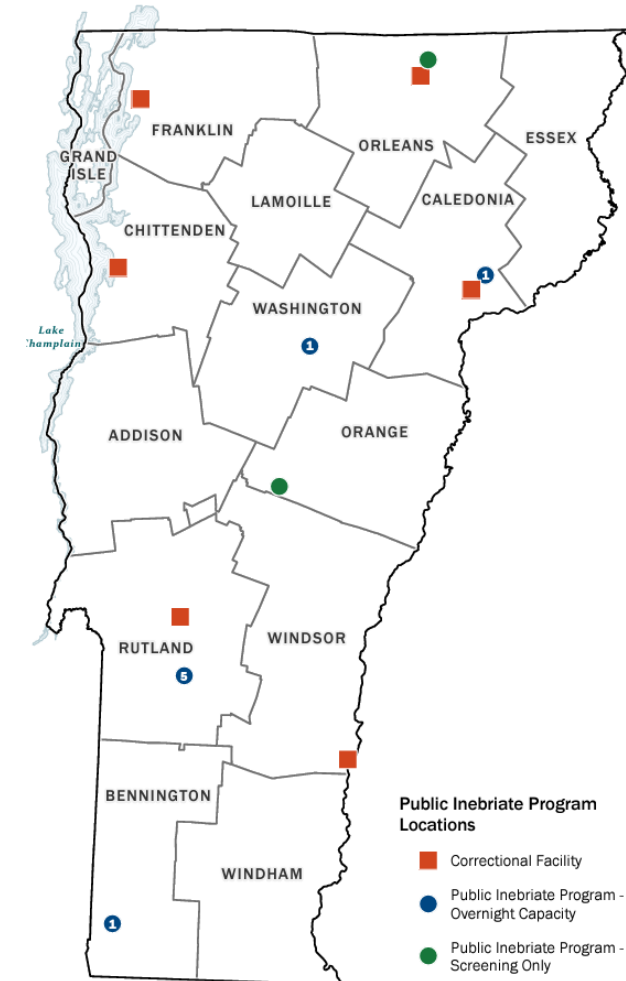
**Where:** Statewide, beginning with Northeast Kingdom Human Services

**Population served:** Individuals currently under the influence of substances and  
Individuals with co-occurring disorders

# Public Inebriate Crisis Services and Beds - Locations

Program Name	Location	Beds
Washington County Mental Health Services	Berlin, Washington County	1
Clara Martin Center	Randolph, Orange County	0*
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	Newport, Orleans County	0*
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County	1
Recovery House	Wallingford, Rutland County	5
United Counseling Services	Bennington, Bennington County	1

\* screening services provided without PIP bed



# Implementation Phases

## Phase 1 – SFY 2026\*

- Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NEKHS) – **Newport, St. Johnsbury**
- United Counseling Services (UCS) – **Bennington**
- Washington County Mental Health Services (WCMHS) – **Berlin**
- Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) – **Springfield, Brattleboro**

