

Priority Initiatives 2020 - 2021

Status Update Key:

- ✓ Completed
- 🔄 Operational
- 🕒 Significant Progress
- 🕒 Steady Progress
- 🕒 Some Progress
- ✗ Cancelled

Priority Tier 1

- Collaborate with crisis provider to brainstorm and implement an innovative approach to meeting crisis needs in rural communities.
- Complete a Gap Analysis of transportation needs across the Region.
- Proactively plan for and communicate a consistent message to legislatures and regional tax payers regarding stable and reliable funding for MHDS services.
- Evaluate and make recommendations for more effective and consistent use of jail diversion programs.
- Continue to strengthen collaborations with school districts to ensure school staff and parents are aware of available services.
- Implement more robust quality assurance practices to ensure that the Region is effectively using tax dollars and to provide technical assistance to providers.

Priority Tier 2

- Develop a plan to increase access to MHDS services via transportation services.
- Evaluate the need and make identified changes in order to make the ECR budgeting process transparent and understandable to all regional stakeholders.
- Explore the possibility of adding at least one more Access Hub location within the Region.
- Meet with providers to prepare for service development and implementation of Children's Tier 2 services (dependent on Director's Exception due to COVID-19).
- Develop and implement a plan for outreach and education to increase awareness of services available for adults and children.
- Complete Service Mapping and Gap Analysis to measure equity according to the unique needs of each county.

Priority Tier 3

- Work with the medical and brain health communities to develop and implement training and resources for Children's Brain Health needs for primary care practitioners.
- Pursue development of remaining intensive psychiatric services identified in the Complex Needs bill HF2456 (dependent on Director's Exception due to COVID-19).