Priority Initiatives
2023–2024

**Mental Health/
Disability Services of the
East Central Region**

Priority Tier 1

Ensure a smooth transition to a recomposed Regional Governing Board with an intent to continue to strengthen relationships and engagement with all 9 counties.

Effectively implement and monitor the FY24 budget to ensure service delivery and utilization are balanced with fiscal responsibility that lowers the region's fund balance to the legislatively directed amount.

Creatively work with traditional and nontraditional partners to support the needs of those who have traditionally been difficult to serve by supporting or developing services in the following areas: assisted outpatient treatment, outpatient community-based restoration, permanent supportive housing and intensive residential support.

Explore and implement consistent practices with other regions that impact access, service development and community-based support, which contributes to a low barrier access to care environment.

Priority Tier 2

Continue the effort to ensure integrated co-occurring treatment is supported with policy and funding for all Iowans.

Enhance relationships with the educational system and law enforcement to prevent and address threats of school violence.

Continue to work towards a greater, more unified data structure that will use data more efficiently to drive services. This will include engaging a program manager to ensure the integration of data gathering and analytics with the ultimate goal of creating a region-wide data warehouse.

Priority Tier 3

Implement recommendations from the transportation gap analysis final report that are within the scope and funding mechanisms of the region.

Invest in the region's provider network capacity by continuing to support direct care and mid-level management training as well as workforce recruitment.

Invest in staff professional development and succession planning.

Status Update Key:

Completed	Operational	Significant Progress	Steady Progress	Some Progress	Canceled