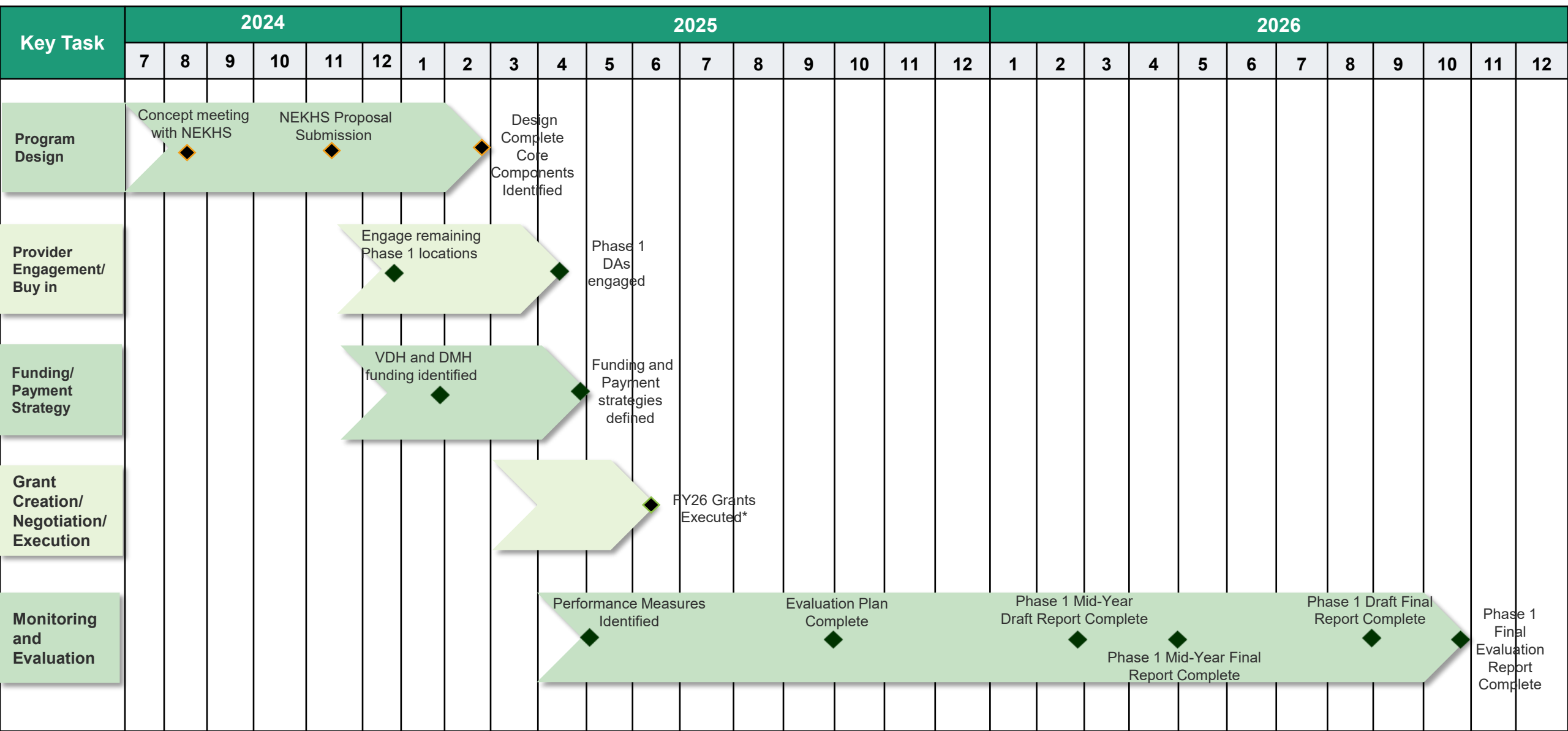
\* **Rutland** County PIP services (5 beds) are not co-located within a Designated Agency. These services are successful as part of a SUD Residential Treatment Provider. The staffing model and 24/7 services dovetail neatly.

## Phase 2 – SFY 2027

- Clara Martin Center (CMC) – **Randolph**
- Howard Center – **Burlington, St. Albans**
- Lamoille County Mental Health – **Morrisville**

