

Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform Advisory Workgroup

Details

When: March 13, 2024 at 1:00-2:30 pm

Microsoft TEAMS only. This was not an in person meeting.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Meeting Guidelines
- Funding Formula Development Recap
- Funding Formula Development – Steps and Outcomes
- Preparations for Next Meeting

Meeting Summary

- Welcome by Pam
 - PowerPoint and meeting summary will be provided to members after the meeting via email
 - Encouraged attendees to ask questions
 - Will schedule time at the beginning of the next meeting in April to answer follow-up questions
- Meeting Guidelines
 - Facilitator Lea reviewed meeting guidelines
 - To aid a smooth and respectful meeting environment
- Initial/February recap by Mike Schoeberl – Forma Actuarial Consulting Services
 - Question from member: When was the formula adopted and approved?
 - Governor approval 6/2/2022. Details in the legislative report.
 - [Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform - Legislative Report \(mn.gov\)](#)
 - Question from member: What data was used to determine the severity of mental health components?
 - The data and the weight of those components were decided on by the original workgroup
 - Mike will cover this in more detail later in today's meeting
- AMHI Formula Development – Steps and Outcomes review
 - Shared via chat by Pam: HF2725 THIRD ENGROSSMENT, Subd.11. Adult mental health initiative funding. When implementing the funding formula to distribute adult mental health initiative funds, the commissioner shall ensure that no adult mental health initiative region receives less than the amount the region received in fiscal year 2022 in combined adult mental health initiative funding.
 - Question from member: Does DHS feel confident that the original workgroup was composed of the best people to determine the weight of those components?

- DHS Response: Yes. When the other data components are added into the formula, it balances out and provides the best overview that captures the diversity of the entire state.
 - Shared via chat by member: Yes, it was very difficult- I agree! We had lots of discussions on it and I think we ended with a good formula - and that was before we found out about the additional dollars. I think we were able to look at it and discuss it as objectively as possible- which I think was needed. But we still all brought knowledge and information from our own regions and were able to be advocates in that regard.
- Could you describe what the average % column indicates (slide 12)?
 - Individual AMHI per-capita amount vs the \$7.74 average
- Shared via chat by Pam: There were originally additional Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) that were included. The workgroup determined which final SDOH variables to use.
- Question from member: How did large counties get factored into the Area Deprivation Index (ADI)?
 - By 9-digit zip code
 - Census data
 - Averaged out using all zip codes within each AMHI
 - Weighted using relative number of adults in each zip code
- Question from member: Were the "Moose Lake" dollars included in the calculation of the Legacy Funding amounts?
 - Yes
- Reaction from member: Thank you! Hoping to have a conversation in the future about what the next level of advocacy looks like.
 - AMHI team agrees and hopes to have those conversations as well
- Reaction from member: Now that we can demonstrate equitable formula, hope we can better advocate for more money.
- Reaction from member: Hoping that the MMB study and recommendations on evidence based practices (EBP) could influence decisions about increased funding as well
 - DHS agrees and anticipates that the AMHI Inventory created by MMB will be a helpful resource when advocating for additional base funding
- Will total funding amounts be shared?
 - Yes, each individual AMHI will get a one sheeter of information with their total within the next 7-10 days
- Upcoming meetings – Roadmap review
 - Reminder: Today's meeting materials will be sent out via email in the next week or so
 - April Meeting: brainstorming recalibration drivers
 - May Meeting: discuss next steps for AMHIs to continue to collaborate
- AMHI Reform Next steps review
 - Funding totals will be sent to individual AMHIs
 - All allocations will be posted publicly by June 2024
 - [CountyLink - Fiscal Reporting and Accounting \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.state.mn.us/counties/countylink/)
 - Funds from new funding formula will be available for use January 2025

Upcoming Meeting

When: April 10, 2024 at 1:00-2:30 pm
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