

Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care FY 26 Proposals

Agency of Human Services

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Co-Occurring Initiatives

- Over the past 3 fiscal years there have been significant investments in co-occurring mental health and substance use crisis services:
 - Implementation of 988 helpline for immediate support
 - VTHelplink (est. 2020) is now 24/7/365
 - Deployment of Mobile Crisis teams for on-site response
 - Creation of Mental Health Urgent Care as emergency room alternative
 - Integration of clinicians with state and local law enforcement
- Other Treatment Settings:
 - Designated Agencies: Certified Community Based Integrated Health Clinic Model (CCBHC)
 - Hubs: Integrated mental health and physical health treatment
 - Primary Care: Mental health and SUD screening and intervention

Proposals

- Crisis Stabilization
 - Rebuild and merge Mental Health Stabilization beds with Public Inebriate Program beds
 - Repeal sunset of the provision that allows a person who is inebriated to the point of incapacitation and pose harm to themselves or others to be cared for in Corrections without charges
- Residential Care
 - Residential treatment providers will provide full continuum of substance use services from withdrawal to low acuity residential care, and navigation to outpatient services
 - Review of the payment model
 - Provide residential care (voluntary): convert a correctional facility to provide residential treatment (70% of the incarcerated population is being prescribed (Medication for Opioid Use Disorder)

Proposals

- Recovery Housing
 - Recovery Campus: At least 15-beds of recovery housing that incorporates intensive outpatient treatment and skills building
- Treatment Innovations & Supports
 - Contingency management
 - Pre-trial supervision expanded to two counties