# Phase 1 High-Level Timeline

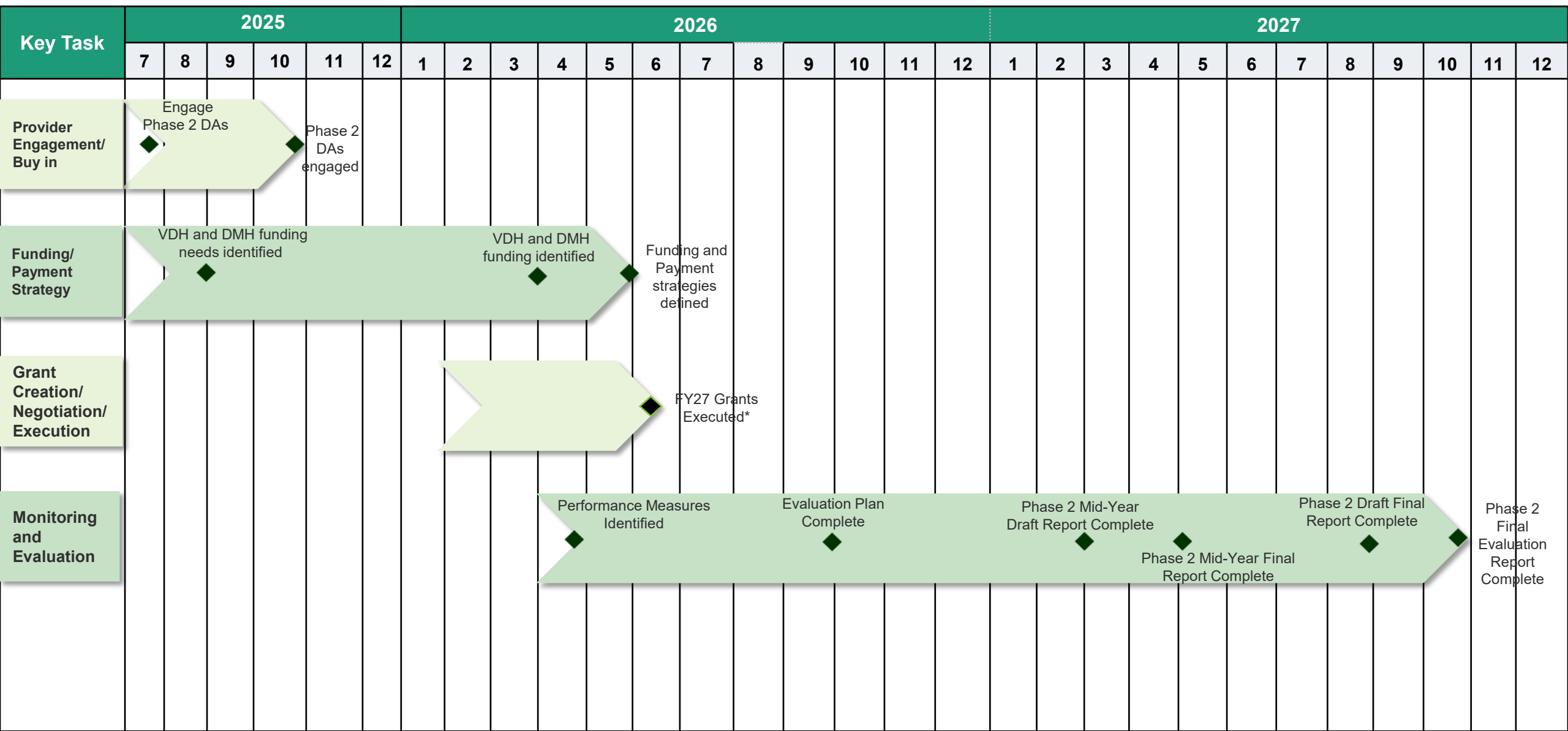
The graphic below depicts the Phase 1 draft working timeline developed for key tasks and milestones.



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# Phase 2 High-Level Timeline

The graphic below depicts the Phase 2 draft working timeline developed for key tasks and milestones.



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# Summary of Progress To Date

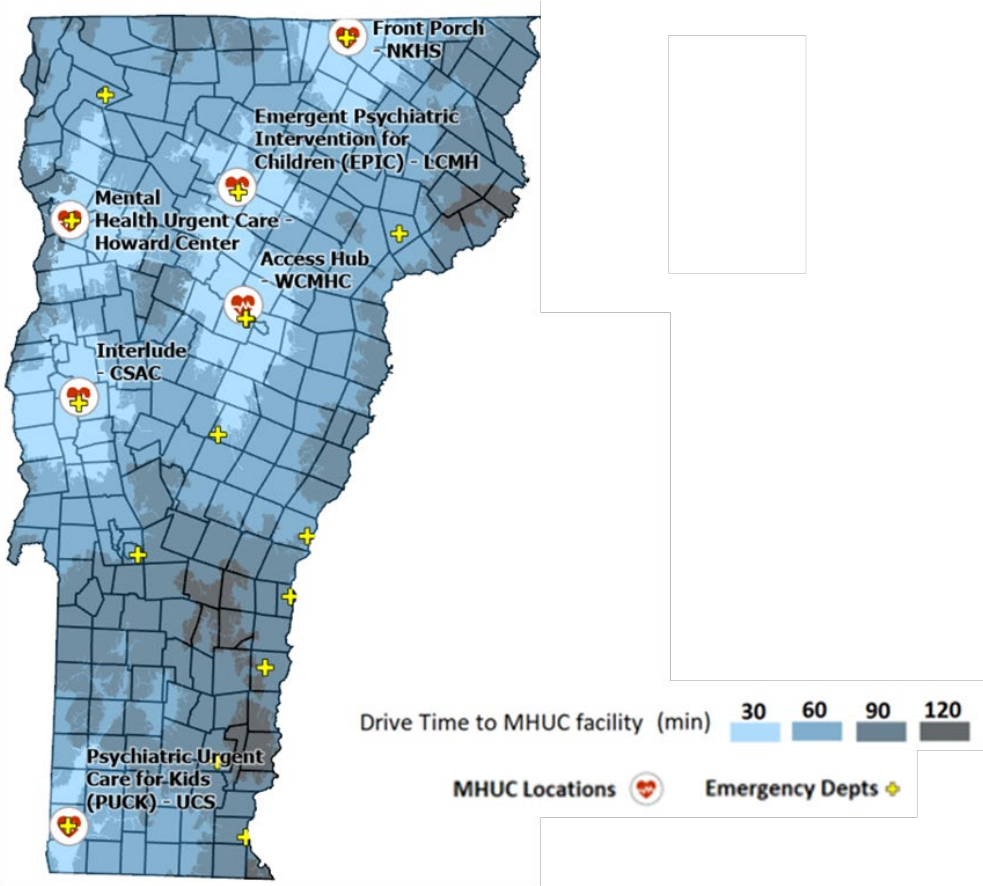
Timeframe	Key Meetings and Activities	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Meetings:</i> Met with NKHS to review their proposal.</li><li>• <i>Activities:</i> NKHS has been asked to revise their proposal as a two (2) bed program.</li></ul>	
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Meetings:</i> Developed strategy to approach Rutland County</li><li>• <i>Meetings:</i> Developed strategy to meet with Bennington and WCMH</li></ul>	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Activities:</i> Met to review NKHS updated proposal</li></ul>	
Looking Ahead		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NKHS will need to revise their proposal and resubmit to reflect budget neutrality.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Meetings:</i> Scheduling meetings with Recovery House, Rutland Mental Health and HCRS to discuss Rutland County coverage</li><li>• <i>Meetings:</i> Scheduling meetings with UCS and WCMH to discuss Bennington County and Washington County Coverage</li><li>• <i>Will be included as part of the DA Provider Agreement negotiation process</i></li></ul>

# Crisis Beds at the Designated Agencies

Agency	Program
Counseling Service of Addison County	Cottage Crisis Bed
United Counseling Service	Batelle House
Howard Center	Adult Crisis Stabilization
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	Oasis House
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	Care Bed
Northwestern Counseling and Support Services	Tomlinson Center
Clara Martin Center	Chris's Place
Rutland Mental Health Services	Crisis Stabilization and Inpatient Diversion Program
Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services	Alternatives
Washington County Mental Health Services	Home Intervention

# Mental Health Urgent Cares (Alternatives to the Emergency Department)

Program	Ages Served	Location	Hours
Interlude (CSAC)	Adults 18+	Middlebury	Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm
Front Porch (NKHS)	All Ages	Newport	24/7/365
Access Hub (WCMHS)	Adults 18+	Montpelier	Monday-Thursday, 7am-7pm Friday, 7am-4pm
Mental Health Urgent Care (HC)	Adults 18+	Burlington	Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm
Psychiatric Urgent Care for Kids (UCS)	Youth, Ages 3-18	Bennington	Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm Saturday, 9am-12pm
Emergent Psychiatric Intervention for Children (LCMHS)	Youth of all ages	Morristown	Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm



# All Locations – PIP Beds, PIP Screenings, Correctional Facilities, and Adult Mental Health Urgent Cares

